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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

How as an organisation do we demonstrate our commitment to supporting children and young people to understand their rights?

Do we allocate time to talk with children and young people about their rights and how to make a complaint? Is this information available in their welcome packs?

When and how do we evaluate the effectiveness of the rights education we provide to children and young people?

Do we have a child-friendly Child Safe Code of Conduct?

How do we discuss the roles and responsibilities of children and young people in helping to ensure the safety and wellbeing of their peers?

How do we make sure that children and young people know how to make a complaint and voice their concerns?

Do we have ways of talking about rights that are appropriate for different age groups or cultures?

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USEFUL VIDEOS

An introduction to the Convention on the Rights of the Child
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1BFLitBkco>



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What are Children's rights and why they are important
This resource is suited to younger children
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCYLdtug8sk>

Children's rights - puppet show - video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGzbfm8NEto>



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Children's Rights Animated Video for young people
<https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/videos/what-are-childrens-rights>

First Nations Collective: There's a Message
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aCzlyGDobL4>



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SNAICC Education rights kit
<https://www.snaicc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/SNAICC-Child-Rights-Education-Kit-Book.pdf>

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USEFUL POSTERS & BOOKS



Child Friendly poster on the Rights of the Child

<https://www.dualfrequency.co.uk/united-nations-convention-on-the-rights-of-the-child-teen-friendly-edition>



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Complete kit of individual rights posters

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UN right of the Child - Teen version

<https://www.savethechildren.org.au/getmedia/9bfb14-94b3-4c6e-b402-0b964c926845/rightsofthechild.pdf.aspx>



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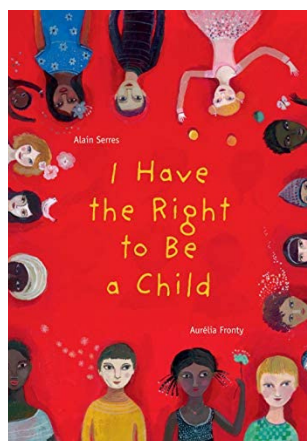


Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai (Suitable 7-12 yrs)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVgtqDDXWVg>



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I have to be a child by Alain Serres (Suitable 6-9 yrs)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCDWuYp98yL>



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UNICEF list of free downloadable child-friendly resources

<https://childrensground.org.au/what-we-do/learning-and-wellbeing>



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