

## What are your resolutions for Children in Need in Highland in 2007?

### UN Convention on the Rights of the child

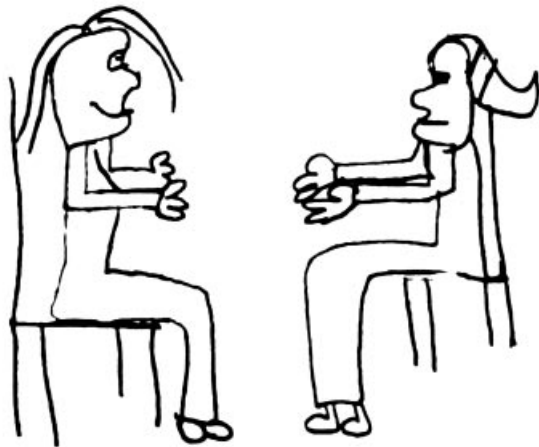
#### Article 12

1....shall assure to the child who is capable of forming his or her own views the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, the views of the child being given due weight in accordance with the age and maturity of the child."

### The Children (Scotland) Act 1995

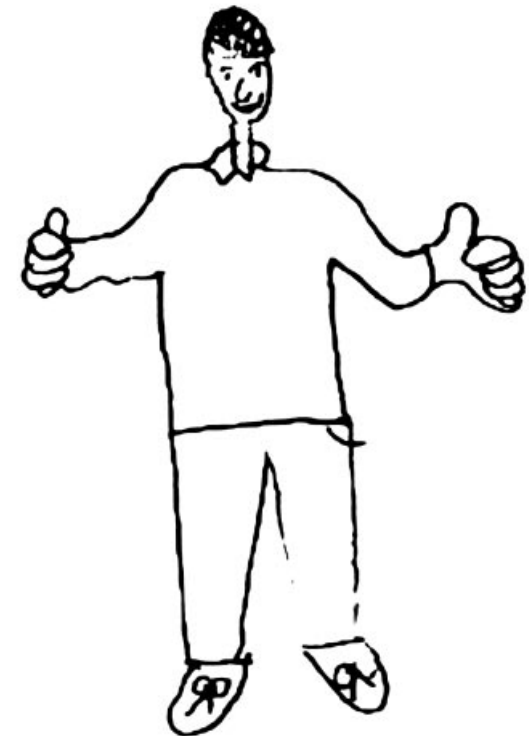
The essential principles behind the Act are

- each child has a right to be treated as an individual
- each child who can form a view on matters affecting him or her has the right to express those views if he or she so wishes



"It makes me feel good when people care and talk to me and listen to me"

Sarah aged 10 years



"If people listen to me"

Jack aged 11 years

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## Vision

Highland Children's Forum believes that a truly inclusive society is one where all members are valued equally and their views are sought and acted upon appropriately

## Mission

To contribute to the provision of the highest possible standards of services in the Highlands for the benefit of children in need and their families.

To work in partnership to develop the most effective methods of consultation with children in need and their families that allow them to express their lives and how services affect them.

To encourage service providers to reflect upon these opinions and adjust their services accordingly.

## Ambition

To see services in Highland resourced and structured to maximise the potential of children in need and their families.

To see service providers automatically incorporate the views of children in need and their families at every level of their design, development and delivery of services.

Children in need in Highlands have a right to have their voice heard!

Their parents and carers and the professionals who strive for them are voters in the next local and Scottish elections.

Do your policies support children in need in Highland?

Are you seeking the voice of children in need in Highland?

Listening to children and speaking to policy makers is our business.

Make it your business to speak to us.

"Asking me if I need any help. I felt better"

Oliver aged 10 years

