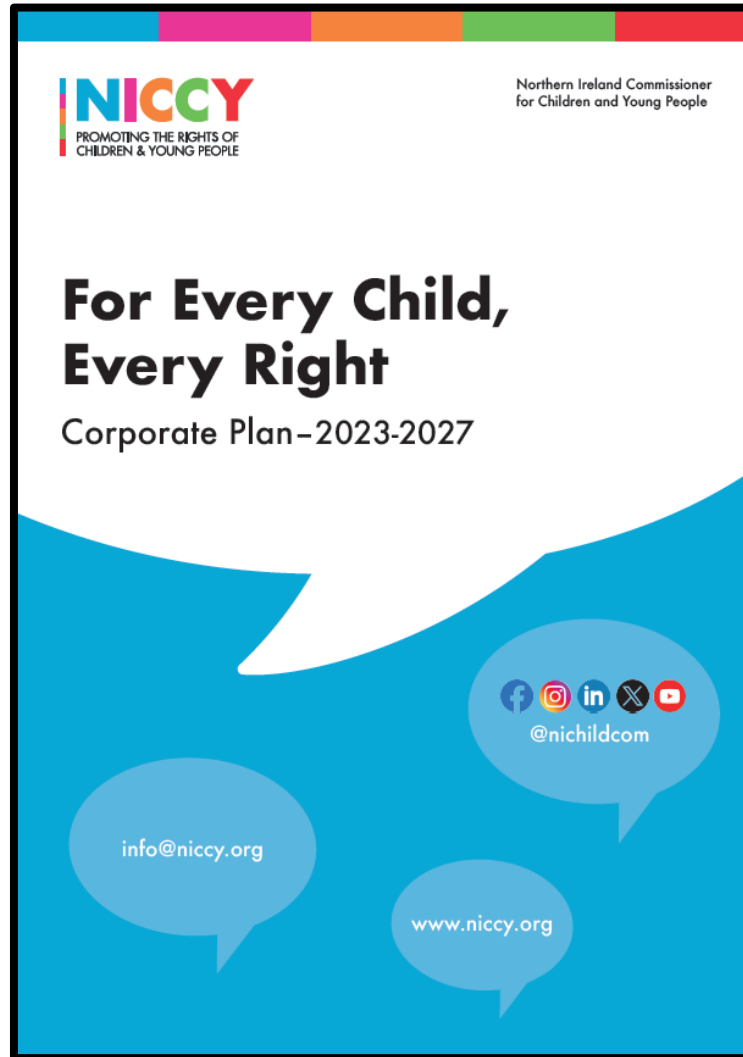


NICCY Corporate Plan 2023-27



“Children and young people deserve better”

“Together, we can achieve so much”

NICCY launch

- NICCY launched its Corporate Plan, 'For Every Child, Every Right', on International Youth day – 12 August 2024
- Our plan has been created around children and young people's views along with their parents, carers and our other key stakeholders.
- Over the last number of months, children and young people have told us what they want us to work on, how they want us to work, and how they want their Commissioner to represent them.
- The Commissioner has travelled across NI to speak to children and young people whose voices aren't always heard.

Commissioner Chris Quinn



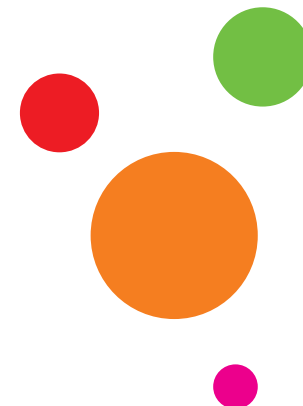
“We’ve had an incredibly busy few months listening to children tell us what they want us to work on – and their views came through loud and clear.

Their most important priorities, which repeatedly came up, were poverty, education, mental health, climate change and discrimination.

