



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Raising Awareness of Children's Rights in Wales

We want a Wales for all Children: A Wales where children's rights are known about and understood

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) explains the rights of all children and young people up to the age of 18.

In 2011, Wales passed the **Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure**, making the UNCRC part of Welsh law. Welsh Ministers must help people understand the rights of children in Wales.



Our website has information on children's rights for children.

Children's rights: Information for children | GOV.WALES

www.gov.wales/childrens-rights-information-children

You can also find out information at:

Young Wales | Children in Wales

www.childreninwales.org.uk/children-young-people/young-wales/

Children's Commissioner for Wales

www.childcomwales.org.uk/

How do we Raise Awareness of Children's Rights to Children?



Young Wales:

We fund the 'Young Wales' scheme which helps children and young people to:

- learn about their rights.
- have their voices heard by Welsh Ministers and other decision makers.
- take part in activities and learn new skills.

Each year, young people across Wales come together at the Young Wales Festival to celebrate children's rights.



Annual Cycle of Engagement:

All Welsh Ministers commit to meeting children and young people to learn about what matters to them.

By talking to Ministers, children and young people help to shape policy and laws in Wales.



Education:

Children's rights are part of the new Curriculum for Wales.



Publications:

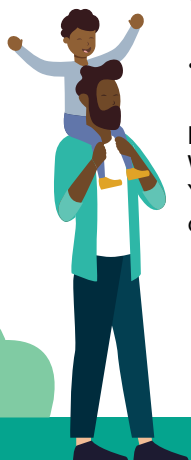
We publish information in ways that children can understand.



The Children's Commissioner for Wales:

We appoint the Children's Commissioner for Wales to assist children and young people in Wales by:

- helping them learn about their rights.
- giving advice to children if they think their rights have been negatively affected.
- looking at how decisions made by the Welsh Government affect children and young people.
- speaking up for children in Wales on the matters that affect them.





How do we Raise Awareness of Children's Rights with Adults?



The Right Way – A Children's Rights Approach:

We support 'The Right Way': a plan created by the Children's Commissioner for Wales to guide people to put children's rights at the heart of their work. We promote the plan so that we can spread understanding of children's rights.



Training:

To help schools and teachers deliver the new curriculum, we have developed resources to improve awareness and understanding of the UNCRC and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).



Parenting. Give it Time:

We work to improve parents' understanding of children's rights.

The 'Parenting. Give it Time' campaign provides parents with free practical tips and expert advice on supporting their children from birth to adulthood.



Early Childhood Play, Learning and Care Plan (ECPLC):

We created the ECPLC to help babies have:

- the best start in life.
- the right to grow, learn and play in a happy, healthy and safe environment.

We have developed special resources for parents, and people working with very young children to understand how children's rights work for babies and infants.



Supporting Public Services:

Public services include services like Councils, Health Services, Police and Fire services and Voluntary Organisations.

We support public services to understand children's rights by:

- providing training on Children's Rights and Participation.
- providing opportunities for these services to learn from each other.

