

Child Friendly Nottingham Updates

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

The full year's calendar of 'Child Rights of the Month' can be found in the ChalleNGe [Cultural-Rucksack](#).

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 children's rights! Please share your ideas with us.

This Month:

[Articles 35 Resource](#)

This month, we will be **highlighting Article 35** from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), to raise awareness for raise awareness for **World Day against Trafficking in persons** on the **30th July 2025**



Article 35: Abduction, sale and trafficking

Governments must protect children from being abducted, sold or moved illegally to a different place in or outside their country for the purpose of exploitation.

Next Month:

Next month, we will be **highlighting Article 31**, to raise awareness for **National Play day** on the **6th August 2025**.

Article 31: Right to Play

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural activities.





Article 35: Abduction, sale and trafficking

The definition of child trafficking by UNCRC involves the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring, or receipt of a child for the purpose of exploitation. Children are more vulnerable than adults and a child cannot give informed consent to his or her own exploitation, even if he or she agrees to travel or understands what has happened.

While a sensitive and scary topic it is important for children to be aware how to keep themselves safe from harm and exploitation. It is also important adults ensure responsibility for the safety of any child in their care and ensure that children know to keep themselves safe, regardless of age.



How can a child stay safe?

Some ways you can inform a child on their safety:

- By making sure adults know where you are.
- By being supervised by adults at home, school or during activities.
- By thinking about staying safe online.
- By making sure you have safe travel plans in place when socialising.
- By considering risks when you do things.
- Parents and carers arrange for us to be looked after when they can't.

The Impact on child trafficking?



Child Trafficking can also deprive children on their right to health care and education. There are various physical, emotional and psychological impacts that the child may have suffered and continue to experience. Some examples include:

- Loss of trust,
- Psychological distress/sense of powerlessness
- Flashbacks and nightmares
- Anger and/or fear of authorities
- Physical and/or sensory deprivation

For more information please see the **resource pack above** as well as reading this website: [child trafficking exploitation and slavery FAQs](#)





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 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 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.



July 2025



Wednesday 23rd July 2025 – MS Teams Online, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

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



Bespoke Training

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

To discuss it with us please email child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Would you Like to be a Child Right's Trainer?

UNICEF UK are opening a programme to 'Train the Trainer', so we can cascade child rights training to a wider audience across Nottingham.

If you are interested in becoming a Child Friendly Nottingham trainer, please contact the Child Friendly Nottingham Team at child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk





WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

UNICEF UK - Progress Review 3



On 23rd May, the Child Friendly Nottingham Programme Team and Partners undertook the third Progress Review evidencing our 'Significant Progress' over the last six months with UNICEF UK.

A representative for each CFN Badge presented the updates, workstreams and progress that has been developing towards our aims to make Nottingham a globally recognised UNICEF Accredited Child Friendly City.

While we are awaiting the full progress review report from the CFC Team at UNICEF UK, the initial feedback received was positive, highlighting our commitment to supporting the voice and rights of children and young people as they commented on how we had taken previous feedback from our second review and acted upon on it.

In reflection it was a positive progress review. The UNICEF UK CFC Team have already identified some areas of progress for the remaining sixth months of the CFN Action Plan.



We would like to send a big thank you to all of our partners for their ongoing work to support the programme and the city's child and young people.





ChalleNGe Child Friendly Cities Funding Launch –

In our February E-bulletin we mentioned how our partner ChalleNGe had put in a funding application called 'Child Friendly Creative City'. We are excited to be able to announce that the application bid was successful!



On the 18th June 2025, the Child Friendly Creative City, was launched at Nottingham's Primary Parliament led by ChalleNGe and supported by Ignite.

The 3-year funded programme aims to revolutionise how children and young people aged 0-24 in Nottingham access creativity and culture. Bringing together 22 of the city's leading arts, educational and cross-sector community organisations with £550,000 of National Lottery Place Partnership funding from Arts Council England, the initiative will ensure more children, from all backgrounds can access creative experiences.

