



Help us report to the United Nations about:  
**Children's Health and Standard of Living**

*Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022*

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## **Together** **(Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights)**

*An alliance of 110 NGOs and 300+ individual members working to improve the awareness, understanding and implementation of children's human rights in Scotland.*

### **Vision:**

All children and young people growing up in Scotland have their human rights respected, protected and fulfilled.

### **Mission:**

We work to inspire and enable everyone in Scotland to put children and young people's human rights at the heart of everything they do.

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## Webinar aims

- **Information gathering** for Together's report to the UN.
- Identifying **key priorities** for our advocacy.
- A chance to learn from the experiences of other organisations and individuals.

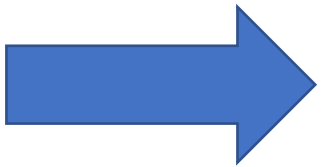
# What we'll cover...

- Presentation on the UN's children's rights reporting cycle - **Together**
- Keynote on child poverty in Scotland – **John Dickie, CPAG in Scotland**
- Q&A
- Screen break
- Breakout room discussion with partner organisations
- Feedback from discussions





# Reporting to the United Nations



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# The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child



# UNCRC Reporting Cycle





# What impact has members' evidence had in the past?



mosquito devices

sibling contact

educational attainment

child poverty

mental health

mental health

In 2016, the UN Committee made 150 recommendations to improve children's rights, informed by the views of children, young people and Together members across Scotland.

Gypsy/Traveller children

families affected by imprisonment



## 2016 Concluding Observations – what progress?

<b>2017</b>	<b>Stop and Search</b>	Prohibit the use of non-statutory stop and search.
<b>2017</b>	<b>Stop and Search</b>	End stop of search of children for alcohol.
<b>2019</b> <i>(enacted 2020)</i>	<b>Equal Protection</b>	Prohibit the use of all physical punishment.
<b>2019</b> <i>(enacted 2021)</i>	<b>Age of Criminal Responsibility</b>	Raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility.
<b>2021</b> <i>(yet to be enacted)</i>	<b>UNCRC Incorporation</b>	Ensure UNCRC is directly applicable and justiciable in law.
<b>2021</b> <i>(yet to be enacted)</i>	<b>Child Rights Impact Assessments</b>	Introduce statutory obligation to conduct CRIA.
<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Participation</b>	Establish structures for the children's participation in laws, policies and services.
<b>To do</b>	<b>Mosquito Devices</b>	Ban the use of mosquito devices (repeated from 2008).
<b>To do</b>	<b>Religious Observance</b>	Allow children to exercise the right to withdraw from religious worship at school.

# Together's 2020 Report

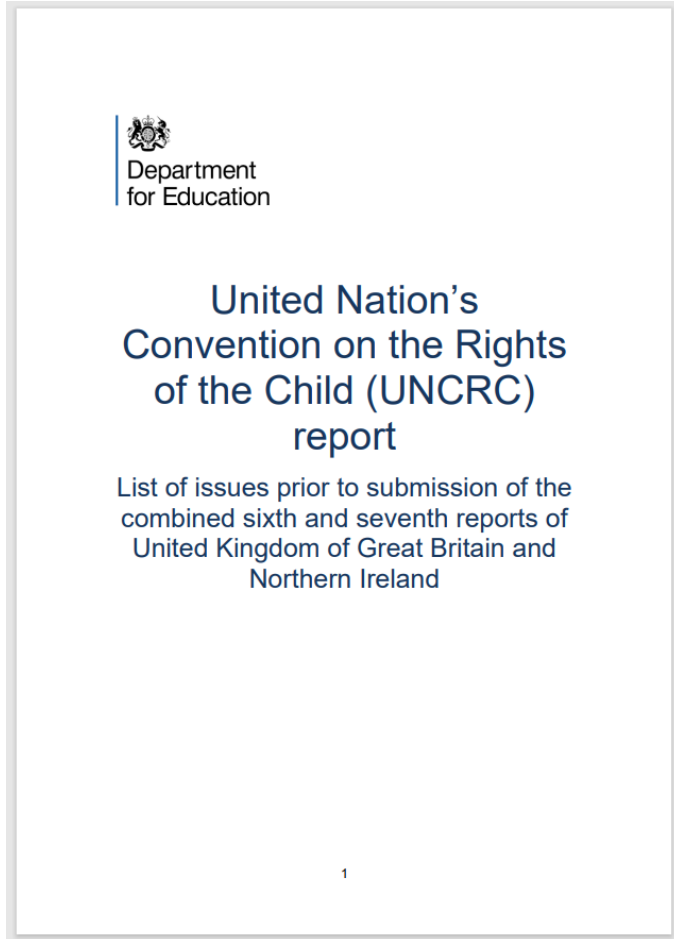
- Suggested 30 topics that UN Committee should include in its LOIPR
- Drew upon evidence from:
  - 500+ webinar participants
  - 60+ organisations

