



A Toolkit to support the Awareness Raising and Promotion of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (ALN)

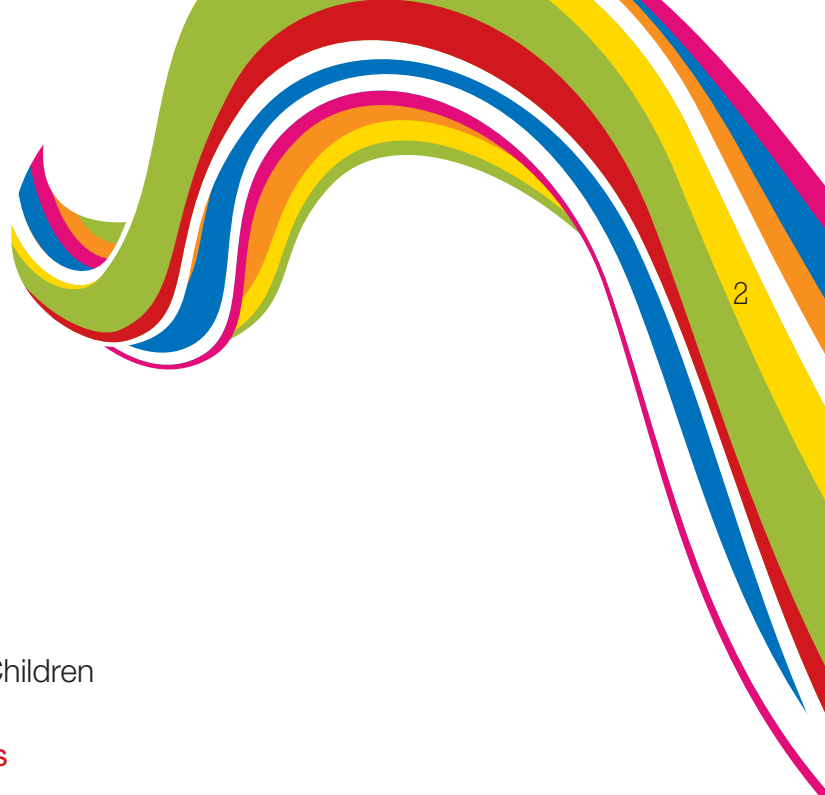
“The Convention on the Rights of the Child is that luminous living document that enshrines the rights of every child without exception to a life of dignity and self fulfillment.”

Nelson Mandela

“Everyone has the right to voice their opinion but certain people and certain groups can be denied that right to have their voice heard.”

Turn On The Rights group member aged 17





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Section 1

Setting The Scene

A Message from the Deputy Minister for Children

As the Deputy Minister for Children I am fully committed to making the United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) a reality for every child and young person in Wales. Article 42 of the Convention says that Governments should make the Convention known to all parents and children and one of the key priorities we have in Wales is to raise awareness of the UNCRC with children, young people and adults so that everyone can understand how the UNCRC can make their lives better, and how children and young people can get their rights through the services that they receive.

This workshop tool is an introduction to the UNCRC and is just the beginning of a number of different resources that we hope to develop over the coming months. The workshop has been developed and piloted across Wales with the involvement of children, young people, professionals and the partners that we work with. Their involvement has been invaluable and has ensured that the workshop is fit for purpose and suitable for the target audience.

As a result of our ongoing work in this area, and that of our partners, over time I hope to see a significant improvement on the current level of awareness amongst children, young people, families and the entire children and young people's workforce including teachers and other school staff. I hope you find this resource helpful and enjoyable and that it goes some way in helping us to fully realise children and young people's rights in Wales.

Huw Lewis, Deputy Minister for Children

NOTE: This toolkit makes reference to learners with ALN. The term SEN is a sub category of ALN and continues to be used for those learners who have a learning difficulty which calls for special educational provision.



The UNCRC in Wales

The Welsh Assembly Government, with broader, all-party support from across the National Assembly for Wales, adopted the UNCRC as the basis for all its policy-making for children and young people in 2004. The subsequent Rights to Action ‘translated’ the articles of the convention into 7 Core Aims to make the planning of services for children and young people more coherent.

Article 42 of the Convention states that Governments should make the Convention known to all parents and children.

In line with this article, a key objective of the Welsh Assembly Government is to increase awareness of and promote the UNCRC to children, young people, parents, families, adults and anyone working or involved with children and young people.

Note

‘The term ALN refers to a ‘greater difficulty in learning’ to encompass all learners in Wales whose learning needs are greater than their peers of the same age and which do not necessarily amount to SEN as defined in the Education Act 1996 (see below).

The term ALN is much wider in scope than the term ‘special educational needs’ in order to recognise the diverse and complex needs of learners and to reflect a more holistic approach to meeting the needs of individual learners.

Further information on supporting pupils with ALN can be found within the Inclusion and Pupils Support guidance:

wales.gov.uk/topics/educationandskills/publications/circulars/2463797/?lang=en



Section 2

Awareness Raising Workshops

2.1 Awareness Raising Workshop for Adults Working with Children and Young People with ALN

2.2 Awareness Raising Workshop for Children with ALN

2.3 Awareness Raising Workshop for Young People with ALN

2.4 Awareness Raising Workshop for Parents and Carers of Children and Young People with ALN



Section 3

Background Briefing

The UNCRC Decoded

This background briefing paper accompanies the series of workshops which have been developed to raise awareness of and promote the UNCRC.

It is strongly recommended that facilitators read this prior to delivering one of the awareness raising workshops.

The UNCRC Decoded could also be used as an integral part of the workshops delivered to adults, parents or secondary aged young people.



Section 4

Workshop Resources and Photos

Please refer to the relevant pdf in the toolkit



Section 5

Useful UNCRC Resources

Please refer to the relevant pdf in the toolkit



Section 6

Websites Worth Visiting

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