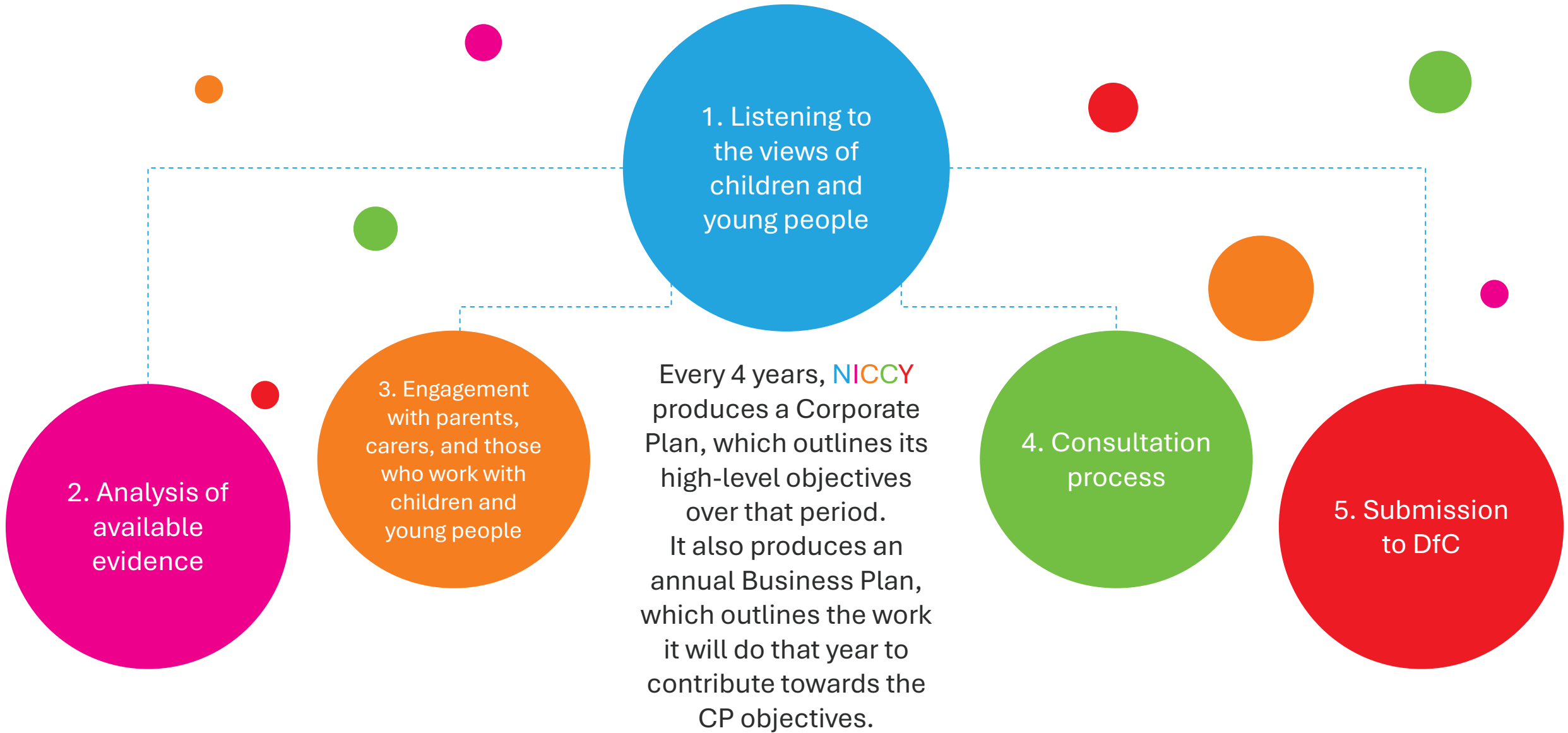
Children told us that they’re often not involved in decisions that affect their lives, and they have a right to be involved.

“Our new plan has been built around children and young people’s views. The plan reflects a commitment to uphold and advocate for children’s rights and ensure accountability for their implementation.

“I’m already working on these priorities, with children and young people guiding our work every step of the way.”



Process



Overarching priorities

1. Incorporation
2. Children's Services Cooperation Act
3. Children's Strategy 2020-2030
4. UNCRC
5. Child Rights Impact Assessments (CRIAs)
6. Youth Participation

Article 12: respect for views and feelings of the child

GENERAL PRINCIPLE 4: You have the right to give your opinion, for adults to listen to it and take it seriously.

