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Putting children at
the heart of Europe

**“Every child has the
right to.....”**

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...Provision

...Protection

...Participation

...and Play

Provision

Basic resources and services to survive

Guidance and direction

Child friendly (/user friendly) information

Safe environment

Protection

They need to feel safe and protected.

Children are children first!

Who prioritises a child that needs to prioritise their parent?

Participation

How can we know how to talk for them if we don't talk to them?

Empowering children to claim their rights.

Give them their own voice, not have them echo ours.

Their answer or the right answer?

Play

Structured by children

Building a creative mindset

Resolving differences

No purpose or pressure – just fun!



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The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

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Article 2

1. States Parties **shall** respect and **ensure the rights** set forth in the present Convention to **each child** within their jurisdiction without discrimination of any kind, irrespective of the child's or his or her parent's or legal guardian's race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or other status.

2. States Parties **shall** take all appropriate measures to ensure that the **child is protected against all forms of discrimination or punishment** on the basis of the status, activities, expressed opinions, or beliefs of the child's parents, legal guardians, or family members.

Article 14

1. States Parties shall respect the right of the child to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.
2. States Parties shall respect the rights and duties of the parents and, when applicable, legal guardians, to **provide direction** to the child in the exercise of his or her right in a manner consistent with the evolving capacities of the child.

Article 24

1. States Parties recognize the right of the child to the **enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health** and facilities for the **treatment of illness and rehabilitation of health**. States Parties shall strive to ensure that no child is deprived of his or her right of access to such health care services.



Article 3

1. In all actions concerning children, whether undertaken by public or private social welfare institutions, courts of law, administrative authorities or legislative bodies, **the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration.**
2. States Parties undertake to ensure the child such **protection and care as is necessary for his or her well-being**, taking into account the rights and duties of his or her parents, legal guardians, or other individuals legally responsible for him or her, and, to this end, shall take all appropriate legislative and administrative measures.
3. States Parties shall ensure that the institutions, services and facilities responsible for the care or protection of children shall conform with the standards established by competent authorities, particularly in the areas of safety, health, in the number and suitability of their staff, as well as competent supervision.

Article 19

1. States Parties shall take all appropriate legislative, administrative, social and educational measures to **protect the child from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse**, while in the care of parent(s), legal guardian(s) or any other person who has the care of the child.
2. Such protective measures should, as appropriate, include effective procedures for the establishment of social programmes to provide **necessary support** for the child and for those who have the care of the child, as well as for other forms of prevention and for identification, reporting, referral, investigation, treatment and follow-up of instances of child maltreatment described heretofore, and, as appropriate, for judicial involvement

Article 12

1. States Parties shall assure to the child who is capable of forming his or her own views the **right to express those views freely** in all matters affecting the child, the views of the child being **given due weight** in accordance with the age and maturity of the child.
2. For this purpose, the child shall in particular be provided the **opportunity to be heard** in any judicial and administrative proceedings affecting the child, either directly, or through a representative or an appropriate body, in a manner consistent with the procedural rules of national law.



Article 31

1. States Parties recognize the right of the child to **rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities** appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts.
2. States Parties shall respect and promote the right of the child to **participate fully in cultural and artistic life** and shall encourage the provision of appropriate and equal opportunities for cultural, artistic, recreational and leisure activity.



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Children's Rights Division

Mainstreaming Children's Rights

Strategy for the Rights of the Child

Implementation monitored by the Ad-hoc
committee on the Rights of the Child (CAHENF)

Monitor member states

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Member states are obliged to protect children from all forms of violence.

Lisbon Treaty

Art. 3.3 on the protection of the rights of the child.

EU Charter on Fundamental Rights

Art. 24 on protection, well-being, best interests and right to a relationship with both parents.

Art. 32 on prohibiting employment of children and fair working conditions.

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The Child Rights Intergroup in the European Parliament



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165 Member organisations in 33 countries

Raising awareness on child rights and well-being in Europe

Holding decision-makers accountable



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The European Pillar of Social Rights

Three main categories:

1. Equal opportunities and access to labor market

- Education, training, life-long learning,

2. Fair working conditions

- Work-life balance, the right of parents to have suitable leave, flex working arrangement, access to care services.

3. Social protection and inclusion

- Childcare, social protection, inclusion of people with disabilities, long-term care.

Vision

A society where all children and young people grow up happy, healthy and confident, and respected as individuals in their own rights