

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S QUESTIONNAIRE

## PLEASE READ THIS FIRST

By signing up to an agreement called the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the government has promised to make sure that all children and young people have everything they need to live a safe and healthy life.

NICCY wants to find out if the government is keeping its promises to children and young people in Northern Ireland - that's why we are asking lots of different young people to answer some questions about their lives.

If you would like to take part in this, please answer the questions below. If you don't know the answer, or don't want to answer any question, please just move on to the next one.

Before you start, we need to tell you that:

1. We will use what you, and other young people, tell us to write a report – but we will not use your name anywhere in the report.
2. If you tell us that you or any other child or young person is being hurt, or that they might be hurt, we cannot keep this secret. We will have to pass on this information to someone who can do something about it.
3. Everyone who fills in a questionnaire can enter our prize draw. If you want to do this, remember to fill in the prize draw form and send it back with your questionnaire.

**IMPORTANT: If you are 10 or younger, you will need to get your parent/carer to sign this to show they are happy for you to answer these questions.**

Parent/carer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this back to NICCY in the envelope we have given you – the postage is already paid so it doesn't need any stamps.

**Q1. Are you**  male  female

**Q2. What age are you?** \_\_\_\_\_ years old

**Q3. What village, town or city do you live in?** \_\_\_\_\_



**Q4. Do you have enough things to do and places to go in your free time - that you feel are safe and good for people of your age?**

- yes       sort of       no       i don't know

Please tell us a bit more about this: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Q5. Do you think the education you get meets your needs?**

*If you are not in education anymore, please answer this question about when you were at school.*

- yes       sort of       no       i don't know

Please tell us a bit more about this: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Q6. Do you get to have a say in decisions that affect your life - and do adults listen to what you have to say?**

- yes       sort of       no       i don't know

Please tell us a bit more about this: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Q7. Do you feel you have all you need to stay healthy and well?**

- yes       sort of       no       i don't know

Please tell us a bit more about this: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Q8. Do you feel you have all the help and support you need to grow up to be the person you want to be?**

- yes       sort of       no       i don't know

Please tell us a bit more about this: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Q9. Do you feel well enough protected from violence, danger and harm?**

Remember, if you tell us that you or any other young person is being harmed or at risk of harm, and you tell us their name, address or anything else that would identify them, we will have to pass this information on to someone who can do something about this.

- yes       sort of       no       i don't know

Please tell us a bit more about this: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Q10. If you have ever been in trouble with the police, did you feel you were treated fairly?**

Remember, if you tell us about something illegal that you or any other young person have done, and you tell us their name, address or anything else that would help us identify them, we may have to pass this information on.

- yes       sort of       no       i don't know  
 i have not been in trouble with the police

Please tell us a bit more about this: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Q11. Do you feel people treat you differently because of who you are, or what you think or believe?**

- yes       sort of       no       i don't know

Please tell us a bit more about this: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Q12. The government has promised that ALL children and young people should have all they need to grow up healthy, safe and well. Do you know any groups of children or young people in Northern Ireland who do not have these things?**

- yes       no

Please tell us a bit more about this: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Q13. It is NICCY's job to try and make children and young people's lives better. What 3 things would you most like NICCY to try and make better for children and young people in Northern Ireland over the next few years?**

**1** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**2** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**3** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**That's the end of the questions but if you would like to tell us anything else about children and young people's lives in Northern Ireland, please write it here.**

**Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.**

**If you want to be entered into our prize draw please remember to fill in the prize draw leaflet and send it back with your questionnaire.**