You have the right to get information safely and to express yourself.

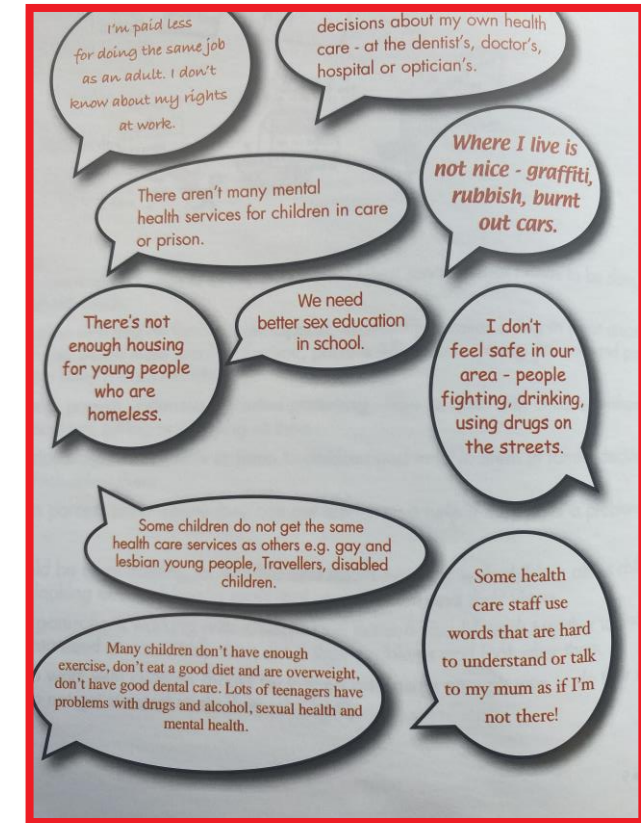
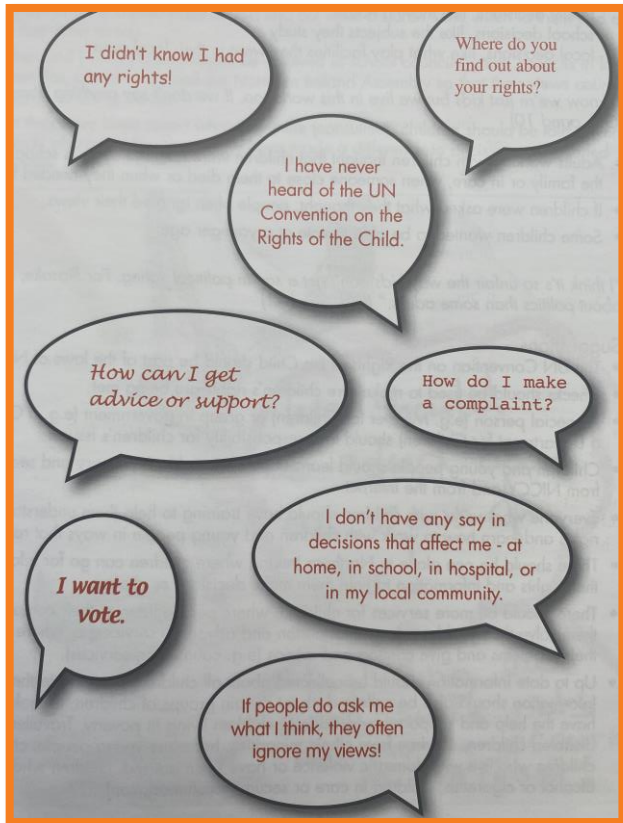


You have the right to free education that develops your skills and abilities.



You have the right to meet with others to voice your opinion.

