

Your Consent

Information Leaflet

What is this leaflet about?

Thank you for agreeing to take part in our 'story-gathering' project for our State of Children's Rights report 2024. We want to make sure you:

- ***know what will happen with the stories you share with us***
- ***agree that you are happy to take part***



This is called '**consent**' and this leaflet tells you what you need to know.

You might need a supportive adult to help you understand what's written in this leaflet and to help you fill in the consent form.

If you are under 16 years old, we ask that a parent or carer also signs the consent form, to say they are happy for you to take part.

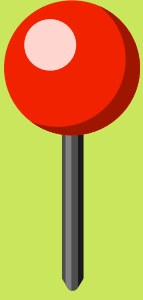
What will we do with your stories and our report?

We will use as many of your stories as we can in our report. Our report will be shared with the Scottish Government, local councils, schools, police and other grown-ups. It will help them understand what's important to you.

The report will let them know what you think is going well and what you think needs to change. This might be things like having fun, feeling safe, having a say and so on.

We want to make sure that the government and other adults understand how the decisions they make can affect your life.

Your right to privacy



To ensure your right to privacy, Together will change your name in the final report. You can choose a **'made up' name** you would like us to use. You can tell us the name in the consent form or you can tell a member of staff if you are taking part in one of the 'story-gathering' sessions.

Together would like to use your **age** and the **general area you live** in - for example if you live in Inverness, we would say "Highlands" in our report.

How long will Together keep my story and information for?

We will keep the story you have shared with us and your consent form until our report is published and the project has finished. We plan to publish our report at the end of **September 2024**.

We will keep your information safe (i.e. your name, address and any contact information that you give to us on the consent form) and will never share it with anyone who wasn't involved in the project. If you'd like this information removed sooner, please contact us and we will delete it.



You can find out more about your data protection rights and how to use these in our **privacy policy**.

What if I change my mind?

You can change your mind about taking part at any time.

If you've already sent us your story then **please contact us using the details on the next page** so we can delete what you have sent.

If this is before our report is published, this means we won't include your story in the report or use it in any other way.

It's important to know that if you change your mind after our report is published, we will not be able to delete your story – especially from any printed reports or materials.



Contact us



By email

Send an email to **myrights@togetherscotland.org.uk**



By phone

Call us on **0131 510 1565**.



By Whatsapp

If you are **16** or **17**, you can send us a voice note or a message
07442044206.



By post

Send your letters to: **Freepost TOGETHER SHARE MY STORY**
You don't need to use any stamps!

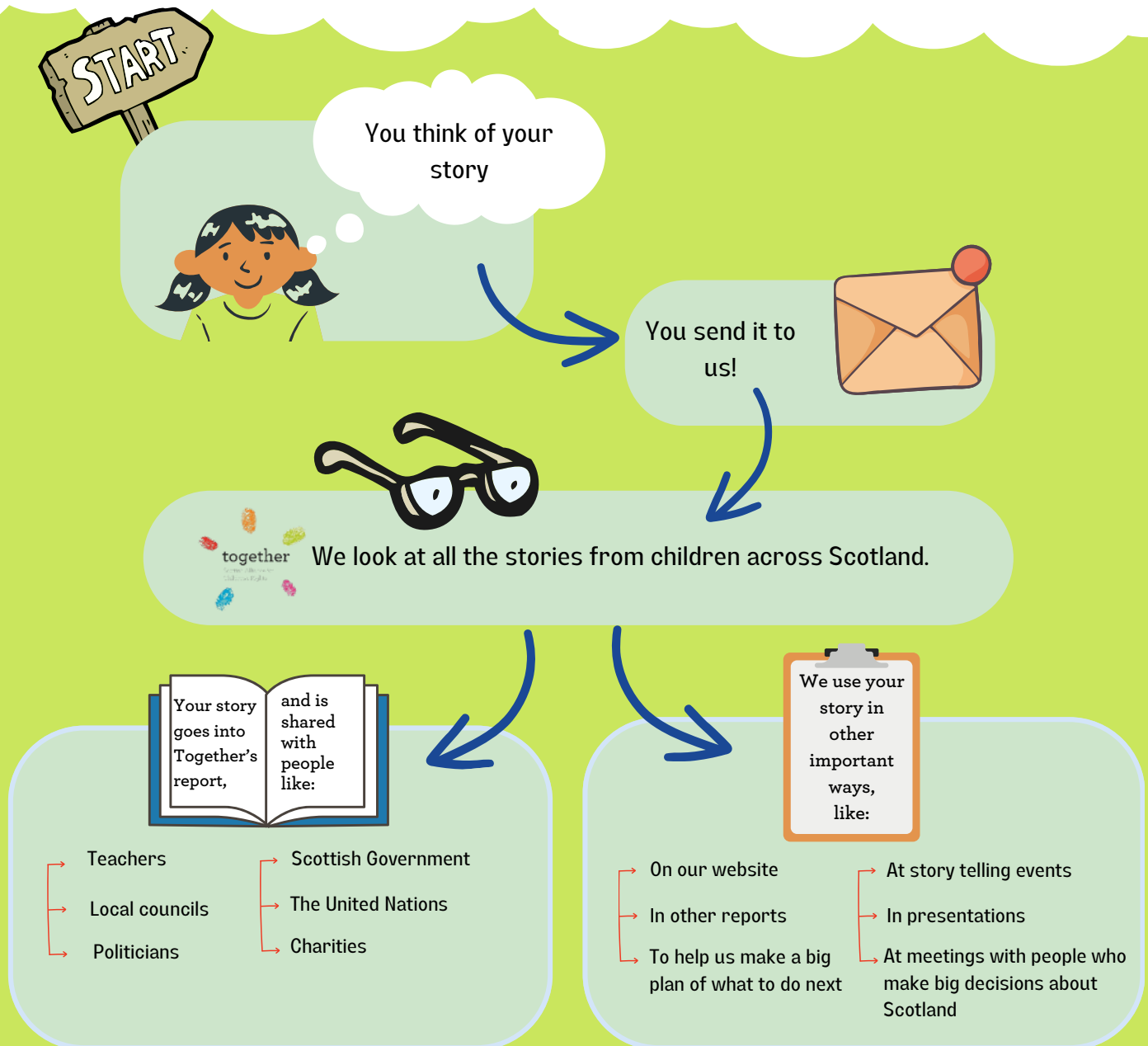


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**THANK
YOU**

What happens next?

This picture shows **what could happen when you send us your story**. It shows the different ways it might be used and who might see it. All your stories are important. We will use as many of them in the report as we can but it might not be possible to include everything you send us. So we might use it in other ways.



Your stories will help us make sure that babies', children and young people's rights are protected and respected in Scotland.

THANK YOU!