What is life in Scotland like for babies, children and young people?

Share your views for Together's 2024 report

Easy Read Version

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Who are we?



Our name is Together (Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights).



We are a charity who want to make things better for children.

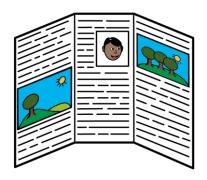


We help babies, children and young people under age 18.

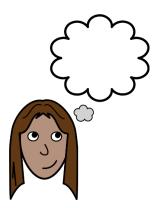


We want to make sure they grow up happy, healthy and safe.

What is this leaflet about?



We are writing a big report about what life is like for babies, children and young people in Scotland.



We want to gather your views to help us write the report.



This leaflet tells you:

- What the report is about
- Who will see the report
- How you can share your views
- What will happen next

What is the report about?



The report will look at what life is like for babies, children and young people who live in Scotland.



It will look at lots of different topics.



Some of the topics the report will look at are:

- Life at school
- Life at home
- Life in Scotland
- Life online
- Having fun
- The people around you

Who will see the report?



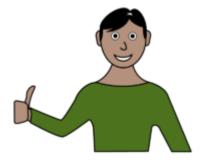
We will share the report with people who make decisions about babies', children and young people's lives.



We will share the report with people like:

- The Scottish Government
- Politicians
- Local councils
- Schools
- Police
- Social workers

Why is the report important?



The report will help adults understand what children are happy about.

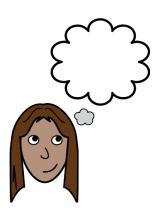


It will also help them understand what children are unhappy about.



The report will help adults understand what they need to do or change to make things better.

Sharing your views



We want to gather children and young people's views to help us write the report.



You can tell us about anything that is important to you.



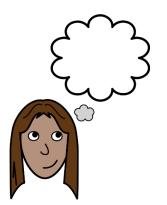
You might want to tell us about things like:

- Life at school
- Life at home
- Life in Scotland
- Life online
- Having fun
- The people around you

How to share your story with us



Please send us your views by **19**th July 2024.



There are lots of ways to share your views with us.



You can ask an adult for help if you need it.



You could:

- Write your views down
- Paint a picture
- Record a video
- Take a photo



There are different ways to send your views to us



By email to: myrights@togetherscotland.org.uk



• By post to:

Freepost TOGETHER SHARE MY STORY

Please use capital letters like how it is written above.

You don't need to put a stamp on the envelope.



• By doing our survey: <u>Click here to</u> do the survey (opens a new page)



 If you are 16 or 17, by sending a WhatsApp message to 07442044206



You will need to send us a **consent form** so we know how we are allowed to use your story.

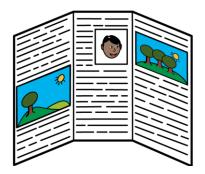


We will keep all of your information safe.

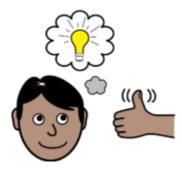
What happens next?



We will read your views very carefully.



We will put as many of your views in the report as we can.



Everything you tell us is important but we might not be able to put everything in the report.



If we cannot put something in the report then we might use it on our website or in another way.



We want to publish our report in **September 2024.**



We will share the report with the Scottish Government, local councils, teachers and other adults who make decisions about you.

What if I change my mind about taking part?



You can change your mind at any time.



Please let us know if you change your mind about taking part.



We will delete everything you have sent us.

Support



If you want to speak about your feelings you can call **Childline** on 0800 1111.



If you want to speak to someone about something that was unfair then you could contact:



• Children and Young People's Commissioner. Their job is to help protect your rights. You can fill in their contact form at www.cypcs.org.uk/get-help/



• Clan Childlaw. They are lawyers who help children. Call 0808 1290 522 or text 0752 756 6682.



• Scottish Child Law Centre. They are lawyers who help children. Email <u>advice@sclc.org.uk</u>

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