

# Being Me

## Me

You have the right to be who you are and to have a name, a nationality and an identity that is protected.

### Articles: Children have the right to

7 A name and nationality

8 To have their identity respected

### Fact.

- “Thousands of Irish adoptees don’t know their original names, who their parents are or even if there is a serious illness that runs in their family,” Senator Averil Power.
- Identifying information about one’s genetic parents can be essential to the mental health of individuals.

### Think about:

What makes you, you?

### Discuss:

1. Is your identity important to you?
2. Why is your having a name and nationality important to every child?
3. What are some of your best qualities?

**Photo: Take a photo that describes and celebrates who you are and let us know if you feel you are respected and protected.**

**Write a caption and title.**

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## My Identity

You have the right to think what you like. You also can be with friends and join clubs (so long as they are not harming you or others). No matter who you are your beliefs, culture, language and religion or if you have no religion you must be respected.

### Article: All children have the right to

14 Think what you like and have your thoughts respected, to be whatever religion you like and be guided in doing so

15 Be with friends and be in clubs (so long as they don't harm you or others)

30 to practice your own language, culture and religion

### Fact:

- Ethnic and racial minorities make up about 12% of the population of Ireland—a proportion that doubled in the first decade of the 21st century.
- Over 90% of primary schools are Catholic run.
- Travellers are fighting to have Ireland recognise them as an ethnic minority.

### Think about:

What makes up your identity?

### Discuss:

1. Is your culture and or ethnicity respected?
2. Can you think of children in Ireland whose identity does not get respected protected?
3. Should your local school be allowed to refuse you based on your religion?

**Photo: Take a photo that describes your identity**

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## Irish Deaf Teens Youth Club

St. Joseph's Gym Hall  
Every Monday at 7.15pm

Fun Games  
Hang out with your Friends  
Sports  
Get Involved

If you have any questions, you can contact me by e-mail or mobile: -



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## My Privacy

You have a right to have your privacy protected. This can be difficult especially for children or young people who are online and unsure of how private or not that space is. Private photos or messages can be posted and shared without consent.

**Article:** All children have the right to 16 a private life and have your privacy protected

### Fact.

- Some children have to share a bedroom with their parents when living in direct provision centres or emergency homeless accommodation.
- A little over one third of 9-16 year olds (36%) say they know more about the internet than their parents.
- 12% of children report that their profile is public so that anyone can see it. 14% of girls compared to 10% of boys have had their password stolen or misused.

### Think about:

Who looks at my social media pages?

### Discuss:

1. How long is what you post on social media accessible for viewing?
2. Have you had photos you were unhappy with posted publicly without your knowledge or approval? How did that make you feel?
3. How might sharing a room with your parents and siblings affect your sense of privacy?

**Photo:** Take a photo of what privacy means to you.

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