



Whose Responsibility?

my right, my responsibility!

Objective:

Gain a better understanding of what it means to have rights

Explore more closely who is responsible for protecting human rights

Take responsibility for YOUR rights!

Activity:

1. Choose one right that you would like to look at from the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The example included is **Article 28: The right to education**. You could also look at **Article 12: The right to participate and be heard**, **Article 14: The right to practice your religion**, **Articles 32-36: Against exploitation, violence, and abuse**, or any other article you find interesting.
2. Talk about what that right means for your life.
What parts of your life would it affect? How does it affect children and young people both in developed and developing countries? What are the benefits? What are the challenges?
3. Discuss these questions before filling out the diagram provided:
What actions or activities need to happen to protect this right?
Who is responsible for doing those things?
How do actions and words in your day to day life protect or fulfill that right? (for example, being supportive of someone who is being bullied)
What is your role as a child to protect your rights?
4. Fill in the diagram with your answers. In the top circle place things that governments need to do to protect the right. In the left circle write things that parents need to do to protect their children's rights. In the right circle write down things children and young people themselves need to do to protect their rights. Where the circles overlap, put down anything that both or all three of the groups are responsible for.

Example:

The right to an education

Governments: providing schools, paying teachers

Parents: allowing their children to go to school, paying taxes

Children: going to school and participating

EVERYONE: keeping violence and bullying out of schools so children are safe

- This is just a start; there are many more things that go into getting a good education!

