

# IS YOUR SCHOOL RIGHTS RESPECTING?

The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) sets out the rights that all children are entitled to. The Irish Government agreed to ensure children enjoy their rights. Schools have a special role to play in fulfilling this promise and UNICEF can support you.

In a **Child Rights School**:

- Children and adults learn about the CRC
- Children participate in decisions that affect them
- Children enjoy their rights



**Children should lead the activities to become a Child Rights School.**

UNICEF provides flexible guidance for staff and student councils to encourage the whole school community get involved and become more rights respecting.

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**INFORMATION FOR ADULTS**

Everybody should know about child rights (Article 42). UNICEF invites all school staff to participate in CPD to learn about child rights. Choose from a summer course, short online modules, live webinars, or in-person workshops during Croke Park hours.

All children have the right to express their views on matters that affect them, and adults should listen and take children seriously (Article 12). Active student councils are essential in helping children to enjoy this right at school.

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

**RIGHTS DETECTIVES**

The student council should consult with children and adults to find out how rights respecting your school is. This highlights the great work your school is already doing and identifies what changes you could make.

**SHARE AND SUPPORT**

Collaborate with other schools to learn from each other.

**RIGHTS RIBBON**

This is a tool to help you plan how your school will become more rights respecting. At the beginning of the year, three themes are selected to focus on. In three years, your school will complete all themes and become a Child Rights School!

**CELEBRATE**

Organise a rights celebration day each year. Invite a UNICEF representative along to share your progress.

Find out more and register your school at [unicef.ie/crs](https://www.unicef.ie/crs)



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