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Child and youth activism and children's rights

What is child and youth activism?



To start of, what is activism? Activism is when people campaign for change. This change can either be political or social. Youth activism is when children and young people campaign for change.



What are children's rights and what do they have to do with youth activism? Children's rights are a subset of humans rights. Article 12 states that childrens views must be respected. Article 13 states that children have the right to share thier thoughts freely. These articles let all children participate freely in activism, and gives them a voice in the world.

What does child and youth activism look like? Children and young people having a voice in their community. Having a safe space to speak, and be heard. And adults should listen to children, communicate with them, and they should work to make changes together. What has child and youth activism accomplished? Free bus travel in Scotland for children aged 5-21. In March 2021 a bill to incorporate the UNCRC into Scots law was unanimously passed.