



## CHILD FRIENDLY NOTTINGHAM PARTNER UPDATES

In this bulletin we will be regularly sharing news and information around Child Friendly Nottingham activity and related initiatives. We invite you to share your updates of Child Friendly Nottingham too. Please email us at [child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk) by the last day of each month with anything that you want to include in the following month's issue. We will circulate the CFN Partner Updates at least monthly and more frequently if we feel that we have received enough information and updates.

We hope that you find it useful and interesting.

## SEASON'S GREETING

The CFN team sends everyone the Season's Greetings and wish you a Happy New Year.



## CHILD RIGHT OF THE MONTH:

As part of our Child Friendly Nottingham Action Plan, we're dedicated to promoting a different child's right each month. We hope you find this resource helpful!

Please tell us if you are doing any activities around the Rights of the Month, we'd love to hear about any activities you're doing around this month's rights! Please share your ideas with us through our [CFN Resources](#)

### This Month:

In highlighting **International Day of People with Disabilities**, this month focussed on **Article 23 and Article 2** from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). **International Day of People with Disabilities** which occurs annually on the **3<sup>rd</sup> December**. Article 2: Non-discrimination states "The convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background." While Article 23 declares "A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community."



Please find a resource UNICEF UK have put together to help spark conversations and provide activities for children and young people around these important articles. You can find it here: [International Day of People with Disabilities – Article 2 and Article 23](#)

### Next Month:



In January, we will be **highlighting Article 29: Goals of Education** from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), to celebrate **International Day of Education** on the **24<sup>th</sup> January**. This article says education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Please find a resource UNICEF UK have put together to help spark conversations and provide activities for children and young people around these important articles. You can find it here: [International Day of Education– Article 29](#)

For more information on children's rights, feel free to visit our website.





## TRAINING UPDATES

### Training dates in 2025

#### Upcoming Training: An Introduction to Children's Rights in Practice

To support Nottingham's ambition to become a globally recognised Child Friendly City, we are supporting all partners across the city to be working to a Child's Rights Based Approach by offering **FREE** training delivered by the UNICEF UK Child Friendly Cities Team.

Join child rights experts from UNICEF UK for a practical and interactive introduction to children's rights as set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Please see the upcoming training dates below and email [child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk) to book a training space.

#### ❄️ January 2025

- ❄️ **2 Part Online Introduction Training Session** (this training will be covered in two 2hour sessions – Part A and Part B).
  - Part A = Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – MS Teams Online, 12:30pm -2:30pm
  - Part B = Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – MS Teams Online, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

#### ❄️ February 2025

- ❄️ **2 Part Online Introduction Training Session** (this training will be covered in two 2hour sessions – Part A and Part B).
  - Part A = Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – MS Teams Online, 10:00am - 12:00pm
  - Part B = Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – MS Teams Online, 10:00am - 12:00pm

#### ❄️ March 2025

- ❄️ **2 Part Online Introduction Training Session** (this training will be covered in two 2hour sessions – Part A and Part B).
  - Part A = Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 – MS Teams Online, 10:00am - 12:00pm
  - Part B = Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – MS Teams Online, 10:00am - 12:00pm

**Further 2025 dates for the Children's Rights in Practice Training can be organised if required.**

**Bespoke Child Rights Training can be organised for teams of 10 colleagues or more. To discuss it with us please email [child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)**



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### **CFC Shorts 2025**

As part of the Child Friendly City partnership and Nottingham's Child Friendly City programme, the UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK) Child Friendly Cities and Communities (CFC) Team offer monthly webinar series.

**Double click the icon below for full details:**



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The CFC Shorts are delivered **live online via MS Teams**, with a facilitator from the UNICEF UK CFC team, and will include PowerPoint slides and the opportunity for attendees to ask questions and share reflections. These take place on the **third Wednesday of every month** from **2pm-3pm**. Each one-hour session will offer professionals across the CFC network the opportunity to take a deep dive into discrete areas of child's rights-based practice and the CFC programme.

**We will inform you of further CFC Shorts dates in 2025 as they are announced by the UNICEF UK CFC Team**



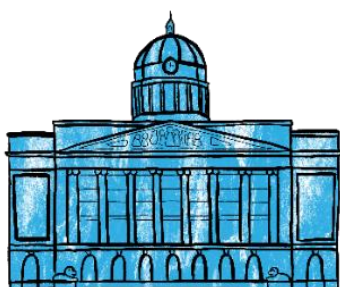
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## WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING?

