

## Get Involved Factsheet

In 2016 the United Nations Committee on the Children's Rights Convention (CRC Committee) is expected to ask the UK government to report on how it has been respecting and protecting children's rights. This is known as the 'examination process', for more information see our factsheet on the CRC Committee [\[insert title/link\]](#). The government will write a report telling the Committee how it has been doing. Other key players such as NGO's (non-governmental organisations like charities) and the Children's Commissioners in the UK will also write reports to tell the Committee how they think the Government has been doing at respecting and protecting children's rights. For more information see our factsheet on Key Players [\[insert title/link\]](#).

## How you can get involved

It's really important young people's views are reflected in the examination process! Here are five ways to get involved:

**Tell your friends!** It sounds simple but it's really important to help raise awareness of children's rights. Use our online hub to find out more about the CRC, and then spread the word! Once you and your friends know about the rights in the CRC, and what the government should be doing to protect these rights, you can chat about this and decide what you think the key issues are for young people and what the government should be doing to protect your rights.

**INSERT GRAPHICS WITH SPEECH BUBBLES** (When are young people's rights respected? Where are young people's rights at risk? What are the key issues affecting young people's lives?)

**Get involved with an NGO:** Non-governmental organisations like charities or community groups work hard to protect children's rights. They have an important job in telling the Committee how the Government is doing on children's rights. It could be an organisation that works specifically with young people (for example your local youth centre) or it could be an organisation that works on a particular issue (for example a service for disabled people). NGO's can share the views of young people through reports that are sent to the Committee. For more information see our factsheet on the Committee [\[insert title/link\]](#)

**Get involved with a youth council:** Youth councils are one of the main ways young people can get their voice heard by politicians and other important

decision makers, including the CRC Committee. There are lots of activities you can get involved in, from becoming a youth councillor, volunteering as a young inspector checking up on local services in your area, or standing as a member of the UK youth parliament. For more information check out the British Youth Council website [insert title/link](#)

**Get online:** Social media is a great way to learn more about the CRC and share your thoughts about how the government is doing at respecting and protecting children's rights in the UK. Lots of organisations who will be sharing their views with the CRC Committee use social media like Twitter and Facebook to find out what young people are thinking, so make sure your voice is heard!

**Get your school or college involved:** What is your school doing to let young people know about their rights? Talk to your teachers and find out if there are ways you can get involved in promoting information about children's rights and the CRC at your school. This might be designing a noticeboard, helping with a lesson on the CRC, or setting up a lunchtime club on children's rights. There are loads of ways to help spread the word about children's rights in your school. You can also talk to your teachers about becoming a 'Rights Respecting School' through the charity Unicef. For more information check out their website [insert title/link](#).