



The
Rights
&
Responsibilities
of Children



Children have many rights and responsibilities just like everyone!



The right to an education!

Children have the right to...

an education that develops their personality and abilities, and encourages them to respect other people, cultures and the environment.

And they have the responsibility to...

make the most of their education and encourage others to develop their abilities.



The right to be treated fairly!

Children have the right to...

be treated fairly no matter who they are, where they are from, what language they speak, what they believe or where they live.

And they have the responsibility to...

always treat others fairly.



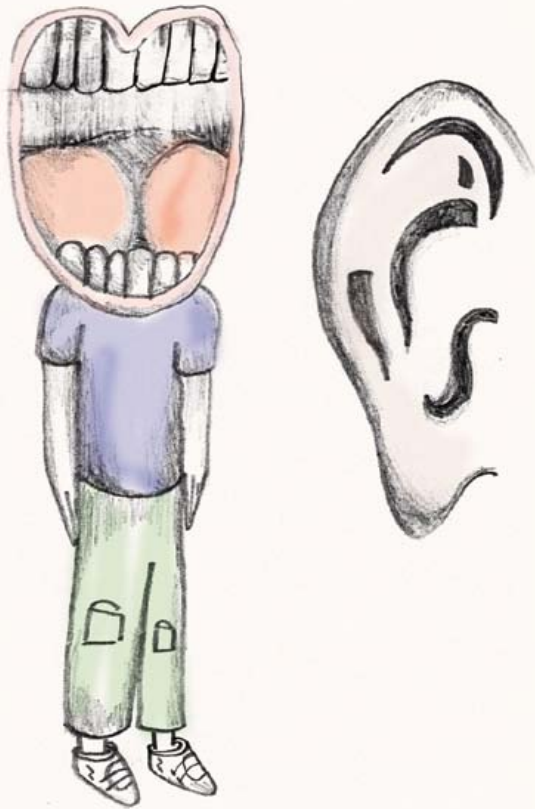
The right to have adults do what is best!

Children have the right to...

have adults always do what is
best for them.

And they have
the responsibility to...

respect adults for doing what
is best for them.



You talk and I'll listen!

Children have the right to...

have their own opinion,
which is listened to and
taken seriously.

And they have
the responsibility to...

listen to other people's opinions
and take them seriously.



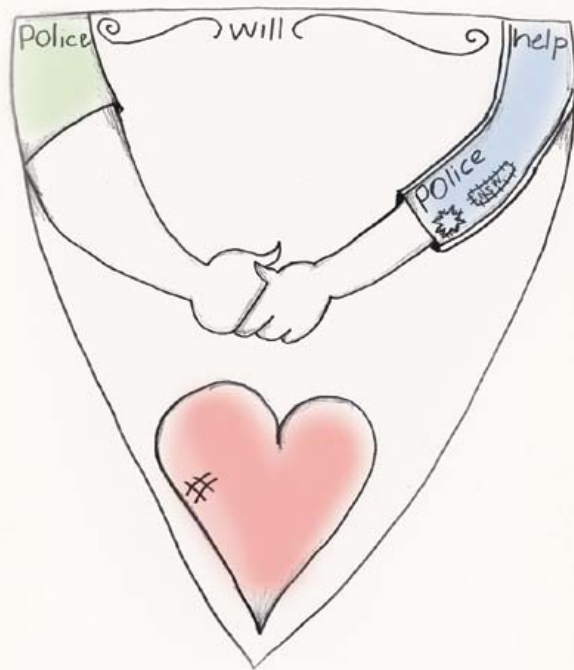
The right to family and privacy!

Children have the right to...

have their privacy and family respected.

And they have the responsibility to...

respect the family and privacy of others.



