



Supporting Children's Rights and Entitlements

Outcome One Children's Rights

PC b) Explain a range of rights and entitlements
relating to children



Why should children have 'special' rights?

- “The language of rights performs an important function. It acknowledges that there are certain things which we should provide for children, not just because adults think it would be nice if they had them, but because we are prepared to recognise that children want them, or can reasonably be assumed to want them.” J.Eekelar *Why Children? Why Rights?*
- Children are vulnerable
- Children need protection
- Children are a distinct group with different needs and rights from adults
- Children have specific rights as part of their Human Rights



UN Convention On The Rights of The Child

- Following World War II the United Nations followed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with the Declaration on the Rights of The Child (1959)
- UN General Assembly passed the Convention on the Rights of The Child in 1989.
- The Convention is legally binding to countries who 'ratify' the convention by making it part of the laws of their country
- Over 190 countries have ratified the convention – promising to ensure children in their country have these rights protected and promoted



The UN Convention on The Rights of The Child

- Applies to all children under 18 in the UK
- The government have a duty to publicise the Convention to children and their parents
- It sets out different types of rights
 - Participation Rights
 - Protection Rights
 - Provision Rights
- Can you think of any examples of what these might be?

Participation Rights



- Participation Rights

Article 12

Children and young people have the right to express a view about things that affect them

Protection Rights



- Protection Rights

Article 19

Children and young people must be kept safe from violence and they must be kept safe from harm. They must be given proper care by those looking after them.

Provision Rights



- Article 28
- Every child has the right to free education at primary school level. Different kinds of secondary school education should be available for children. For those with ability higher education should be provided.



UN Convention Task One

- In groups write your own UN Convention for children In Scotland listing rights under the 3 headings.
- Participation
- Protection
- Provision



Task Two

- Look at the list of articles in the convention
www.scotland.gov.uk/library/documents-w9/rotc-04.htm
- Sort them under the headings of Participation, Protection and Provision
- In groups make a list of examples of ways you think children's rights are or are not being met in childcare projects.