

Inequality

All Children

Your rights are just as important as another child's rights. This is an important part of the Convention because some children are harder to reach and protect than others. You must not be treated badly or excluded because of who you are.

Article: All children have the right to

- 1 Protection of them if they are under the age of 18
- 2 Protection from discrimination
- 3 Their best interests being protected
- 26 Help if you are poor or in need

Fact

- Children living in direct provision accommodation are being denied "normal family life". According to Education Minister Jan O'Sullivan.
- According to the CSO 55% of Irish Travellers had completed their education before the age of 15. This compares with only 11% for the general population.

Think about:

Are some children treated differently than others?

Discuss:

1. Do you think Ireland is doing a good job treating all children and young people the same?
2. Do some children get treated unfairly or suffer from discrimination because of who they are, where they are from or what they have?
3. Who in Ireland is most vulnerable to discrimination and needs extra support? Photo: take a photo of equality/inequality

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Discrimination

You should not be treated badly or excluded because of who you are.

Article: All children have the right to 2 Protection from any and all forms of discrimination

Fact

- Children from “visible minority” groups are bullied more than their peers, facing racist slurs as well as physical violence. The Immigrant Council of Ireland (ICI)
- 2 toddler traveller children applying for passports were assigned criminal intelligence numbers recently.

Think about:

Have you ever been treated badly because of who you are?

Discuss:

1. Do you think Ireland is doing a good job protecting children from discrimination or prejudice?
2. Have you ever been discriminated against? Describe what happened.
3. Who in Ireland is most vulnerable to discrimination and needs extra support from the state?

Photo: take a photo that describes how you or other children and/or young people are impacted on by discrimination.

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Standard of Care

Nobody should be left behind and as children your needs must always be considered. You have a right to have special care if you need it. You should not live in poverty and a basic standard of care should be provided.

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- 20 Care by the state if you can't be looked after by your parents
- 25 Your care by others must be reviewed
- 26 Help if you are in need
- 27 A decent standard of living and care to meet your physical and mental needs

Fact in Ireland

- There are over 800 young people homeless.
- Over 6,000 are growing up in State care.
- There are 130,000 more children living in poverty since the recession that started in 2008.

Think about:

How many children are effected by the recession?

Discuss:

1. Does poverty affect children and young people?
2. Are children in care well looked after?

Photo: take a photo that describes how you or other children and/or young people are treated by the state in Ireland.

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