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## CHILD FRIENDLY NOTTINGHAM PARTNER UPDATES

### Welcome to Our Child Friendly Nottingham Bulletin!

We're excited to share regular news and updates about all the wonderful activities and initiatives happening in Child Friendly Nottingham! We'd love to hear from you too – if you have any updates or stories to share, please send them our way at [child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

We plan to circulate this bulletin at least once a month, and more often if we have lots of great news to share!

## CHILD RIGHT OF THE MONTH:

### This Month's Focus: Articles 2 & 30 of the UNCRC!

In celebration of **Black History Month**, we're excited to highlight **Article 2** and **Article 30** from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

UNICEF UK have put together a resource to help spark conversations and activities with children and young people around these important articles. You can find it here: [Black History Month – Articles 2 & 30](#)



How are you celebrating Black History Month this year? This supports the Golden Thread of being Equal and Included as a part of Nottingham's Child Friendly City Programme.

Each month the ChalleNGe [Cultural-Rucksack](#) wall chart highlights a "Child Right of the Month" This is a great opportunity for Nottingham schools as well as children and young people's providers to plan engaging activities that help everyone better understand children's rights!

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!

**Child Right of the Month: Join the Fun!** 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](#). For more information on children's rights, feel free to visit our website. We can't wait to see what you're up to!



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## TRAINING UPDATES:

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

To help us all embrace a Child's Rights-Based Approach, we're offering **FREE training** to all partners across the city. Join us for a practical and interactive session with child rights experts from UNICEF UK, where you'll learn about children's rights as outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Check out the upcoming training dates below, and feel free to email us at [child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk) to reserve your spot!

- **November 2024**
  - Wednesday 06/11/2024 – In Person Intro Training, 1:30pm-5:30pm (Loxley House)
  - Monday 25/11/2024 – In Person Intro Training, 1pm-5pm (Loxley House)
- **December 2024**
  - Tuesday 10/12/2024 – Online Intro Training, 9am-1pm (MS Teams)



### CFC Shorts 2024 – Join UNICEF UK for CFC Shorts: Monthly Webinar Series!

As part of our exciting Child Friendly City partnership, we're thrilled to invite you to monthly webinar series: **CFC Shorts**, hosted by the UNICEF UK Child Friendly Cities and Communities (CFC) Team! These live online sessions take place via MS Teams every third Wednesday of the month from 2pm to 3pm. Each hour-long webinar will feature engaging PowerPoint slides, along with plenty of opportunities for you to ask questions and share your thoughts. It's a fantastic chance for professionals in the CFC network to dive deep into various aspects of child rights-based practice and the CFC programme.

1. Children and Young People's Survey – Learn and Share Update, 16/10/2024, 2pm-3pm. Online – MS Teams [Click Here To Join](#)
2. Child Rights Approaches to Research and Participation Through the CFC Journey. 06/11/2024, 2pm-3pm. Online – MS Teams [Click Here To Join](#)

## WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING?

**Nottingham City Council: Executive Board, September meeting** reviewed the Child Friendly Nottingham progress updates from UNICEF UK's (U-UK) assessment after the first 6 monthly U-UK review and the CFN report. See the [Exec Board Minutes](#).

**Child Friendly Nottingham Champion Tranai Todd** became the youngest person to receive a Nottingham Award at a ceremony at the Nottingham Ice Arena. Since the beginning, Tranai has been involved in Nottingham's work to become a UNICEF UK Child Friendly City. He is a mentor and role model to many and represents everything that is good and positive about young people in the city. At just 20, Tranai is still at the start of his career, but he has already made an indelible



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mark. When he was 17 years old, he set up Support Through Sport, an organisation that delivers sports-based interventions to thousands of children and young people across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