### UNICEF UK Progress Review 2

On the 6<sup>th</sup> November CFN had the second UNICEF UK Progress Review which was hosted by the City as Lab. During the meeting the UNICEF UK reps said that they were impressed with overall quality of practice taking place across Nottingham, with clear and positive examples of good practise being developed and delivered.

Further details of the written review will be published in the new year around the time of the next Oversight Group Meeting.



### THE CHILD FRIENDLY NOTTINGHAM PERCEPTION SURVEY IS NOW LIVE.

Please encourage all Nottingham children and young people under 18 years old to complete the survey

The first Nottingham children and young people's perception survey opened on World Children's Day, the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

It has been designed to be accessible to the widest possible audience. It is split into **three age groups**: Primary (7-11), Secondary (11-16), and Further Education & Training (16+). The different versions use language and questions appropriate to each cohort.

[Children and Young People's Survey - Nottingham - A Child Friendly City](#)

Meanwhile for 0-7 years, we are working on fun, creative activities designed for use by teachers, early years practitioners and carers, to help capture the views and experiences of the young children they work with.

**Article 12** of the UNCRC says that every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered seriously.



The CFN Perception Survey has been designed to complement other surveys taking place in Nottingham and build upon the base that we currently have. More information will be published soon on the Child Friendly Nottingham website (link and QR code at the bottom of the page).



You can complete the survey digitally here: [Children and Young People Survey](#)

Or by scanning this QR code:



### World Children’s Day 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – What we did to celebrate!

A fun day took place on World Children’s Day (20 November). Children from schools across Nottingham came together to mark the day and to launch Child Friendly Nottingham’s children and young people’s survey.

This is another step in Nottingham’s ambition to be an accredited UNICEF Child Friendly City.



The event at the Council House was about fun and interactive activity and was themed around **Your Voice Matters – Get It Heard**. Children took part in website design, voting exercises, designing their own Nottingham children’s magazine, with Leftlion magazine, Nottingham Forest Community Trust and Notts County Cricket Club working with sports clubs and key Nottingham partners.



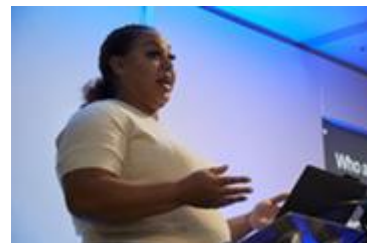
The event highlighted the importance of children and young people getting opportunities to be heard and have their views and experiences taken seriously. The City Council Electoral Service team organised elections and voting with the children using red and green hand cards and real ballot boxes.

We are producing a resource pack from the activities which you can use to develop your own activities and encourage youth voice, please keep your eye out for in the new year.



### **Achieve Well Conference.**

On 28th November, 130 plus passionate professionals came together at the Hilton Gateway Hotel for the first Nottingham Healthy Child Conference. The event brought together experts, local organisations and teachers to exchange ideas, share good practice and drive forward health and wellbeing in Nottingham schools.



Delegates were inspired by keynote speeches from a range of expert presenters including Nottingham's inspirational Olympic champion weightlifter, Emily Campbell. They had the opportunity to engage in creative taster sessions, attend interactive workshops, and engage with professionals in our marketplace.

The Child Friendly Nottingham theme of hearing the voices of children and young people resonated throughout the day. There were some practical, applied and well thought through items, presented by both children and practitioners in the main sessions and workshops. There were high levels of enthusiasm about ongoing engagement of children and co-production with children.

Participants left feeling energised and motivated, with practical strategies to implement in their schools. One teacher declared it was the best conference they'd attended in their 15 years of teaching!

We have started thinking about what next year's conference might look like, although as one participant commented "Good luck with next year! You've set such a high bar!" - We love a challenge - watch this space!!

For more details contact [Catherine.Kirk@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:Catherine.Kirk@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

### **EQUAL AND INCLUDED, GOLDEN THREAD:**



Equal and Included was selected as the Golden thread with our UUK action by the children and young people who took part in our Discovery work. This means that we need to see how children and young people from the diverse communities across the city take part in our children's rights work and our ambition to be a recognised UNICEF Child Friendly City.



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## NEXT STEPS

### The Nottingham Young Creative Awards 2025



The Nottingham Young Creative Awards 2025 is open for children and young people, between the ages of 11 and 24 years old to enter. **The deadline for entries is Tuesday 25th March 2025.** To enter you must live, work or study in Nottingham.

