



# Activity 1: Charade linked to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

## Aim

To introduce students to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

## Resource(s) required

Abridged version of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (see sample outline below)

## Time

60 minutes

## Instructions

Divide the class up into four groups and allocate (at random) one Right to each group. Give the groups 10 minutes to decide how they will “act out” this right. The students then perform their allocated Right to the class and the other students need to work out which right they are representing.

(NB: Abridged Convention should be up on display for all students to see during this activity)

### **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:**

- To be safe
- To be protected and live free from violence, abuse or harm (this includes witnessing violence and abuse)
- To be brought up by their parents in a family (unless it is not in their interests)
- To express their views and have them taken into account in matters that affect them
- To have decisions that will affect them made in their best interests
- To be treated with dignity, respect and fairness
- To be free from discrimination, bullying and harassment of any kind

## Follow-up activity

Ask students to write a short piece (300 words) about the Right they had chosen. Encourage students to research newspaper articles and our website regarding their chosen Right and report it back to class.

While this activity is designed to be facilitated by a teacher, Barnardos have a dedicated schools officer who can visit your school and run this activity together with our other [schools programmes](#). Contact John Wills on (01) 7080 470 or at [john.wills@barnardos.ie](mailto:john.wills@barnardos.ie).