**Creativity Collaboratives Nottingham** launched a new Teaching for Creativity Network at the Broadway Cinema recently, showcasing some short films that celebrate the last 3 years of the programme. As part of national programme, supported by the Arts Council and the Freelands Foundation, 12 schools have explored teaching approaches that nurture children's curiosity and creativity. It is significant work within our education and learning badge. Watch '[This Much We Know](#)'. Primary teachers from across the city are invited to Welbeck Primary on Tues 26<sup>th</sup> November, 1.15-3.15pm for the next Teaching for Creativity in Action Network meeting. [Book your place](#)

**Nottingham's Business Improvement District, It's in Nottingham** - all staff took part in UUK Child Rights training, completing two interactive online sessions with UNICEF. Engaging the team which works directly with our city centre businesses is a great step towards Nottingham's goal of creating a more child friendly and welcoming city centre. For information about It's in Nottingham [visit the It's in Nottingham website](#)

**ChalleNGe**, Nottingham's Cultural Education Partnership, is delighted to announce that Heidi Shewell-Cooper is starting her new role as Marketing and Partnerships Coordinator this week. Contact [Heidi.shewell-cooper@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:Heidi.shewell-cooper@ntu.ac.uk) [www.challengenottingham.co.uk](http://www.challengenottingham.co.uk)

**The Child Friendly Nottingham logo.** Curious about our logo? It all began with a pupil from Rufford Primary School! This idea was brought to life by 17-year-old Nottingham student, Trang Ma. Trang created it to symbolize a warm welcome for all children and young people. The characters in the logo beautifully represent the diverse communities of Nottingham.



## **Small Steps Big Changes Early Intervention and Learning Conference – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Small Steps Big Changes (SSBC) recently held a two-day early intervention and learning conference at Trent Vineyard in Nottingham. Small Steps Big Changes is a £45m transformation programme made possible by funding from The National Lottery Community Fund 'A Better Start' ten-year programme. Hosted by Nottingham CityCare, SSBC has been in operation since 2014 and will reach its planned end in March 2025.



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The conference was the first in a number of activities and events which will celebrate SSBC and its achievements working with families, babies and young children in Nottingham.

Marking the culmination of almost ten years of using test and learn principles to build evidence and learning from across the programme, this conference provided an opportunity to share key learning, evidence-based approaches, practical strategies and best practice to support speech and language development in young children, encourage strong infant and parental mental health, improve wider public health outcomes through a focus on prevention, grow collaborative practices, and encourage the adoption of father inclusive practice.



More than 300 delegates attended over the two days, with 20+ speakers providing both local and national perspectives, and 17 local community-based organisations in our marketplace all of whom had received funding from the SSBC programme. We were pleased that our conference brought together colleagues from across our partnership with clinicians, early years' leaders, local authorities, commissioners, parents, and community and charitable organisations all with a shared passion for supporting and growing the development of babies and young children, and building capacity within communities and families to support this.

For more information on the SSBC programme then please visit the website [www.smallstepsbigchanges.org.uk](http://www.smallstepsbigchanges.org.uk)

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

Equal and Included was selected as the Golden thread with our U-UK 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. [What did Nottingham's children and young people have to say?](#)



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### **World Kindness Day (13/11/2024)**

Join us in celebrating World Kindness Day on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024!** This special day is all about spreading joy and making a positive impact in our city. Whether it's a small gesture, or a big act like volunteering, every act of kindness counts. Together, we can create a ripple effect of goodwill that brightens someone's day and inspires others to join in. Let's come together to share kindness, uplift each other, and make Nottingham a better place. Make it a random act of kindness and truly make someone's day. Get involved and let your kindness shine!

During our Discovery Phase, Nottingham's children and young people stated they wanted to live in a kind city where they feel safe, valued, and respected. In a kind city, every child's voice matters, and their needs are heard and met. By working together to create a kinder city, we can ensure that all children thrive and feel empowered to make a positive impact. Let's listen to their hopes and build a future where kindness is at the heart of everything we do!

## **NEXT STEPS**

**UNICEF UK Review of Child Friendly Nottingham.** The Nottingham action plan is now well into its first year of delivery. Every 6 months UNICEF UK conducts a review of the progress we are making. The next review will take place in November 2024. After this review UNICEF UK will provide an assessment of our progress. After our first review in May, U-UK informed us that we are making good progress. We will share this assessment as soon as we are able to,.

