The rights of the Child and Young People.

Here’s an easy to read summary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) produced by the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People (NICCY) for children and young people.

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The rights of the Child.

Article 1
Everyone under 18 has these rights.

Article 2
You shouldn’t be treated badly because you seem different.

Article 3
Adults should always do what’s best for you.

Article 4
The government has promised to make all of these rights a reality.

Article 5
You should be able to get help from your parents or family to make decisions.

Article 6
You should have a say in decisions that affect you.

Article 7
You should be able to say what you think in lots of different ways, unless it breaks the rights of others.

Article 8
With help from parents or your family, you are free to have your own views.

Article 9
You should be able to meet friends and others, unless there is a good reason why not.

Article 10
You have the right to keep some things private.

Article 11
You should not be taken away from the country you are supposed to stay in.

Article 12
If you and your parents live in different countries you have the right to visit both of them.

Article 13
Your identity should be respected by those making laws to make sure you are safe and happy.

Article 14
You should not be made to do dangerous work.

Article 15
The people who look after you should not hurt you in any way.

Article 16
You should not be forced to take part in social activities if this could harm your development.

Article 17
You should not be punished in the same way as adults.

Article 18
You should not have to join the army or fight in wars.

Article 19
You should not have to be kidnapped and you should not be sold to other people.

Article 20
If you live in a country which has better laws and rights for children, you are entitled to these as well.

Article 21
You should be able to learn your own language or following your family’s way of life.

Article 22
You should not be forced to take part in social activities if this could harm your development.

Article 23
You should not be forced to do dangerous work.

Article 24
Everyone should know about these 42 rights.

Article 25
You should not be treated badly because you seem different.

Article 26
Adults should always do what’s best for you.

Article 27
The government has promised to make all of these rights a reality.

Article 28
Nobody should stop you speaking your own language or following your family’s way of life.

Article 29
If you are being looked after by people other than your parents, this must be checked to make sure you are safe and happy.

Article 30
If your country is in danger, you should be able to move somewhere safe.

Article 31
If you've been hurt or neglected, you should be helped to get better.

Article 32
If you live in a country which has better laws and rights for children, you are entitled to these as well.

Article 33
If you do something wrong, you should be treated fairly.

Article 34
You should have a proper place to live, food and clothing.

Article 35
You should be protected from dangerous drugs.

Article 36
You should not be made to do dangerous work.

Article 37
You should not be punished in the same way as adults.

Article 38
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You should have a say in decisions that affect you.

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