



Children's Voices Being Heard



Young researchers from Awel Y Mor Primary School, Neath Port Talbot and Ysgol Pant Y Rhedyn, Llanfairfechan met with Members of the National Assembly for Wales' Children, Young People and Education Committee as part of the Committee's short inquiry into the impact of the Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011.



How have rights helped you...?

Home

I have the right...
To be fed properly
To Speak
To play and have fun
To go outside
To do my homework
For my parents to look after me
To relax

'Helping the future survive'

Community

I have the right...
To be safe
To play outside
To have friends
Speak out and stay safe
Our voices are heard and taken to mind
I get a say
Regular meetings
The teachers have helped me notice how important rights are to everyday life

'They have helped me notice the right things I should do in life or be protected from'

School

I have the right...
To have friends
To speak to pupil voice
To be healthy
To have fun
To be listened to by teachers
To learn
To run around
Do homework
Go outside for fresh air

'Rights have helped me a lot.'

what can help you make sure you are able to receive your rights?

Home

If you are worried tell
Someone you trust
Parents can listen to you
By helping
Talking to people that
don't know your rights
To make people aware
Parents are getting
involved and teachers

School

Follow the school rules
By teachers and friends
Supporting you through
Friends to help you get
through life easier Putting
posters up about children's
rights
Make sure adults know about
them
Teachers can help with
anything in school or at home
Teachers and computers

Community

Police help keep you safe
The town or area we can
put posters or spread the
word and community can
teach rights
Help the environment
To make people aware with
posters and voices
Teach children's rights to
businesses

How have rights helped you
achieve the changes you have
made/trying to make in your
Lleisiau Bach projects?

- People are now listening to us
- It's a change to be listened to
- People listen to us and let us make an impact
- Parents and teachers are getting involved
- Teachers and parents are now getting involved
- Older people or general people will get involved and parents and teachers are a big help as well
- I have the right to be listened to Article 12
- I have the right to learn information Article 13

Why is it important
to be involved in a project like
this?

- Because young people adapt to changes better and listen and stand out
- You learn new things
- They can have fun and they will learn more and work together
- Share your ideas
- Have fun
- Time with your friends
- They listen to what you say
- They all have a go and work together
- To help the project get noticed
- To make an impact
- So we can help the environment

The Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011 brought the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into Welsh law, requiring Welsh Ministers to pay 'due regard' to children's rights when making decisions.

The National Lottery Community Funded Lleisiau Bach Little Voices team at Swansea and Bangor Universities uses the Convention to underpin their work with empowering 'Children as Researchers'

In successive projects over 10 years the Lleisiau Bach Little Voices team have been supporting children as researchers in communities throughout Wales.

We have developed a unique way of enabling children to explore and choose their own issues and engage, on a basis of mutuality as citizens, with adult decision-makers to bring about change.