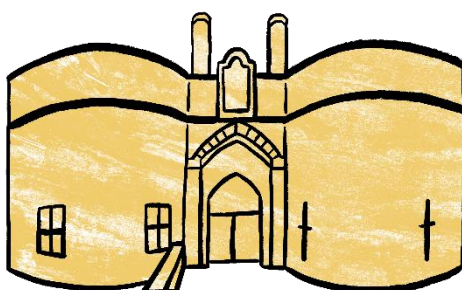
There are 10 creative categories and three age ranges - 11 – 15 years old, 16 – 18 years old and 19 – 24 years old.

People may enter as an individual, as a group, or as a class, study group or club. For more information on the categories and how to enter please go to [Young Creative Awards](#)

### Child Friendly Champions

We are encouraging people to become Child Friendly Champions and to promote children's rights. We are doing this as the key to our success will be a collective effort with our partners and colleagues, agencies, schools, colleges, businesses, community groups, and more, who work with children and young people. As well as those who make a difference in children's lives in many different ways.

If you are interested in becoming a champion, please email us on:  
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## **Nottingham City Council Budget Consultation is open until January 13<sup>th</sup>.**

Nottingham City Council's Budget Consultation is currently taking place until January 13<sup>th</sup>.

This is an opportunity for the public, including children and young people, to have a say on the proposals.

The council is holding a number of meetings which you are invited to attend.

[2025/26 Budget savings proposals - Nottingham City Council](#)



### **Budget Engagement events**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - open public engagement event in the Ballroom at the Council House from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.** No pre-booking is required but places are limited to 100, so please arrive early to secure a place. There will be a short slide presentation by members of the Council's Cabinet, followed by a question-and-answer session with the audience.

The Ballroom is accessible via stair and lifts. Sign language translation is not available at this meeting.

A **sign language supported meeting with the Disability Involvement Group** takes place at Loxley House on **January 9<sup>th</sup>** and deaf and hearing-impaired citizens are welcome to join this for the budget consultation part between 3pm and 4pm.

*For queries, please contact [engage@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:engage@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)*

**8<sup>th</sup> January, 12:30pm to 1:30pm: Voluntary & Community sector organisations meeting,** hybrid online on Microsoft Teams and in-person at Loxley House. Please register attendance in person on this [link](#) to register attendance for the in-person element: [2025/26 Council Budget consultation event - VCS Jan 8 2025 at 12:30 PM](#)

**8<sup>th</sup> January, 6pm – 7pm: Online public engagement event on Microsoft Teams – no pre-registration required.**

*If you have any questions, please contact [engage@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:engage@nottinghamcity.gov.uk).*



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## UPCOMING DATES / EVENTS:

### Events Diary

Event / Description	Date	Time / Location
Open public engagement Event	<b>19 December 2024</b>	17:30 to 18:30, Council House Ballroom
Back To School	06 January 2025	First thing in the morning!
Voluntary & Community sector organisations meeting,	08 January	12:30 - 13:30, Hybrid See above for details
Online public engagement event - No pre-registration required.	08 January	18:00 – 19:00 (Online)
Introduction to Child’s Right’s in Practise Training (2 Part Session - Online)	8 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> January	12:30 - 14:30 (Online)
Sign language supported meeting with the Disability Involvement Group	09 January	15:00 – 16:00, Loxley House
CFN Oversight Group meeting	20 January	11:00 - 12:30 (Online)
ChalleNge Primaries Culture Meet	21 January	
ChalleNge Secondaries Culture Meet	23 January	
<b>International Day of Education</b>	24 January	
<b>National Storytelling week</b>	Starts 29 <sup>th</sup> January	
<b>Children’s Mental Health Week</b>	Starts 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	
Time to Talk Day	06 February	
Introduction to Child’s Right’s in Practise Training (2 Part Session - Online)	4 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	10:00 - 12:00
International Day for Women and Girls in Science Day	11 February	





Safer Internet Day	11 February	
Festival Of Science and Curiosity	10 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Various times and venues.
CFN Oversight Group meeting	24 February	14:00 -15:30 (Online)
<b>Closing of Child Friendly Nottingham Perception survey</b>	28 February	
Introduction to Child’s Right’s in Practise Training (2 Part Session - Online)	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00 - 12:00
World Book Day	06 March	
Spring Primary Parliament (schools only) Council House	18 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> March	tbc
World Poetry Day	21 March	
The Nottingham Young Creative Awards entries close	24 March	11.59 pm
CFN Oversight Group meeting	28 April	14:00 - 15:30 (Online)
Summer Primary Parliament (schools only) Council House	17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> June	tbc
World Kindness Day	13 November 2025	
<b>World Children Day</b>	20 November 2025	

