



## Child Friendly Nottingham Updates

### THANK YOU FOR OUR PARTNERS – RECOGNITION PHASE

We would like to start this newsletter in thanking all of our partners for your ongoing support.

The Child Friendly Nottingham Programme is currently in the Recognition Phase on UNICEF's journey – we are on the home run!

The CFN Team and partners are currently gathering evidence for submission to UNICEF and we will be assessed at the end of March, followed by an assessment panel with Child Rights Experts in April.



### 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. Please find a link below to access a resource to support your engagement with children and young people. We hope you find this Rights Respecting School resource helpful!



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

Are you doing any activities around the Rights of the Month? We'd love to hear more! Please share your ideas with us and tag [@childfriendly.nottingham](#) on Instagram.



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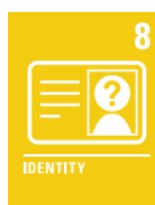
## This Month – March 2026:

This month, we are highlighting **UNCRC Article 17, 29 and 31** to raise awareness of **World Book Day (05/03/2026)**. We are also highlighting **UNCRC Article 2** for **International Women’s Day (08/03/2026)**

**UNICEF Resources:** [World Book Day](#) and [International Women’s Day](#)

### Connecting UNCRC to World Book Day (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March) and International Women’s Day (Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March)

World Book Day and International Women’s Day reminds us of the possibilities and standards when access to information is granted indiscriminately to every person. The **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)** reinforces the importance of ensuring our children’s development:



#### **Article 8 – Protection and preservation of Identity**

Children must be allowed to identify how they wish and this to be respected. This includes gender and sex, ensuring laws, policies, and resources safeguard a child’s identity.

## UNCRC Rights Relating to World Book Day and International Women’s Day:

### **Article 2: Non discrimination**



Every child has the right to be treated equally, regardless of ethnicity, religion, gender, or any other status. International Women’s Day represents a day of recognition for women and their achievements. **Highlighting Article 2 reminds us of the need to combat prejudice and ensure equality for all children today.**

### **Article 17: Access to information**

Every Child has the right to gather information from multiple sources and for Governments to ensure the is understandable for them as well as protect them from harmful information. World Book Day highlights fiction books which can be used to help education and learning. **This article reinforces how the sources of information for children is varied and are accessible to our children.**



### **Article 29: Aims of education**



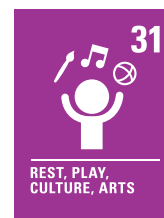
Children must have education that allows them to develop themselves to their full potential including encouraging respect for human rights, their parents and cultures. Book can help children explore and learn from stories to develop their abilities and expand their knowledge.

**Article 29 emphasizes how children are their own person and should develop themselves including their own personalities and independent thinking and their education creates positive effects for growth.**

### **Article 31: Rest, Play, Culture, Arts**

Children must be allowed to relax, play and take part in wide range of cultural activities. World Book day showcases how books can be a way to help children relax in a healthy and safe way.

**This article is a strong reminder that children need time to rest and not be overworked to ensure children's health they must be allowed time away from work to recover and rest.**



## **Book support for children and young people in Nottingham**

✦ **Nottingham City Libraries** – Books and activities – see what your local library has on offer: [Home | Nottingham City Libraries](#)

✦ **Nottingham Imagination Library** – Free monthly books for ages 0–5: [www.nottinghamimaginationlibrary.com/](http://www.nottinghamimaginationlibrary.com/)

✦ **Experian & National Literacy Trust Book Donations** – 1,250 books recently donated to Nottingham schools: [Experian donates 1,250 books to schools across Nottingham as part of initiative to strengthen literacy and financial confidence](#)

✦ **Read On Nottingham (National Literacy Trust)** – Book swap spots, family and school literacy support: [Current Projects - Nottingham City of Literature](#)

✦ **Dolly Parton Imagination Library** – Free books every month for under-5s: [www.nottinghamimaginationlibrary.com/](http://www.nottinghamimaginationlibrary.com/)

✦ **Bags of Blessings** – Gift bags with books for disadvantaged children: [www.bagsofblessingsnottingham.org/](http://www.bagsofblessingsnottingham.org/)

## **Next Month – April 2026:**

Next Month, we will be highlighting **UNCRC Article 24** to support **World Health Day** (07/04/2026) and **Articles 6 and 24** to highlight **Earth Day** (22/04/2026).



## Upcoming Training

### New Training Dates for 2026!!!!

#### 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 partners across Nottingham 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 for a practical and interactive introduction to child's rights as set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.



#### **March 2026**

 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – MS Teams Online, 10:00am - 2:00pm

#### Upcoming Training: **Children's Rights in Practice: Policy and Strategy (Child Rights Impact Assessment Training)**

This flagship training course is designed to help ensure decisions are guided by children's rights and ultimately lead to better outcomes for children and young people.

#### **March 2026**

 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – MS Teams Online, 10:00am - 11:30am

Further dates for the Children's Rights in Practice Training will be featured as they become available.

Please contact the CFN Team at [child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk) to book a place or to be added onto our waiting list.