Child Friendly Creative City will amplify young voices, boost creative confidence, and expand engagement with schools and educational settings to provide greater participation for all. This project supports the **Education and Learning Badge** of the wider CFN Action Plan and Programme.



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UNICEF UK 2024 Annual Report – CFN Champion highlight

UNICEF UK released their 2024 annual report recently which included a section on their Child Friendly Cities and Communities programme. You can read the Child Friendly City Section of the Report by clicking here (Page 53): [UNICEF UK Annual Report 2024](#)

Within this report, one of Nottingham's Child Friendly Champion was featured! Tranai Todd is the CEO and founder of our partner organisation [Support through Sport](#). Tranai has recently expanded the Support through Sport offer and Tranai himself works as a mentor directly working with Nottingham's children and young people.



CFN Team at Positively Empower Kids Festival

On **Sunday 22nd June**, the Child Friendly Nottingham (CFN) Team set up a booth at the Positively Empower Kids (PEK) at **Nottingham Castle** where there were **over 5,000 attendees**.

The CFN team talked to children, young people and adults about children's rights and completed questionnaires.

An Interesting Question was 'which is most important right for CYP?' Many children chose **Article 3**: best interests of the child and **Article 31**: Right to play was also mentioned many times. The children highlighted education and health rights were also important to them.



A group of students in green uniforms are looking at a large mural of a flower and a butterfly. The mural is on a wall and features a large red flower and a butterfly. The students are standing in a line and looking at the mural with interest.

For more information on the mural click [here](#).





UPCOMING DATES / EVENTS:

| Event / Description | Date | Additional Details |
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| Summer Reading Challenge | 05 July – September | Summer Reading Challenge Nottingham City Libraries |
| World Youth Skills Day | 15 July | World Youth Skills Day United Nations Theme: Youth Empowerment Through AI and Digital skills |
| Introduction to Child's Right's in Practise Training | 23 July | 1:00pm – 5:00pm (online). To book, email child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk |
| Hope Hack Event | 25 July | 9:30am – 3:30pm at YMCA Network and Sherwood |
| 'Superheroes & Superbeasts' Outdoor Trail | 26 July – 31 August | Wollaton Hall and Deer Park 'Superheroes & Superbeasts' Outdoor Trail - Wollaton Hall |
| Summer Holidays Activities Ask Lion | 28 July – 02 September | Various Dates and locations: Ask Lion Summer activities |
| Nottingham City Library Summer activities | 29 July – 31 August | Various Dates and library locations: Summer Activities 2025 Nottingham City Libraries |
| World Day against Trafficking in persons | 30 July | Child Trafficking, Exploitation and Slavery FAQs ECPAT UK |
| Robin Hood's Adventure Trail 2025 | From 04 August | Robin Hood's Adventure Trail 2025 - free fun for families! It's in Nottingham |
| National Play Day | 06 August | International Day of Play UNICEF Parenting |
| International Youth Day | 12 August | International Youth Day 2025 August 12, 2025 Global Awareness Days Events Calendar |
| ChalleNGe and YCA Pop Up Space | 06 August – 30 August | ChalleNGe & Young Creative Awards, Summer Pop-Up Space at Victoria Centre |
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WHAT'S COMING UP?

Summer Activities

Summer 2025 is here!

If you are looking for things to do in Nottingham this Summer, this is the place to find them!

Click the Image below to see the full list of activities:



In Nottingham City the **Summer Holidays** run from Monday **28th of July until Tuesday 2nd of September** (Monday 1st September is an Inset day). Some activities may start before this date e.g. Summer Reading Challenge started on 5th July.



Summer Reading Challenge – Story Garden

The **Summer Reading Challenge** is back – and this year's theme is **Story Garden**, celebrating magical creatures, enchanted plants, and outdoor adventures that will spark every child's love for reading.

