

Resources to Support your work on Children's Rights and the UNCRC

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UNCRC IN SCOTLAND

The following resources provide a range of information and support to guide your work on children's rights and compliance with the UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024.

We regularly add new resources and information to our [Children's Human Rights in Scotland #UNCRC Knowledge Hub Group](#). Please join and sign up to receive a weekly updated about what new resources are added. Please note that you may need to create or have an account with Knowledge Hub to join the group.

1. Toolkits and Scottish Government Guidance

[Getting Ready for the UNCRC](#)

This is a framework which outlines different elements for your organisation to consider the help you prepare for the requirements of the UNCRC legislation. Each section of the framework provides a set of challenge questions and links to further information and support. The resource includes an action plan template. The framework can be used as a self-assessment tool, a planning document or for reference. This document also contains links to further information and resources to support your work.

[Taking a Children's Rights Based Approach](#)

Scottish Government guidance for public bodies on how to take a children's rights based approach.

[Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment](#)

Scottish Government Guidance on how to complete a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Screening Sheet and Impact Assessment (CRWIA). Includes links to useful resources for gathering evidence, involving children and young people in the development of your policy/measure and ensuring decisions are necessary and proportionate.

[Involving Children and Young People in Decision Making](#)

A Scottish Government produced guide to involving children and young people in decision making .

2. Website Resources & eLearning

[Understanding the UNCRC – A Guide for Public Bodies](#)

A web based resource with information about the UNCRC, A children's Rights based approach and the key elements of the legislation for public bodies.

[Understanding the UNCRC: A Guide for Elected Members](#)

This resource is aimed at elected members in Scotland who are interested in learning more about children's rights and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

[Introduction to Children's Rights: e-Learning Module](#)

The Scottish Government have developed the 'Introduction to Children's Rights' e-learning module This is available for organisations to incorporate onto their learning platforms or simply be circulated to staff.

[Scottish Government UNCRC Implementation Scotland Act: Animation](#)

3. Children's Rights – Thematic Papers:

[Children's Rights and Placemaking in Scotland: How do children's rights 'fall into Place'?](#)

This paper takes a children's rights approach to place and placemaking and considers how children's rights can be realised through placed-based approaches. It pulls together a range of key policy areas which are important to placemaking and identifies how place makers can actively consider children's rights in their work and approach to work.

[Understanding Child Poverty as a Children's Rights Issue](#)

This paper explores the relationship between local action to reduce child poverty and duties under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, drawing out links and understanding across them.

[Children's Rights and Climate Change: Blog](#)

A blog that discusses the issue of climate change from the perspective of a child's right to a clean, green, healthy and sustainable environment. Access a variety of resources and links to further information.

4. Child Friendly Complaints

- Scottish Public Services Ombudsman – Principles and Procedure
<https://www.spsso.org.uk/ChildFriendlyProcessGuidance>

5. Organisations that can provide further advice and support on Children's Rights, including participation, engagement and empowerment of children and young people.

Children and Young People
Commissioner for Scotland

<https://www.cypcs.org.uk>

Together Alliance for
Children's Rights

<https://www.togetherscotland.org.uk/>

Children's Parliament

<https://www.childrensparliament.org.uk/>

Scottish Youth Parliament https://syp.org.uk/	Starcatchers https://starcatchers.org.uk/	Education Scotland: UNCRC Resources https://education.gov.scot/resources/united-nations-convention-on-the-rights-of-the-child/
Improvement Service UNCRC Implementation Project https://www.improvementservice.org.uk/products-and-services/consultancy-and-support/uncrc-implementation-project	Scottish Human Rights Commission https://www.scottishhumanrights.com/	UNICEF https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/