



**Blog: If we don't get taught about them how we can be protected from problems in the world, or know about the consequences of them?**

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Hi everyone!

My name is Liam and I am part of Changing Our World, the children and young people's advisory group for Children in Scotland. I want to talk about children and young people's education in Personal and Social Education (PSE).

PSE is not taught the same to every pupil in every school, but it's a huge part of our school lives that we take into our adult lives. If we don't get taught about them how we can be protected from problems in the world, or know about the consequences of them? Also, PSE is regularly delivered in quite a boring way which disengages children and young people from listening.

PSE is important in schools as it's part of discovering about engaging in learning. PSE is an opportunity for children and young people to learn about dangers that are out in the world or other things that are important so that we can find out about the consequences of making bad decisions in life or the positives of making good decisions. PSE also isn't just to learn about important things, it is also to support our mental and physical wellbeing and support us to be responsible citizens.

In PSE we learn about things that are important to remember, like everybody has different parents, influences and experiences to other people in life that affect them in a way that is different to how it may affect you. We also need to learn that everybody learns differently to how you learn and may find things easier or harder than you do.

In Changing our World we want PSE to be more interactive with students. PSE needs to be a safe space where you can think about the important aspects of life. We also would like PSE students to have guest speakers, people who specialise in a certain field, to get students more engaged and eager to listen to someone who has seen this first-hand. We also want some areas to involve peer learning. The most important thing is that we want everyone who works in a role that involves education to know that everybody learns in

different ways, to realise one size doesn't fit all and that because we learn different doesn't mean we are different or we aren't as smart as anyone else - we all are and always will be different.

To conclude, I would like to encourage you to spread the word on this post and help us to change PSE for the better. I would like to encourage you to join us on our social media campaign using #CiSManifesto. I would also like to encourage you to listen to children and young people and consider their views as they could be really good and our ideas are shaping our future.

