



Your Questions Answered

State of Children's Rights in Wales

This year marks the start of the journey towards the next examination of government's progress in implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

As part of the State of Children's Rights in Wales project, Children in Wales organised two events in August 2020 to build knowledge and capacity amongst civil society in Wales of the UNCRC and reporting mechanisms.

The events also provided an opportunity to consult on eight thematic priorities to supplement our Call for Written Evidence to inform the report on priority issues to the UN.

To complement the information which was sent to each delegate, in advance of the event, we are providing a response to many of the questions and comments raised at the events and in the 'chat' facility, together with additional information which we hope will be of interest.

Where can I find out more information about the State of Children's Rights in Wales project and how to get more involved?

There is a dedicated webpage for the project [here](#).

You can share with us your priorities through our Call for Written Evidence. You will find more information and submission guidance on the webpage.

Please send us your priorities by 11 September 2020 to crcwales@childreninwales.org.uk

Where can I find information about other UN International Human Rights Treaties?

The [Equality and Human Rights Commission](#) has established a comprehensive website which allows you to find out more about other UN Conventions and Treaties, as well as help you track how well the UK is putting human rights duties into practice

Where can I find out more about the UNCRC?

You can access the full text of the CRC on the UN website [here](#).

There are more accessible versions and supplementary resources available to use with children and within your organisations.

Examples are those produced by the [Welsh Government](#), the [Children's Commissioner for Wales](#), [Child Rights Connect](#) and [UNICEF UK](#)

Where can I find more information about Welsh Law to implement the CRC?

Children's rights are enshrined in Welsh law under [Rights of Children and Young Persons \(Wales\) Measure 2011](#).

Other laws which place due regard duties on organisations/ individuals include the [Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014](#) and the [Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal \(Wales\) Act 2018](#)

Where can I find the Concluding Observations from the 2016 reporting round?

You can access the full text of the Concluding Observations on the UN website [here](#).

The Wales UNCRC Monitoring Group published a [Combined Report](#) where you will find the Concluding Observations alongside the recommendations in the previous civil society report and the 4 nations List of Issues

Where can I find recent information to see how well the Welsh Government are implementing Welsh law to implement the CRC?

In 2019, Professor Simon Hoffman and Sean O'Neill published a [report](#) from their examination of the Impact of Legal Integration of the UNCRC in Wales.

In 2020, the Senedd Children, Young People and Education Committee published their [report](#) and recommendations from their Inquiry into Children's Rights

Where can I find information about the new Simplified Reporting process?

As well as the information and diagrams which were shared via the presentation at the events, you can find more detailed information via the Child Rights Connect [website](#) which takes you through the new way of reporting, step-by-step

Where can I find examples of how Civil Society has used the CRC in policy work to further children's rights in Wales and keep Governments to task?

There are many examples available of ways in which civil society have made use of the CRC through their advocacy and policy work. There are examples in the Hoffman, S & O'Neill, S. (2019) [report](#).

Organisations such as the Children's Commissioner for Wales and the Equality and Human Rights Commission, as well as Wales UNCRC Monitoring Group members Children in Wales, NSPCC Cymru, Play Wales, Barnardo's Cymru and the Observatory on Human Rights of Children, regularly submit consultation responses and develop papers which make use of the CRC and its Articles, as well as UN recommendations.

Recent examples include evidence to inform Senedd scrutiny session for the [Children \(Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment\)\(Wales\) Bill](#), [Children's Rights in Wales](#) and [Priorities for the CYPE Committee](#)

