



CHILD FRIENDLY NOTTINGHAM PARTNER UPDATES

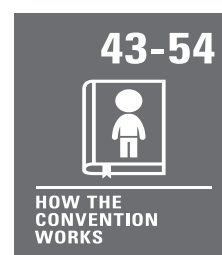
In this bulletin we will be regularly sharing news and information around Child Friendly Nottingham activity and related initiatives. We invite you to share your updates of Child Friendly Nottingham too. Please email us at child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk by the last day of each month with anything 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.

CHILD RIGHT OF THE MONTH:

In celebration of World Children's Day, this month we are highlighting **Article 45** from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). **World Children's Day** is on **Wednesday 20th November 2024**. Article 45 says that non-government bodies can provide advice and assistance on children's rights.

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: [World Children's Day – Article 45](#)



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: An Introduction to Children's Rights in Practice

In order 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 to book a training space.

November

- Monday 25/11/2024 – In Person Introduction Training, 1pm-5pm (Loxley House)

December

- Tuesday 10/12/2024 – Online Introduction Training, 9am-1pm (MS Teams)

2025 dates for the Children's Rights in Practice Training will be published soon.

Bespoke Child Rights Training can be organised for teams of 10 colleagues or more.

CFC Shorts 2024

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: [CFC Shorts](#).

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.



Child Rights Approaches to Research and Participation Through the CFC Journey.

Wednesday 4th December 2024, 2pm-3pm. Online – MS Teams: [Click Here To Join](#)

Further CFC Shorts dates for 2025 to be announced soon by the UNICEF UK CFC Team



WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING?

Primary Parliament 2024-2025

The 2024-2025 Primary Parliament programme began in October with 2.5 days of exciting workshops and presentations delivered in partnership with [Nottingham City Council](#), [Ignite](#) and [ChalleNGe](#). A huge thank you goes to [YSP Media](#) and students from [Nottingham College](#) for all their support in delivering workshops and documenting the sessions.



This term's theme was **Your Voice Matters** and 129 children from 30 Nottingham City schools looked at the importance of sharing their thoughts, opinions and ideas and having their voices heard. Through interactive and creative activities, the Primary Parliamentarians learnt about verbal, written, visual, and digital forms of communication.

During the day, we considered the influence that the Primary Parliamentarians can have on issues at school, in their local community, in the city, across the country and how to effectively be seen, heard and listened to by adults.

With their peers, the children confidently spoke about their thoughts on issues such as climate change, littering, homelessness, and the benefits of outdoor learning. They recorded vox-pop interviews about why their voice matters. The children created bold visuals in large posters and delivered dramatic performances, which conveyed messages about deforestation, domestic abuse, fairtrade, and better facilities for their local community. They raised questions about how they like to learn, and big issues including racism, bullying, welcoming refugees and what we can do to save the planet.



If you would like more information on Primary Parliament and how schools can take part please download the [Primary Parliament Pack](#)



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.

[What did Nottingham's children and young people have to say?](#)

NEXT STEPS

WATCH THIS SPACE as the **Child Friendly Nottingham Perception Survey** is about to go live.

The first Nottingham children and young people's perception survey will open on World Children's Day, the 20th November 2024. The survey will be supported by practitioner toolkits, to help support children and young people take part, and communications messages to help partners spread the word.



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 survey 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.

Meanwhile for the 0-7years, 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 (link and QR code at the bottom of the page).



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World Children’s Day 20th November 2024

To mark World Children’s Day 2024, Child Friendly Nottingham are hosting a day of activity at Nottingham’s Council House.

There will be activities with Nottingham sports clubs, [ChalleNGe](#) (Nottingham’s Cultural Education Partnership), the [Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity](#), [Leftlion](#) and more.

The day will build on the theme raised in the Primary Parliament – “Your Voice matters” In the spirit of Article 12 we are encouraging children to “Get it Heard”.

There will be fun activities focusing on opportunities for children and adults to create and communicate with each other and with the wider world of school, community and through local and national democracy as we are linking up with [UK Parliament Week](#)

**If you would like to attend, please email child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk.
As soon as possible.** More details will be sent to you on confirmation.

Join in World Children’s Day.

You can do World Children’s Day activities wherever you are. You can have activity in schools and across Nottingham for children and young people <https://www.unicef.org/world-childrens-day>. UNICEF UK have resources available to use in schools and community settings.

If you have any questions, please contact us at child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk



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Leftlion needs your help with a survey about a new children and young people's magazine

Can you help Leftlion develop a new publication for school-age children across Nottingham / Nottinghamshire.

[Leftlion Magazine](#) Nottingham's iconic arts and culture publication want your input as they consider creating a new printed magazine aimed at school age children across the city and county. They are working with Child Friendly Nottingham and want to hear from anyone who works with young people. They have set out some initial principles and ideas [You can read that document here.](#)

Click on the link to complete the Survey <http://tiny.cc/lennyconsultation>

The Nottingham Young Creative Awards 2025



The Nottingham Young Creative Awards 2025 is now 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 within each category, there are three age ranges. These are 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. If you are entering as a group, please let us know this on your application form and provide details of the main contact person. For more information on the categories and how to enter please go to [Young Creative Awards](#)



World Kindness Day – 13/11/2024



What are you doing as your random act of kindness?

Change someone's day and show Nottingham's kindness...

If you have missed world Kindness Day, well just be kind anyway! Nottingham's children and young people have told us that they want to live in a kind city. Why not give it a little help along the way?

UK Parliament Week

UK Parliament Week Coincides with World Children's Day so what better reason can we have to make noise and encourage children and young people to get involved. In the

[Digital UKPW kit | UK Parliament Week](#) you will find resources and activities for schools and community groups. Have a go at doing something alongside World children's day activity. At the Council House children and young people will be voting on issues in a real polling station!

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:
child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk.

Child Friendly Nottingham Action Plans

To understand what is in our 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:

Events Diary

Event / Description	Date	Time
The Nottingham Young Creative Awards opens for entries	11 th November 2024	
Consultation on Leftlion Young people's magazine begins	11 th November 2024	
World Kindness Day	13 November 2024	
Co-operation and Leadership Badge Group Meeting	14 November 2024	10:00- 11:00
World Children Day	20 November 2024	Activity in the Council House and schools.
Start of Child Friendly Nottingham Perception survey	20 November 2024	
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
ChalleNGe Partnership Lab – City as Lab.	04 December 2024	tbc
Consultation on Leftlion Young people's magazine closes	9 th December 2024	11.59 pm
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
Festival Of Science and Curiosity	10 th - 21 st February 2025	Various times and venues.
Spring Primary Parliament (schools only) Council House	18 th - 20 th March 2025	tbc
The Nottingham Young Creative Awards entries close	25 th March 2025	11.59 pm
Summer Primary Parliament (schools only) Council House	17 th - 19 th June 2025	tbc

