

Children's Rights and Responsibilities



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SCHOOL → **Save the Children Scotland**

FOCUS → **A rights based ethos**

Initiatives or projects in place to encourage the development of rights and responsibilities, education for citizenship or active pupil participation in decision-making.

Save the children is an international children's rights organisation working in Scotland, the UK and over 70 countries to achieve a better world for children. All our work is underpinned by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child to which the UK Government is a signatory. SCUUK believes that the well being of all children could be ensured through the full implementation of the articles of the UNCRC.

We have a longstanding experience of working with traveller families, parents, refugees and asylum seekers and looked after children and young people. We work to ensure greater protection, improved support and social inclusion of marginalised children and young people, through highlighting the denials of rights in key sectors and working to develop new collaborative approaches.

Our work in the education sector seeks to secure children's right to a quality and relevant education. We work with schools, local authorities and

national agencies to develop policy and practice in the areas of citizenship education and participation, enabling children and young people to learn key skills of citizenship and to take part fully in the life of their school and community.

We provide an in-service training package for teachers through local authorities. The aim of the training is to support teachers to promote a rights-based ethos in schools and to promote pupils' on-going involvement in decision making about their education and their school.

How these initiatives are being monitored and evaluated.

In partnership with Stirling University Institute of Education, we are carrying out research in a primary school which promotes children's rights and pupil involvement in decision-making. The research aims to explore the impact this rights-based ethos has on pupils' understanding of rights, pupils' performance and achievements, relationships in the school, and on behaviour and discipline.

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Materials for sale from Save the Children

Various publications and materials on the subject of children's rights, participation, education for citizenship, listening to and consulting children and young people are available.

Re:action Consultation Toolkit – a practical toolkit for consulting with children and young people on policy issues and a practical guide for organisations and individuals working with children and young people. It is also aimed at children and young people who may be involved or interested in organising a consultation exercise. 2001. POA

"It's our education" – Young people's views on the Improvement in Education Bill. A report prepared by SC in Scotland for the Scottish Executive. 1999. Photocopy available

Partners in rights: creative activities exploring rights and citizenship for 7-11 year olds. 2000. POA

Voices for change: young people's views on poverty and social exclusion in Scotland. £5.50

Our Lives Consultation Final Report – views of young people all over Scotland about their lives and their rights. 1999. £4.00

Case studies in pupil participation – overview of five schools' approach to the development of pupil participation. 1998. £2.00

Our Day. Consulting children: an essential resource pack – record of the experiences and thoughts of one group of children and adults who came together to gather and present children's views. Fife Participation Project and SC in Scotland. 2002. £9.50

Never too young- a practical handbook showing how under eights can participate, make decisions and take responsibility for their actions. 1996. £10.00

No choice: no chance – the educational experiences of young people with disabilities. Research planned, carried out and analysed by a group of young people all of whom have a significant disability. £6.50 from Save the Children, 15 Richmond Park, Belfast BT10 0HB

Citizens by right – citizenship education in primary schools. Exploring the issues of citizenship education via a project in four inner city primary schools. 2001. £11.95



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