Young people's voices



Adult stakeholders

DEDICATED LEADERSHIP

Flexibility to respond to new and emerging issues

"Highlight the educational and social inequalities experienced by young carers"

Less punishment more behaviour management

NEEDS AND RIGHTS OF BABIES

CHAMPIONING THE RIGHTS OF YOUNGER CHILDREN

INCLUSION

#IncludeInfants
NI Climate Change Act 2022
Access to adequately funded services

SCRUTINISE

"FOCUS HAS BEEN ON EARLY INTERVENTIONS IT'S IMPORTANT AS PART OF A CULTURAL SHIFT TOWARDS ORGANISATIONS ENGAGING WITH THE ISSUES AFFECTING OUR YOUNGEST AND OFTEN MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY"

The infographic features several illustrations: a group of three women and a child, and a person sitting in a chair with their hand to their face. There are also decorative starburst symbols.

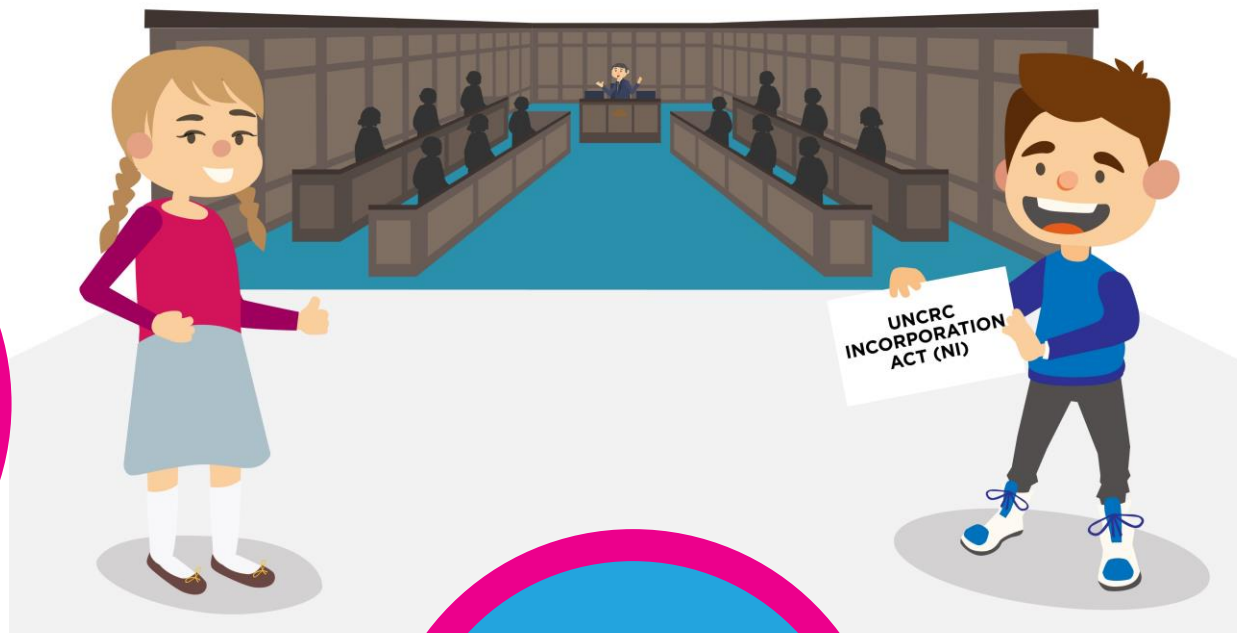
Issue-based priorities

1. Tackling Child Poverty
2. Improving Health and Wellbeing
3. Addressing Educational Inequalities
4. Legacy of the Conflict
5. Youth Justice
6. Safeguarding
7. Asylum seeking & refugee/newcomer children
8. Tackling Discrimination Child Rights and the Environment
9. COVID-19 Impact Legacy
10. Homelessness

Addressing children's rights breaches

1. Advocate & user our powers to challenge child rights violations
2. Complaints Handling
3. Conduct independent investigations
4. Formal investigations
5. Strategic litigation
6. Processing Protected Disclosures

Knowledge



1. Duty to promote awareness of children's rights, the UNCRC, and functions of NICCY

2. Enhance Visibility and Accessibility

3. Universal Children's Day 2024

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