



Children's Parliament

giving ideas a voice

Our dream is that children grow up in a world of love, happiness and understanding.

Our mission is to inspire greater awareness and understanding of the power of children's human rights and to support implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) across Scotland.

Love

Love is what
kids need most.



- We deliver a range of short and longer term programmes to **demonstrate** a children's human rights approach in practice and with this evidence build the skills and confidence of partners to **embed rights-based practice**.
- We support children to become child human rights defenders and to **influence** legislation, policy and practice.
- We grow public awareness about children's human rights with the aim to **drive cultural change** to create a nation that values children and delivers their rights.



Taking a child rights- based approach means using the UNCRC as a practical framework for working with and for children. Children are empowered to know about and claim their rights and duty bearers are accountable for ensuring that children experience their rights.

“A children’s human rights approach is not that difficult... all you have to do is listen to us...treat us the way you want to be treated, include us in decisions and issues which are about us and important to us and treat us with dignity and respect”. Member of Children's Parliament



The Year of Childhood is a year-long celebration of childhood which will run throughout 2021 hosted by Children's Parliament.

During the year we will explore childhood through the lens of children's human rights, creating opportunities to share rights-based practice in an atmosphere of optimism and confidence.



Year of Childhood Activities

- Stories
 - Celebrations and collaborations
 - Conversation series
 - Sector webinars
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- **Early years focus**
 - **MCPs sharing their calls to action**
 - **Unfeartie movement**



Unfearties stand with children to make rights real in day to day life by:

- Seeing children as capable and valued
- Listening to children.
- Creating space for children to share ideas.
- Helping children to be happy, healthy and safe.
- Modelling and living the values of trust, kindness, empathy, respect for human dignity in everyday life.
- Promoting greater awareness + understanding of children's rights.
- Standing together with children to campaign for change and supports their calls to action.
- Challenging infringements of children's rights.



“Rights are like jewels,
because children's rights are
precious. Rights impact on
our life because they keep
up safe, happy and healthy.
They are there to help us
grow as human beings”.

Member of Children Parliament



Lets Play

