

Knowing about children's rights



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What is this case file about?

Everyone should know about children's rights - both children and adults. There are lots of ways to make sure this happens - like learning about rights at school, posters, leaflets, shows, adverts and training for adults.

Why is it important to know about children's rights?

If **children** know their rights, they will know when they aren't being respected. They can then complain so that things are put right.

If **adults** know about children's rights, then they will understand what children really need and know how to make things better for children.

"Adults need to know all of children's rights to understand how to help a child"

"Write a picture book about children's rights so children and adults can read about children's rights together"

"I think we should learn about children's rights in school more, but it should be taught in a fun way and not just reading through a list of rights"

What should adults do?

Some of the things adults should do are:

- Make sure children can learn about their rights in a fun way.
- Make sure children have information about their rights that is easy for *all* children to understand.
- Get training so they can understand children's rights better.
- Do more to make sure everybody knows about children's rights.

"Government could raise awareness of children's rights"

"Teachers should have a course on children's rights, showing how much of a difference it makes"

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Includem and EachOther

Children who'd been excluded from school made a film about how this affected their rights. They recorded their stories and an artist made cartoon characters so that no one knew who they were.

[Watch the documentary here.](#)

EVIDENCE #3

Licketyspit

Licketyspit supports young children to share their views through play. Before lockdown, the children helped adults learn about their rights by playing games with them. This included "What's the Time Mr No Rights Wolf?" and some dressing up. This helped the adults learn about children's rights from children themselves.

[Read more about Making Children's Rights Real across Scotland event here.](#)

[Read more about the Storyplay Champions and their projects.](#)

What's happening across Scotland?

Lots of organisations are trying to make sure everyone knows about children's rights. Some have been helping children and others have been helping adults.

Have a look below to check out the evidence!

EVIDENCE #2

A Place in Childhood

A Place in Childhood helped children aged 9-11 say what would make their area a good place for children to live. The children used Minecraft to design the perfect neighbourhood. This was a fun way for children to learn about their rights and show adults what they needed.

[Read more about the Minecraft project here.](#)

EVIDENCE #4

Rights Respecting School Awards

Lots of schools take part in the Rights Respecting Schools Award. To get the award, the school needs to show that children and teachers understand children's rights, that children's views are taken seriously and that teachers think about children's rights whenever they make decisions.

[Read more about the Rights Respecting Schools Award here.](#)

What do you think?

To help us with our next investigation, we want to know what you think!

- Do you have any ideas for how things should change?
- Are there any examples you want to share?

Let us know by emailing:
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