

Dear Friends,

The Ombudsman for Children needs your help to hear from all children under the age of 18 in Ireland.

The Ombudsman for Children, Dr Niall Muldoon, works to make sure that children (everyone under 18) have their rights respected in Ireland. One part of his job is to listen to what children think. You can get more information about Niall and the work of the Ombudsman for Children's Office (OCO) at www.oco.ie.

All children under 18 living in Ireland have 42 rights under the United Nations (UN) Convention on the Rights of the Child. In 2022, the Irish government has to report to the UN on how it is working to make sure children enjoy all of their rights. You can find more information about your rights at www.oco.ie/itsyourright

The United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (18 experts from all over the world) wants to hear from children in Ireland about their life and rights.

We want to support children in Ireland to tell the Committee what they think about what is good, what is not so good and what would make life better for children in Ireland. That is why we are asking you to fill in this survey. We are not asking for your name or address or any other information that would tell us or anyone else who you are or what you think.

As a child, your opinions and ideas really matter and we hope you will share them with the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. You also need to agree to take part so don't forget to tick the box below and ask a parent or guardian to do the same!

If you are the parent/guardian of a child under 18, it would be great if you could ask your child/children to fill in the survey themselves, or by supporting them to tell us what they think by reading the questions to them and entering their answers if needed. You also need to give your consent for your child to take part. **If you have more than one child under 18, a separate survey should be filled in by each child.**

Link to survey: bit.ly/3vdxGxf

The survey will stay open until **Friday 7th May**.

Thank you for your help.

If you have any questions about the survey you can email education@oco.ie.