



Child Friendly Nottingham Updates

Thank You To All Our Champions and Partners

The Child Friendly Nottingham Programme is currently in the Recognition Phase, and we are closer in our journey to be recognised as a Child Friendly City.

We would like to start this newsletter by thanking all our Champions and partners across the city for your continuous support and ongoing work to continue to make Nottingham a Child Friendly City.

In this month's bulletin you will find information on the Recognition Assessment Meeting with UNICEF UK, the Child Right of the Month, recognising World Health Day, and upcoming training and events.

Recognition Assessment Meeting with UNICEF UK

On Monday 30th March 2026, the Child Friendly Nottingham Programme had our Recognition Assessment Meeting with UNICEF UK at Central Library.

Over the past couple of months, we have been gathering and submitting evidence for this meeting; a collation of everyone's hard work.

While we await UNICEF UK's report and the official OFSTED visit for formal recognition, we would like to thank every partner and colleague over the number of years who have collaborated to bring the Programme to this moment.

We also would like to say that regardless of the final verdict, the work that has been and is still being done has positively affected the city for our children and young people, creating real lasting change beyond any formal recognition.



Child Right of the Month

This Month – April 2026:

This month, we are highlighting **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) Article 24** to raise awareness of the **World Health Day (07/04/2026)**. World Health Day reminds us how health is a basic human right for everyone. Article 24 will also be highlighted alongside **Article 6** for **Earth Day (22/04/2026)**.

UNICEF Rights Respecting Resources: [Article 24 and Health](#)



The 'Child Rights of the Month' 2025-2026 Calendar is available in the ChalleNGe [Cultural-Rucksack Wall Planner](#).

Child Rights Activity:

Are you doing any activities around the Rights of the Month? We would love to hear more! Please share your ideas with us and tag **@ChildFriendlyNottingham** on Instagram.

Connecting UNCRC to World Health Day (Tuesday 7th April 2026) and Earth Day (Wednesday 22nd April 2026)



Article 1 – Definition of a Child

Every human being under 18 is recognised as a child and entitled to all rights in the Convention. This ensures that children, regardless of background, are protected from harm and discrimination.



Article 4 – Implementation of Rights

Governments must take all appropriate measures to make these rights a reality. This includes creating laws, policies, and resources to safeguard children's lives and dignity.



Article 41 – Respect for Higher Standards

If national laws or international agreements offer stronger protections than the UNCRC, those higher standards must apply. This principle ensures children always benefit from the best possible safeguards.



UNCRC Rights Relating to World Health Day and Earth Day:

Article 24: Health and Health Services

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this. **Highlighting Article 24 reminds us that every child deserves equal access to health and all health services.**

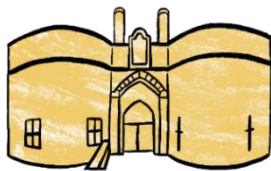


Article 6: Life, Survival and Development

Governments must do all they can to ensure children are able to grow and develop to their full potential. This ensures that children, can live fulfilling lives and better themselves and society. **This article reinforces that children are the future generation and highlights the importance of nurturing their talents.**



Next Month – May 2026:



Next Month, we will continue to highlight **UNCRC Article 24** to support **Mental Health Awareness Week** (15/05/2026) and **Articles 5 and 18** to highlight **Families and Parental Responsibility**.

Upcoming Training

FREE Child Rights Training to support partners across Nottingham city to be working to a Child's Rights Based Approach:

An Introduction to Children's Rights in Practice Training
New dates will be advertised when they become available.



Children's Rights in Practice: Train the Trainer

A Training course for those interested in becoming part of a community of trainers in Nottingham to deliver future Children Right's in Practise training.

Wednesday 13th May 2026, 10am-12pm and 2pm- 4pm (Online, MS Teams)

Contact child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk to book.



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Events

Event	Date	More Information
World Health Day	7 th April	World Health Day – Article 24 Rights Respecting Schools
Nottingham RockCorps Deadline	8 th April	Volunteer to receive free tickets to RockCorps Gig 24th March – 8th April
World Art Day	15 April	World Art Day UNESCO
Earth Day	22 nd April	Earth Day
Mental Health Awareness Week	11 th - 17 th May	Mental Health Awareness Week Resources with a focus on Kindness
Train the Trainer- Children Rights In Practise Training	13 th May	To book please contact: Child.Friendly@nottingham.gov.uk

Find more information about these events below:

Nottingham RockCorps



We are excited to be working with Nottingham RockCorps to help connect young people across Nottingham with an opportunity that builds confidence, skills and community.

From **21st March to 8th April 2026**, youth volunteers can give just 4 hours to local community projects and earn a ticket to an exclusive Tinie Tempah show at Rock City.

This is a great opportunity for young people to gain hands on experience as well as build confidence and transferable skills.

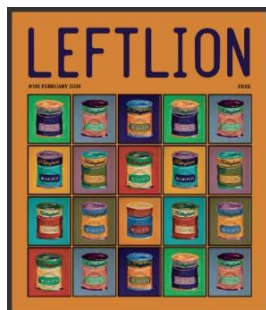
We encourage you to share this opportunity across your networks.

To sign up or find out more information:  www.nottinghamrockcorps.com



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Child Friendly Nottingham featured in Leftlion Magazine



In February 2026, the **Child Friendly Nottingham** programme was highlighted in Leftlion's 192nd issue of their magazine. Ekua Ghansah, the programme's lead co-ordinator answered questions about the programme; what has been happening and the current progress.

You can read the [Article online on Leftlion's Website \(Page 15\)](#).

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The Voice Box Project

Child Friendly Nottingham and ChalleNGe have been running The Voice Box Project across the city to hear children's and young people's voices in local schools and community settings. Check out what's been happening with this project: [The Voice Box Project Video](#)

If you are based in Nottingham city and you would like to know more about The Voice Box Project or how your school or community setting can get your own Voice Box or be involved, please get in touch by emailing: hello@challengenottingham.co.uk



Travel Well



Nottingham was selected as part of a national trial to help promote more active lifestyles. There are lots of events and opportunities to get involved in.

For more information, click below:
[Nottingham Travel Well](#)

CFN Monthly Bulletins

We hope that you find our bulletins useful and interesting.

We regularly share news and information around Child Friendly Nottingham activity and related initiatives.

Please email us at child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk by the **last day of each month** with anything you would like to include in the following month's issue.

