

**Every conversation starts with the child.** We commit that all partners across the city support children and young people to understand their rights, to have a voice and to realise their rights.

This Pledge was developed for use by the CYSCP and for its partners to use within meetings to ensure that all of us are committed to understanding the lived experience of children and young people.

This Pledge is based on the four general principle articles of the United Nations Convention on Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

These are as follows:

- Non-discrimination (article 2)
- Best interest of the child (article 3)
- Right to life survival and development (article 6)
- Right to be heard (article 12)



The questions below will help aid discussions in relation to the children and young person's voice and lived experience. When chairing a meeting, the following questions should be considered:

- Where is the child or young person's voice and lived experience in this conversation?
- What have children and young people told us about this?
- How can we involve children and young people in developing the solution?

If you are developing a project, the following questions should be considered throughout:

**At the start of project:**

- Have children and young people told you that these changes are needed?
- How can we involve children and young people in this?

**In the middle of project:**

- Are we inviting children and young people to the working group meetings?
- Have we kept the children and young people in the loop?
- Are we co-producing, or just consulting?

**At the end of project:**

- Have we provided feedback to children and young people?
- Are they happy with or understand the outcome?
- Are their views represented in the final outcome?

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