Information sheet

Involving children and young people in our work

Who are we?
Children in Scotland is a Scottish children’s charity. We think it is really important to listen to children, young people and the adults in their lives about issues that affect them.

Why is it important for you to have a say?
Rights are a list of promises to children and young people to keep them safe. They are used to make sure that you are treated fairly and looked after properly. To make sure your rights are protected, countries sign up to a document called the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) which sets out children’s rights.

One of your rights, as a child, is to have a say in things that affect you and for your views to be taken seriously. At Children in Scotland we gather your thoughts on different issues and share these with adults who make decisions that impact your lives.
What kind of work do we do?

We speak to children and young people from 4 to 25 to find out their views on a range of topics. Topics include: education, being included, early years, health and having a say.

We have also developed an advisory group made up of children and young people called Changing our World (currently ages 8-18), to help shape our work and make sure that we are actively listening and positively reacting to their views.

We also work with organisations such as Young Scot, Scottish Youth Parliament and LGBT Youth Scotland to make sure we are talking to lots of different children and young people.

How can you get involved?

At Children in Scotland we’re always looking to work with different types of people with different experiences, lots to say and creative minds. If you would like to get involved as part of a youth group, organisation, school or even just as an individual, please contact us.

Get in touch!

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