### **CFN Perception Survey**

We are approaching the time when our first children and young people's perception survey will go live. The survey is a key action in our Action Plan, and it has been developed by members of the Co-operation and Leadership Badge group as well as through consultation with children and young people. Following final market testing, the survey will go live in early November. It will be supported by practitioner toolkits, to help support children and young people take part, and communications messages to help partners spread the word.

The survey has been designed to be accessible to the widest possible audience. It's 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. For 0-7s meanwhile, there will be 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.

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.

**Child Friendly Champions.** We are encouraging and inviting everyone to become Child Friendly Champions and help to promote children's rights. We believe that the key to our success will come from a collective effort and working together with our amazing partners and



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colleagues, agencies, schools, colleges, businesses, community groups, and everyone who makes a difference in the lives of children and young people.

If you're interested in becoming a CFN Champion, we would love to hear from you. Please email us at [child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk).

To understand what's in our CFN Action Plan, an easy read and longer versions are available on the Child Friendly Nottingham website. Please feel free to take a peak or a longer study [Making Nottingham a Child Friendly City](#)

## UPCOMING DATES / EVENTS:

### **Future Makers: Robotics and emerging technology 11am to 3pm, Wednesday 23rd October, Nottingham Central Library**

A brand new and free event exploring what the future has to offer and celebrating innovation!

Open to all ages, but perfect for children and young people aged 7-16, this event offers a unique chance to engage with scientists from the University of Nottingham and local enthusiasts as they showcase their work in robotics and cutting-edge technology.

Attendees at this free, family-friendly event can explore interactive exhibits, participate in hands-on activities, and create themed crafts to take home. Whether you're curious about robotics, what to know more about future technology or just love to tinker, this event promises a fun and educational experience for all.

Future Makers is delivered in partnership with the Institute for Policy and Engagement at the University of Nottingham, Nottingham City Libraries and Stemcity Nottingham.

[Nott.ac/futuremakers](http://Nott.ac/futuremakers)

### Events Diary

Event / Description	Date	Time
CFN Oversight Strategic Group Meeting (October)	10 October 2024	10:00 – 11:30
Education and Learning Badge Group Meeting (October 2024)	11 October 2024	13:00- 14:00
Railway Children's Partnership Event (2 days)	15 October and 17 October 2024	11:30 - 15:30
Primary Parliament (3 day events)	15 October to 17 October 2024	09:00 - 15:00
CFC Short: CYP's survey – Learn and Share Update	16 October 2024	14:00 – 15:00



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CFN Communications Task Group	22 October 2024	10:00 – 12:00
UoN Hong Kong Experience Celebration Event (partnership with CFN)	25 October 2024	14:00 - 17:00
Voices of Care Listening Group Event (Children in Care)	30 October 2024	10:00 -15:00
CFC Short: Child Rights approaches to research and participation through CFC	06 November 2024	14:00 – 15:00
CFN Second Progress Review with UNICEF UK	06 November 2024	09:30 - 12:30
Introduction to Child’s Right’s In Practise Training (In Person)	06 November 2024	13:30 - 17:30
Education and Learning Badge Group Meeting (November 2024)	11 November 2024	13:00- 14:00
<b>World Kindness Day</b>	13 November 2024	TBC
Co-operation and Leadership Badge Group Meeting	14 November 2024	10:00- 11:00
<b>World's Children Day</b>	20 November 2024	TBC
Introduction to Child’s Right’s In Practise Training (In Person)	25 November 2024	13:00 - 17:00
Achieve Well Conference	28 November 2024	09:00 - 17:00
Partnership Lab Event	04 December 2024 (TBC)	TBC
Introduction to Child’s Right’s In Practise Training (Online)	10 December 2024	09:00 - 13:00
Education and Learning Badge Group Meeting (December 2024)	11 December 2024	13:00- 14:00
Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) / Private Sector Partnership Event	11 December 2024	09:30 -15:00