The challenge runs from 5th July until 6th September.

Every child who completes the challenge will receive a **special certificate** and be invited to a **medal ceremony** at their local library in **September**.



To Learn more and how to take part you can click on the link below:

[Summer Reading Challenge | Nottingham City Libraries](https://www.childfriendlynottingham.org.uk/summer-reading-challenge)



ChalleNGe and YCA Summer Pop-Up Space

Our partners ChalleNGe and the Young Creative Awards are hosting a pop-up space at Victoria centre, every Wednesday to Saturday from 11am - 3pm. The space will host various activities, starting Wednesday 6th August – 30th Saturday.



The Pop up Shop will be where the old Disney Store was, on the top floor of the Victoria Centre. It will be a hub of free family hands-on activities, information and drop in workshops over the summer. Arts, crafts, chill reading space, building and more.



ChalleNGe are looking for organisational support as well as freelance creative practitioners to run family friendly drop-in creative workshops between 5th August and 30th August 2025. They are also keen to welcome specific groups to the space both during and potentially outside of the main opening times to support access for targeted groups - so if you are interested in helping plan this, please do get involved.



To express an interest please fill out this google form:

[ChalleNGe & Young Creative Awards, Summer Pop-Up Space at Victoria Centre - Google Forms](#)



As well as some young creatives running sessions in the space, there will also be regular **Wednesday evening sessions from 4-6pm** in the Pop Up space, aimed at those wanting to find out more about working in the arts and building a creative life and career.





Hope Hack Event

The Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) are organising their first ever youth-led event called 'Hope Hack' on Friday 25th July!

The event is for young people aged 12-25 to get the chance to share their voice and ideas on how we can make mental health better for young people and tackle things like knife crime, gangs, and exploitation. Allowing young people to help make a difference.

The event is at the YMCA Newark and Sherwood Activity Village in Newark, kicking off at 9:30am and lasting until 3:30pm!

Please **register any young people** that are going using the QR code found on the front of the poster or [click here!](#)







Contact Sade.Thomas@Notts.police.uk by 22nd July for transport information and if a School authorisation letter is needed.

Nottingham City Library Events

As well as the summer reading challenge Nottingham City Libraries will be running **free craft, robot, and LEGO sessions** throughout the holidays, taking place on Various Dates and library locations.



Some activities include:

-  Draw Your Own Comic
-  Make a Moving Robot!
-  Bake, Rattle and Roll! – a fully interactive show
-  HOME: Zero

A playful, immersive installation, inspired by National Gallery paintings

Click here to find out more and book your space:
[Summer Activities 2025 | Nottingham City Libraries](#)



Wollaton Hall Summer Activities



Wollaton Hall also has several summer activities throughout August including [‘Superheroes & Superbeasts’ Outdoor Trail](#), [Open Air Theatre - Wollaton Hall](#) and the famous [Splendour Festival](#) which has a little splendour kids area as well.



Click here to find more activities at Wollaton Hall: [What's on - Wollaton Hall](#)

It's In Nottingham – Robin Hood Adventure Trail

The Robin Hood's Adventure Trail 2025 is back running from 04 August until the end of summer.

The trail has 11 characters to find scattered through the city, once you find them all you can claim a prize.



To find out more you can click here:

[Robin Hood's Adventure Trail 2025 | It's in Nottingham](#)

UK Parliament Week Kits

November 24th – 30th is UK Parliament Week, this is a chance to empower students, and to encourage them to share their views and voices.



You can order a **free kit resource kit**, with multiple resources to engage the Children and Young People you work with.

Marking the tenth anniversary of [UK Parliament's petitions website](#) there is the launch of their new **Petitions Pursuit board game!** A game to help young people understand how petitions work and the steps they can take to get their voices heard on issues they care about.

[Click Here to get involved!](#)



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CFN Monthly Bulletins

Within our 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 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.



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