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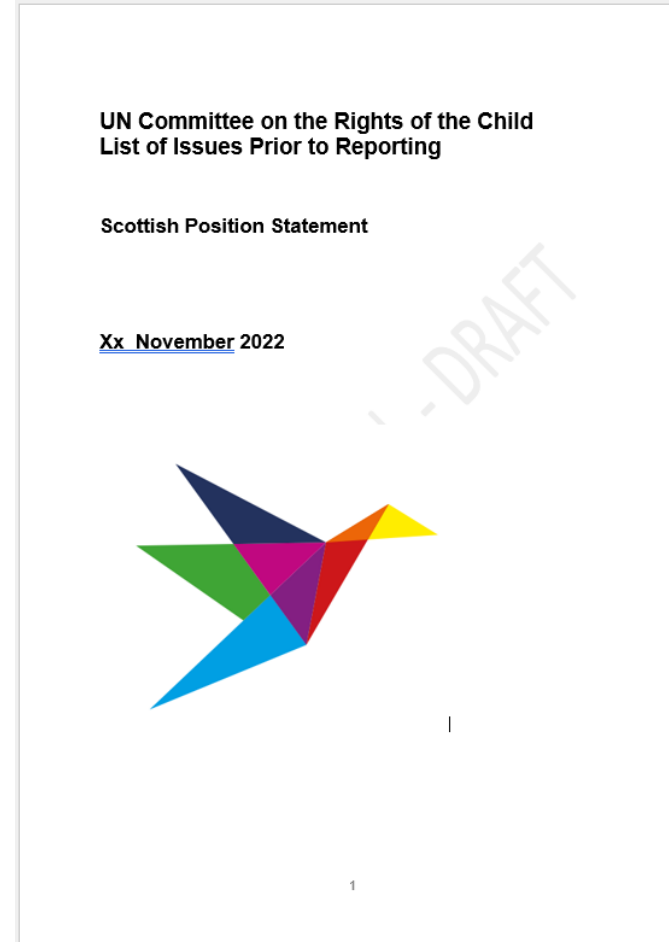




# Official responses



[Access the report here.](#)



Expected November 2022

## Survey responses: children

*“Everything is very expensive and lots of families can’t afford what they need.”*

*“Poverty limits what you can do, and fundamentally, especially for [us] there is generally nil that you can do about it, which doesn’t further limit what you can do”*

*“Making the ice melt, trees are getting chopped down, there's rubbish in the ocean. This kills wildlife. It's hurting the planet which we need to live healthy.”*



# Together's shadow report

- Draft report shared with members – November 2022
- Together will submit its shadow report to the UN on **15<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. Public launch in January 2023.
- Pre-session with UN Committee in Geneva – **February 2023**.
- Session between the UN Committee and UK delegation in Geneva – **May 2023**.

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Thank you!

