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Listening to our Youngest Children

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The UNCRC is an international treaty which outlines children's rights under the three main umbrellas:

- The right to provision (such as provision of health and educational services)
- Protection (such as the right for protection against violence)
- Participation (such as participation in decisions affecting the child)



All children have a right to have their voice heard and be listened to



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Article 12: UNCRC in Early Years

Listening is about finding ways to communicate and finding opportunities, techniques and approaches for children to express their views.

Welsh Government funded a small scale project to allow Children in Wales to research and find ways of listening to babies and very young children, and to trial some approaches with:

- Babies (0-1 years old)
- Toddlers (1-2 years old)
- Pre-schoolers (3-4 years old)



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CIW Early Years Resources

Children in Wales has produced videos and training resources which provide an overview of the project and offer a starting point to supporting babies and very young children's voice to be heard.

We have also produced a wider range of resources covering more of the UNCRC articles and how we can support rights within the three specific age categories



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Why this is so important

- Children's Rights is for all ages, babies from birth
- Traditional participation practice in Youth provision
- Engagement, coproduction, providing choices and listening are key skills in Early Years
- It is what you do best, and you have the gift to influence experience for all children

Please enjoy today, as we hear about some wonderful examples of Early Years practice!

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