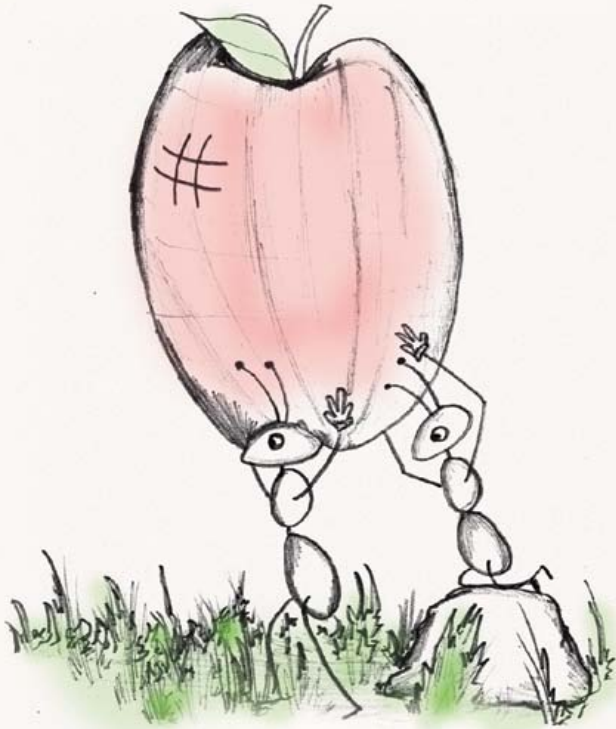
The right to be protected!

Children have the right to...

be protected from being hurt or
badly treated in any way.

And they have
the responsibility to...

not hurt others or treat them badly.



*An apple a day keeps
the doctor away!*

Children have the right to...

the best health care and medical care possible and information to help them stay healthy.

And they have
the responsibility to...

maintain good health and help others have access to good health care.



Home sweet home!

Children have the right to...

a basic standard of living that includes food, clothing and a safe place to live.

And they have the responsibility to...

appreciate their living standards and help others to improve their standards.



*The right to enjoy your own
culture, religion and language!*

Children have the right to...

enjoy their own culture, religion and
language, even if these are not the same
as most people in their country.

And they have
the responsibility to...

respect other people's culture,
religion and language.



The right to be protected!

Children have the right to...

be protected from being
exploited in any way.

And they have
the responsibility to...

not exploit others.



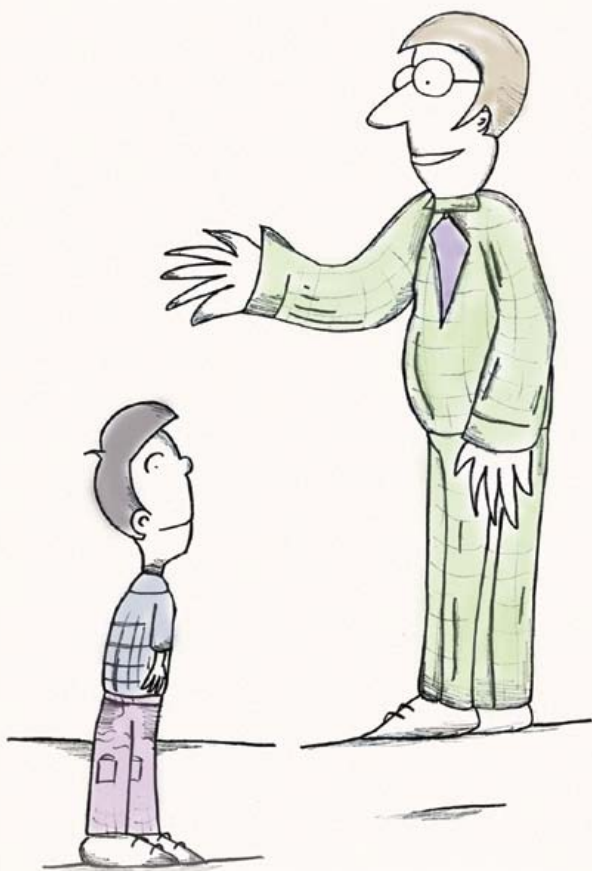
The right to receive special help!

Children have the right to...

special help if they have been hurt,
neglected or badly treated.

And they have
the responsibility to...

tell a trusted adult if they have
been hurt, neglected or badly
treated so they can help.



The right to be given support and advice!

Children have the right to...

be given support and advice from
their parents and family.

