



## BREAKING NEWS

### UNCRC (Scotland) Incorporation Bill has been granted royal assent!

The Amended Bill, which is now officially an Act, received a unanimous YES vote from Scottish Parliament on the 7th of December, a momentous day for children's rights in Scotland.



With children's rights now well on their way to becoming law in Scotland, there is no better time to share our first #RightsOnTrack campaign update with you. Read on to hear more about #RightsOnTrack, to learn more about an exciting opportunity and how this campaign aims to promote and monitor the implementation of the recently-passed UNCRC (Scotland) Incorporation Bill.

## #RightsOnTrack

This is a campaign aimed at getting children's #RightsOnTrack in Scotland. Using the recent UN Committee on the Rights of the Child's review of the UK and published Concluding Observations (aka Scotland's 'to-do' list) as a guide, we want to put these recommendations around child rights into *action* and get commitments from decision-makers and duty-bearers to implement the UNCRC for *all* children and young people everywhere in Scotland. We'll also be working with children, young people and our members to identify other important issues that need to be addressed, even if they aren't included on the UN's to-do list. [To find out more about the campaign click here.](#)

### Notice anything different?

Our campaign has undergone a transformation, featuring new and bespoke icons and branding. The train and tracks reflect the campaign's mission to get children and young people's #RightsOnTrack in Scotland, inspired by children and young people's suggestion that we should take people on a 'journey' through the Committee's list of recommendations as a way of making them easier to understand. Keep an eye out for more features and developments of the campaign coming soon!



### Exciting opportunity! Help shape our State of Children's Rights Report 2024!

The campaign's first publication was a [child-friendly version of the UN Concluding Observations](#) so that children and young people can stay informed about what the Scottish Government has been recommended to do to keep their #RightsOnTrack.

In 2024, we'll continue the campaign through Together's *State of Children's Rights Report*, which will showcase children and young people's experiences of their rights through their own words, artwork and other means of expression. This will be used as a benchmark for what things are really like for children in Scotland at the start of this campaign.

Together's policy team has been busy designing draft resources and having initial conversations with our members for engaging babies, children and young people in this report. We are now officially beginning our engagement with a '*development phase*' and are hoping to work with five organisations to help provide feedback on our resources at this initial stage. If you'd like to help shape our resources and provide stories from children and young people for our report [please apply and learn more here.](#)

### Using #RightsOnTrack to monitor implementation of the UNCRC Incorporation Act

The UNCRC Scotland Act is a huge achievement for all the children, young people and their supporters who have pushed for incorporation for the last 10+ years! [Find our live twitter updates from the day here.](#)

To ensure children's rights are made real, we must closely monitor preparations for the UNCRC Act coming into force and its future implementation - #RightsOnTrack aims to do just that!

This campaign will use the UN Committee Review's resulting recommendations, our State of Children's Rights report and now, incorporation as a starting point or base line for monitoring, with the aim of fully implementing the Concluding Observations ahead of the next UN Review in 2030.



### We need your help!

To properly monitor what's happening to keep children's #RightsOnTrack we need everyone on board - help us to spread this campaign across Scotland and tell children and young people and duty bearers that monitoring starts now!

We ask you to please:

- **Spread the word:** please share the #RightsOnTrack campaign and [our sign-up link](#) to anyone you think might be interested. Feel free to share on twitter and social media and don't forget to use #RightsOnTrack tag!
- **Shape our approach:** find out more about the opportunity to get involved with Together's report and [developing our resources here](#). Or please share your expertise and feedback if you have used a Together resource before by [filling out this survey here!](#)

Stay tuned for our next update as we continue our journey towards a Scotland where children's rights are fully protected, respected and fulfilled!