## What's Been Happening?

### Nottingham's Children and Young People's Survey 2025/2026 is now closed:

The Children and Young People's Perception Survey is now closed



Over several months, the **Child Friendly Nottingham Children and Young People's Survey** has been gathering insight and opinions from across Nottingham. This is the second year we have successfully completed running this survey. The data is being collated into a report by City as Lab (UoN) to share across the city with our partners and connected and organisation. The final report will be available on our website at the end of this month.

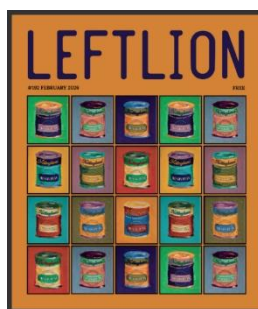
The survey is a key part of Nottingham's journey to becoming a **recognised UNICEF Child Friendly City**, ensuring that young voices are at the heart of decision-making.

**By participating, children and young people influence policies and projects that affect their lives.**

### Child Friendly City featured in LeftLion

Child Friendly City featured in LeftLion Magazine Issue #192

# LEFTLION



In February 2026, the **Child Friendly Nottingham** programme was highlighted in LeftLion's 192<sup>nd</sup> issue of their magazine. Ekuia Ghansah, the programme's lead co-ordinator answers questions about the programme; what has been happening and the current progress. **You can read the Article online on the [Leftlion website](#) (Page 15)**





## Events

Event / Description	Date	Additional Details
<b>World Book Day</b>	<b>05 March</b>	<a href="#">World Book Day</a>
British Science Week Start	07 -16 March	<a href="#">British Science Week</a>
<b>International Women's Day</b>	<b>08 March</b>	<a href="#">International Women's Day</a>
<b>Child Rights In Practice Training</b>	11 March	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 – MS Teams Online, 10:00am - 2:00pm
<b>Child Rights Impact Assessment Training (Policy and Strategy)</b>	12 March	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 – MS Teams Online, 10:00am – 11:30am
<b>World Sleep Day</b>	13 March	<a href="#">World Sleep Day</a>
<b>Young Creative Awards Deadline</b>	16 March	<a href="#">Online   12:00am (Midnight)</a>
<b>Youth Power Awards</b>	16 March	<a href="#">Youth Power Awards   Online</a>
<b>Primary Parliament</b>	17-19 March	Nottingham Council House (17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> ), Online for SEND school 19 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>International Day of Happiness</b>	20 March	<a href="#">International Day of Happiness   United Nations</a>
<b>World Poetry Day</b>	21 March	<a href="#">World Poetry Day   UNESCO</a>
<b>Free CPD: Macbeth for teachers</b>	23 March	<a href="#">Lakeside Arts   3:30pm - 5:30pm</a>
<b>CFN Recognition Assessment with UNICEF UK</b>	30 March	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
<b>RockCorps Concert</b>	08 April	<a href="#">Various community events. Concert: Rock City   8th March</a>



## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Young Creative Awards 2026

The Nottingham Young Creative awards Deadline is coming up!



For young people between 11 to 24 years old, entries for the Nottingham Young Creative Awards 2026 are still open but the deadline is close (Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026).

To enter you must live, work or study in Nottingham and you can enter as an individual, as a group, or as a class, study group or club. There are 10 creative categories and three age ranges.

**For more information and how to enter please go to:**

[Young Creative Awards Website](#)

 **Deadline: 16<sup>th</sup> March – 12:00am (Midnight)**

### Youth Power Awards 2026

**Youth Power Awards Entries Closing Soon!**

The Youth Power Awards celebrate inspirational young people aged 7 to 18 across Nottingham City & Nottinghamshire. Part of Stephen Lawrence Day recognition, these awards honour young people across several categories.

 **Prizes include a red carpet awards ceremony, iPads, and gift cards!**

 **Nominate here: [Nomination Form](#)**

 **For more information: [YPA Instagram](#)**

 **Deadline: Monday 16 March 2026**



CELEBRATING  
**Inspirational Young People**  
ACROSS NOTTINGHAMSHIRE  
f YouthPowerAwards @ youth\_power\_awards

Do you know a young person aged 7–18 years old who has done something inspirational, led by example, helped others, overcome adversity, has an amazing talent or has turned their life around?

**Nominate them for a Youth Power Award!**

PRIZES INCLUDE:  
iPads  
Gift Cards  
Awards Ceremony

Make your nomination by scanning the QR code or by visiting the following link:  
[forms.office.com/e/1G3eEpmd](https://forms.office.com/e/1G3eEpmd)  
DEADLINE: 16 MARCH

Headline Sponsor: k f t e  
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Endorsed by: STEPHEN LAWRENCE DAY



## Nottingham RockCorps



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

From **21 March to 8 April**, 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](http://www.nottinghamrockcorps.com)

## 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're 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](mailto:hello@challengenottingham.co.uk)



## CFN Monthly Bulletins

Within our e-bulletin's, we regularly share news and information around Child Friendly Nottingham activity and related initiatives.

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 hope that you find our bulletins useful and interesting.

