

UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

What is the UNCRC?

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is a list of the rights for every child up to 18. Government has promised to make these rights a reality for all children and young people in Northern Ireland.

GENERAL PRINCIPLE 1: All children have these rights, no matter who they are or what their culture, language, religion or gender is. No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.

You have the right to a name, nationality and identity.



You have the right to speak your own language and to practice your religion and culture freely.

If you have a disability you should be given the help you need.



You should always be treated fairly and respected.



GENERAL PRINCIPLE 2: All adults should do what is best for you.

You should be safe and cared for.



You should be protected from any harm and if you have been hurt you should get the help you need.



If you break the law you should be supported not to do it again.



You have the right to keep some things private.



GENERAL PRINCIPLE 3: You have the right to live and develop fully. You should have food, clothing and a safe place to live.

You should be respected and safe.



You have the right to rest and play.



You have the right to the best health care possible.



Your family should get the money they need to support you.



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 meet with others to voice your opinion.

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



So who is NICCY?

The Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People is here to promote and protect these rights for all children and young people in Northern Ireland.

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