

Let's not just celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

But do even more to make it a reality for the children and young people of Cornwall

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is the most complete statement of children's rights ever produced and is the most widely-ratified international human rights treaty in history.

It was adopted in full by the UK and reflected strongly in the seminal 1989 Children Act.

The UNCRC has 54 articles that cover all aspects of a child's life and sets out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights that all children, everywhere, are entitled to. It also explains how adults and governments must work together to make sure all children can enjoy all their rights.

Every child has these rights, whatever their nationality, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, language, physical or learning abilities or any other given or self-determined 'status'.

So what does this mean for those of us who work with the children of Cornwall?

Cornwall is recognising the 30th anniversary of UNCRC by asking every single person living in Cornwall to think about how they contribute or could contribute more to protecting, promoting and upholding the rights of the children and young people who live in Cornwall.

There are many ways this can be done. Here are a few:

1. Read about and share the link to the Convention <https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/>
2. For schools, colleges and youth organisations – 30 ways to celebrate Children's Rights at 30 https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2019/09/Unicef_RRSA-Final-Sep-2019-1.pdf

This also means speaking up against social and economic policies that compromise the health, welfare and safety of children associated with increasing levels of child poverty.



is our partnership plan for Working Together to break down the barriers that can prevent each and every child and young person from being safe, healthy and have equal chances in accessing all available opportunities to achieve brighter futures.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/childrens-services/one-vision/what-is-one-vision/>