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CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF CHILD

The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is an international treaty which was agreed 30 years ago in 1989. Almost all countries in the world have signed up to it.

The treaty lists important rights every child and young person under the age of 18 should have, such as:

- The right to food, water, and healthcare
- The right to be protected from harm
- The right to education
- The right to play
- The right to have your voice heard in decisions that affect you

HOW DOES IT WORK?

A special United Nations Committee called the Committee on the Rights of the Child oversees the Convention. The Committee reviews countries every 5 years and tells them how they can improve children's rights.

The Committee can also hear complaints from individual children who think their rights have been breached. However, they can only hear complaints from children if their government has signed up to this process by agreeing (ratifying) an extra part to the treaty called 'Optional Protocol 3'.

The UK Government hasn't ratified Optional Protocol 3 yet, so children in the UK can't complain to the Committee if their rights are breached. We think this needs to change. For your rights to be real and effective, you need to have a way to complain if they are breached.

JOIN THE CAMPAIGN TO MAKE RIGHTS REAL

The Convention on the Rights of the Child is 30 years old, and it is time that the UK Government gave children the right to complain about breaches of those rights.

Join the campaign by making your own card celebrating the 30th birthday of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and including a message calling on the UK government to ratify Optional Protocol 3. Send your cards to Children's Human Rights Network, Amnesty International UK, The Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA and we will deliver them to the UK Government.