And they have
the responsibility to...

accept the support and listen to the
advice given.



The right to a name and nationality!

Children have the right to...

have a name and nationality.

And they have
the responsibility to...

respect other people's names and
nationalities.



The right to express what they think!

Children have the right to...

find out information and express what they think through speaking, writing, art, unless this denies other people their rights.

And they have the responsibility to...

allow others to express their thoughts even if they are different.



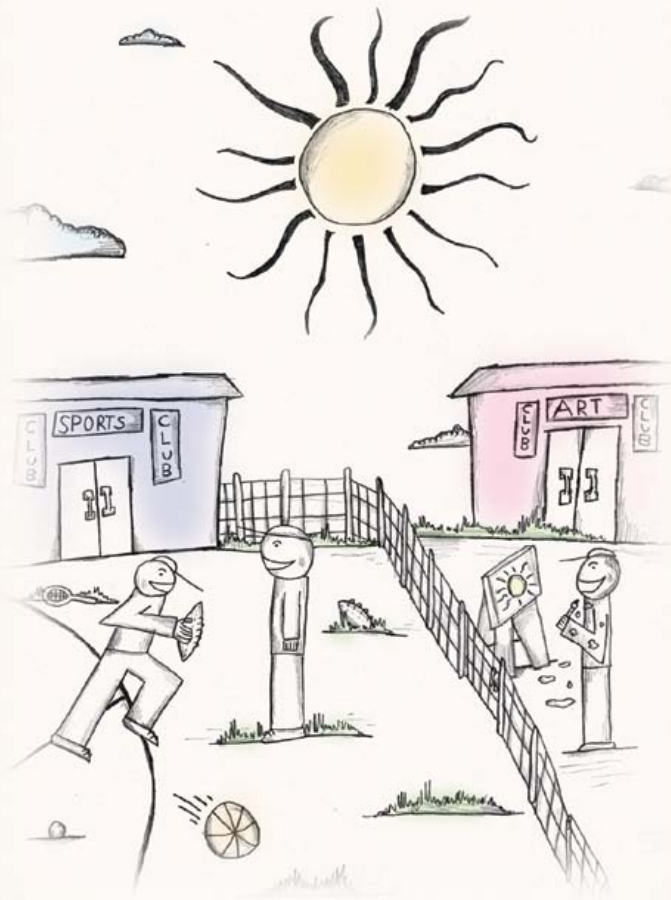
The right to a choice of beliefs!

Children have the right to...

think and believe whatever they
want and practice any religion,
with guidance from their
parent/s.

And they have
the responsibility to...

respect the right of others to think
and believe what they want.



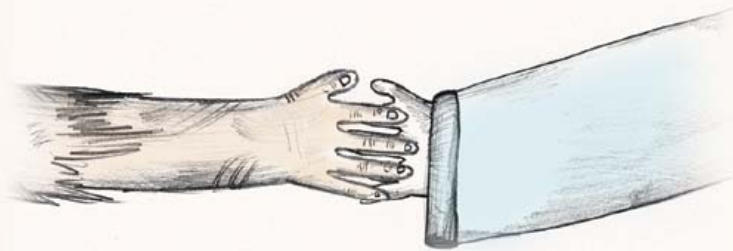
The right to friends and clubs!

Children have the right to...

be friends and join clubs, unless
this denies other people of their
rights.

And they have
the responsibility to...

allow others to choose their
friends and join clubs.



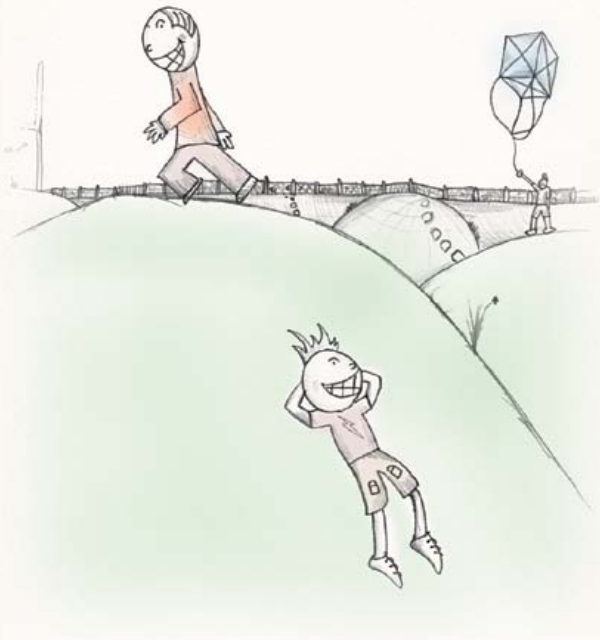
The right to get help from the government if needed!

