

**N I COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
COMMISSIONED RESEARCH**

**A COMPARISON OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND WELFARE IN NORTHERN
IRELAND WITH THE UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**

The aim of the research is to provide an overview of the state of children's rights and welfare in Northern Ireland, auditing performance against the framework of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and related documents. We are particularly interested in specific issues/fields of activity which are being ignored or underplayed in terms of legal provisions, policy and practice.

We are the team given responsibility for this important project. We are conscious that you and your organisation may have contributed to reviews and consultation processes in the past. However, your contribution to this research is extremely important as it will set priorities for the Children's Commissioner. We are committed to an inclusive approach and would be extremely grateful if you could give the following questions some consideration.

- What do you consider to be the most pressing current issues in children's rights in Northern Ireland?
- Is there any information or research that should be brought to our attention from within your organization, nationally or internationally?
- Is there any way in which you can help our research, for example through contact with children and young people?
- We are planning to hold seminars and other events to explore these issues further. Would you be interested in attending?
- Is there anything else that you feel should be brought to our attention?

Please email your responses to nicy.research@qub.ac.uk. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the research or your response please feel free to contact any member of the research team whose contact details are below:

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