

## Hopes for incorporation of UNCRC Principles

It's the best mechanism for ensuring full child rights

Will future proof legislation and strengthen other areas of policy

A real chance for meaningful participation of children and young people to be embedded

Represents a shift in power, and a culture/language change

Impact on education delivery (inc. RRS's empowering children)

## Fears for incorporation of UNCRC principles

Resources needed to support implementation

Tension between Scottish Government commitment and local authority implementation

Civil society needs to recognise obligations too - if this doesn't happen there could be disconnect between the complexity of the process and the need to consult the public

Timelines are tight, making it difficult to ensure young people are fully engaged

If adults don't listen, we could end up 'watering down', and missing the chance for culture shift

We need to include the most vulnerable voices and include parents

What does it mean in practice? Will rights come with access to support?

## What support is needed?

Guidance on rights for parents is needed to avoid cultivation of feeling that parental rights and child rights are in conflict

Accessible resources are needed to empower all children and young people to feel informed and engaged

Dedicated participation officers are needed, as well as further resources in policy and comms and training for the wider workforce

Develop case studies to demonstrate what this means in practice

Ongoing consultation is needed

Make the most of the expertise of organisations that already exist - share good practice between education and third sector

## What action should be taken by Scottish Government?

Research is needed - we need a better understanding of examples from outside the children's sector

Increase resource available to community centres who can undertake engagement work (libraries, community centres)

Involve the media and take a pro-active approach - recruit ambassadors

Be clear about impact on current policy and practice - who is responsible and accountable?

Work to embed a child rights approach to all government policy areas