Children have the right to...

get help from the government if they are poor or in need.

And they have the responsibility to...

participate in society and to help others who are poor or in need.



The right to relax!

Children have the right to...

rest, play and relax.

And they have
the responsibility to...

balance work and play.



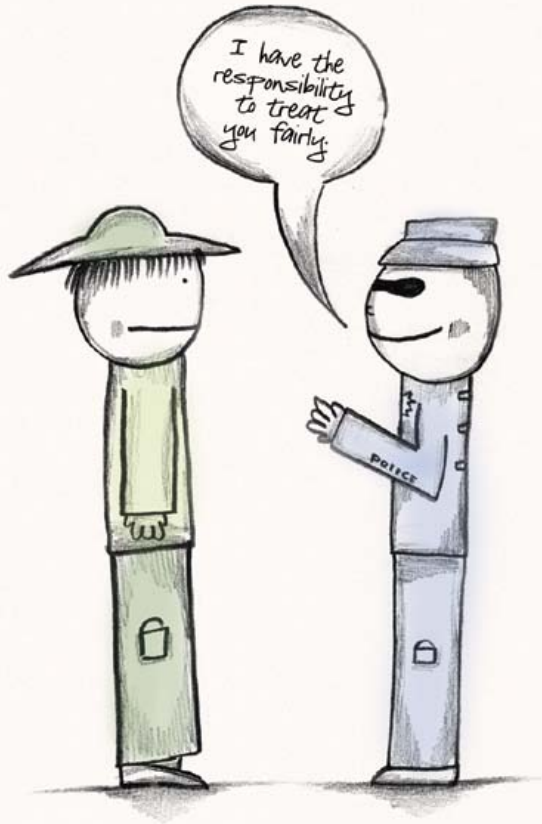
Say NO to child labour!

Children have the right to...

be protected from work that harms
their health or interferes with their
education.

And they have
the responsibility to...

keep safe.



The right to fair treatment from the law!

Children have the right to...

be helped and treated fairly if they are accused of breaking the law.

And they have the responsibility to...

report any unfair treatment.



The right to have these rights protected!

Children have the right to...

have all these rights protected by their government.

And they have the responsibility to...

be aware of these rights and advocate for them to be protected.

History of Save the Children

Save the Children has been fighting for children's rights since 1919.

A remarkable woman named Eglantyne Jebb and her sister Dorothy were so concerned that the blockades to enemy countries during World War I were cutting off the food supply and affecting children, that they formed a group called Save the Children to provide aid to children across Europe.

Whilst hiking up Mount Saleve in Geneva in 1923, Eglantyne penned her most enduring legacy. Pausing to rest halfway up the mountain, she jotted down five directives she believed were the fundamental rights of every child.

Determined that her vision would become a reality, Eglantyne lobbied the League of Nations until they adopted these rights in 1924. From there, they would form the basis of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959.

Since its beginning over 90 years ago, Save the Children has grown to become the world's largest independent child rights development organisation, making a difference to children's lives in over 100 countries. From emergency relief to long-term development, Save the Children secures a child's right to health, education and protection.

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Other Useful Websites:

United Nations

www.un.org/Pubs/CyberSchoolBus

UNICEF

www.unicef.org

Australian Human Rights Commission

www.hreoc.gov.au

Committee on the Rights of the Child

www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc

National Children and Youth Law Centre

www.ncylc.org.au

Human Rights Watch

www.hrw.org/campaigns.crp/index.htm