

Introduction to making the UNCRC real - Implementation

Video transcript

What does implementation of children's rights mean?

Implementation is about making rights real for children and young people.

Implementation of children's rights happens when children's rights are embedded into national laws and practices and, when needed, children and young people can enforce those rights in the courts.

Governments should have a plan setting out what they are doing to respect, protect, and fulfil children's rights with a goal of creating a society where all children and young people have their rights respected, protected and fulfilled - every day.

What does implementation look like?

Implementation works in practice when:

- Children and young people know about and experience their rights.
- Children and young people know how to use their rights.
- Public services respect, protect and fulfil children's rights.

This means that people with jobs like teachers, doctors, social workers and police officers need the skills and knowledge to embed a children's human rights approach in everything they do!

Public authorities and those carrying out public functions should support their workers to respect, protect and fulfil children's rights.

This creates better services and organisations for the children and young people who use them and the adults that work in them.

To make rights real, children and young people should be able to expect that their rights will be respected, protected and fulfilled every day!

Respect: Children's rights should not be interfered with. This means nothing should be done that stops children from experiencing all their rights.

Protect: Children should be safe from any kind of harm or abuse. This means there should always be measures in place that prevent anyone or anything from putting children's rights at risk.

Fulfil: Everything necessary should be done to make sure all children experience all of their rights. If a child's rights are not respected, steps need

to be taken to put things right. This involves fixing problems if things go wrong and taking action to make sure problems don't happen again.

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