

# Supporting Information for Leaders

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# Rights Challenge Badge – Welcome Information

This badge has been developed to inform children and young people about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (sometimes called the UNCRC ), and the role of the Children’s Commissioner for Wales.

The badge has been designed so that young people can lead their own learning, with support from you . This guide provides you with the extra information you need to support children and young people during the challenge.

Hopefully, this badge will help young people to have fun, to be challenged and, more importantly, to learn something about children’s rights and the Children’s Commissioner’s work.

The badge requirements are accompanied by activities that Scouts/ Guides can take part in to achieve the Challenge Badge.

The activities provide young people with an instant programme, a list of equipment required and a step-by-step guide on how to carry out the activity. The activities can be completed independently; however, your group may wish to take on the Rights Challenge Badge together.

Leaders can choose the best resources to support the individual children in their group. Some children will prefer to use our children’s rights symbols resource and some will prefer to use the children’s rights poster.

We have tried to make the Challenge Badge as user friendly as possible. We would be glad to have your views on the badge and any variations or suggestions on activities.

If your group has completed their Rights Challenge Badge, please share their achievements with us. You can email us on [post@childrenscommissioner.wales](mailto:post@childrenscommissioner.wales) to share your work.

Alternatively you can join in on our #RightsHour on Twitter. Tweet @childcomwales and include #RightsHour within the tweet. #RightsHour happens every Friday from 12pm – 1pm and is an excellent way of sharing the work your group has done with everyone around Wales.



# Badge Requirements

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At the end of the Rights Challenge badge children and young people will:

Know and be able to name at least 3 children's rights and will have told someone outside of Scouts/ Guides about these rights

Know the name of the Children's Commissioner for Wales

Know what the Children's Commissioner for Wales does

Know where to get information on children's rights

Activity 5 in their work pack will help children to double check they have completed all requirements.

# Children's Commissioner for Wales and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Sally Holland is the current Children's Commissioner for Wales, a post she has held since April 2015. You can find more out about Sally Holland and her role on our website [www.childrenscommissioner.wales](http://www.childrenscommissioner.wales)

You also may want to show your pack this [video](#).

Sally has five powers as Commissioner. They are:

- **To Listen** to children and young people to find out what's important to them
- **To Support** children and young people to find out about children's rights
- **To Advise** and support children and young people or those who care for them if they feel that a child has been treated unfairly
- **To Influence** government and other organisations to make sure children get their rights
- **To Speak up** for children and young people nationally on important issues – being the children's champion in Wales.

**UNCRC** stands for United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

It's a list of children's rights that all children and young people have, everywhere in the world, no matter who they are, where they live or what they believe in.

The UNCRC has 54 articles in it, 42 rights are for children and young people up to 18 years of age. The rest are all about how governments and adults should work together to make sure children and young people can access their rights.

Children's rights are all the things that children and young people need to make sure that they are safe, have the things they need to survive and develop, and have a say in decisions that affect their lives.

If you want to read more about the UNCRC you could visit our website for more resources.

# Activities

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During the Rights Challenge Badge, children will complete four different activities and an evaluation form.

***It is possible that your group will already have an understanding of rights from school; many schools are supporting children to learn about rights so some young people may be aware of the UNCRC.***

## Activity 1: Rights Body

This activity will ask young people to think about the things they need to grow up happy, healthy and safe. They will then use a rights poster or symbols pack to see if any of their answers relate to children's rights.

If young people need support with this activity, you could show them the rights poster and symbols pack.

## Activity 2: Rights in your Community

This activity could be run as a whole Troop/ Unit. Young people will draw a map of their community and identify areas that support their rights. They will also look at areas in their local community that aren't supportive of their rights. This activity could lead on to other work; young people may wish to contact their local councillor to talk about the issues in their local community. We have a useful guide that can be found [here](#).

## Activity 3: Sally and her Powers

This is an art activity; young people will learn about Sally Holland the Children's Commissioner for Wales and her role. Young people will then go on to create their own information posters, including ways that children and young people can get in touch with Sally Holland's Investigation and Advice service.

If young people need support with this activity, you may want to show them the introduction video one more time.

#### Activity 4: Create your own activity

This activity is a fun way for young people to use their understanding and create a new activity. It may be a nice idea for young people to have the opportunity to share their new activity with the rest of their group.

#### Activity 5: My Rights Badge

This is an evaluation form for young people to write or draw down how much they have learnt.

Once they have handed in their completed form they can get their Rights Challenge Badge.

We would appreciate it if you could send copies of the “My Rights Challenge Badge” to us, either via email: [post@childrenscommissioner.wales](mailto:post@childrenscommissioner.wales) or via post:

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