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Ref Anniversary celebrations information

To Whom It May Concern

November 20th this year is an important date. It is the 20th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). This is a significant landmark and I wanted to tell you about some of the things that NICCY will be doing to celebrate this occasion.

My job, as Commissioner for Children and Young People, is to safeguard and protect the rights and best interests of children and young people. We at NICCY adopt a rights based approach in carrying out this important work and as such our work is underpinned by the 42 rights as outlined in the convention. I therefore believe we should take every opportunity to raise awareness about the UNCRC.

From ongoing discussions and meetings it has become clear that while there is quite a lot being planned for the anniversary there does not appear to be a central point of reference or contact. People who I have spoken to have said it would be helpful if NICCY undertook a co-ordinating role to address this. By doing this it will not only encourage the sharing of information but importantly it will also help to avoid duplication of resources and effort.

So with this in mind NICCY plans to do the following:

Calendar of Events

- Play a coordinating role to bring together events and activities planned for the celebrations under one central point of contact. We will do this by creating a UNCRC events calendar on www.niccy.org.

Promotion

- NICCY will undertake communication and awareness activity to promote the anniversary and the associated events.

For the calendar to be a success I need you to tell us about the events and activities you are planning to celebrate the 20th anniversary. I would therefore urge you to contact us so that together we can make the most of this opportunity to let the wider community know about the 20th Anniversary. You can do this by contacting a member of the communications team at communications@niccy.org or on 028 9031 1616.



We will be setting up the Events Calendar on our web site very shortly. To increase awareness of both your event and the anniversary, we will highlight details of your event on this calendar. To view this and for more information please visit www.niccy.org/uncrc20.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Lewsley".

Patricia Lewsley
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