



### **We need your help!**

All children under 18 living in Ireland have 42 rights under the United Nations (UN) Convention on the Rights of the Child. In 2022, the Irish government has to report to the UN on how it is working to make sure children enjoy all of their rights. The UN wants to hear what children think about life and their rights in Ireland too. To make sure this happens, the Ombudsman for Children's Office is preparing a report with children to give to the UN.

### **What is the Children's Report?**

The OCO is leading on the production of a Children's Report to the Committee, to be submitted in early January 2022. This report will be a result of widespread consultation with children in Ireland. The Children's Rights Alliance and UNICEF Ireland, who prepared the last Children's Report to the Committee, are supporting us in this work.

### **What is involved in the Children's Report?**

The OCO is carrying out a survey of as many children in Ireland as possible, asking them what is good, what is not so good and what they would change about living in Ireland. The results of this survey will inform the themes of focus groups held with particular cohorts of children. The survey information will also be presented in the report to the UN Committee.

### **What are you asking my school to do?**

We are asking that you share our survey with children in your school to ensure that as many children are consulted! You can do this in a number of ways:

1. **Share our survey with children** under the age of 18 that attend your school via email.
2. **Share our survey with your student's parent or guardians** via email or classroom app so they can encourage their children to complete it.

**Link to survey:** [bit.ly/3vdxGxf](https://bit.ly/3vdxGxf)

### **How will my school do this?**

The OCO has provided you with an email text and a link to the survey. We have also prepared a sample post for classroom apps that you can share.

### **When should my school do this?**

The survey is live today, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, and will be open until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The sooner you can share the survey link the more children we can reach.

### **Questions?**

If you have any questions about the survey you can email [education@oco.ie](mailto:education@oco.ie)

### **Thank you!**

We cannot do this work with your support. Thank you for your help to ensure as many children under 18 in Ireland can share their opinions and views!