

Rights of the Child activities

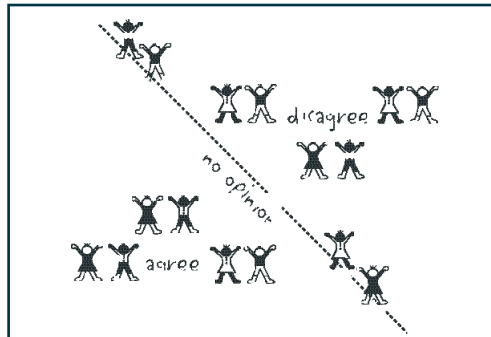
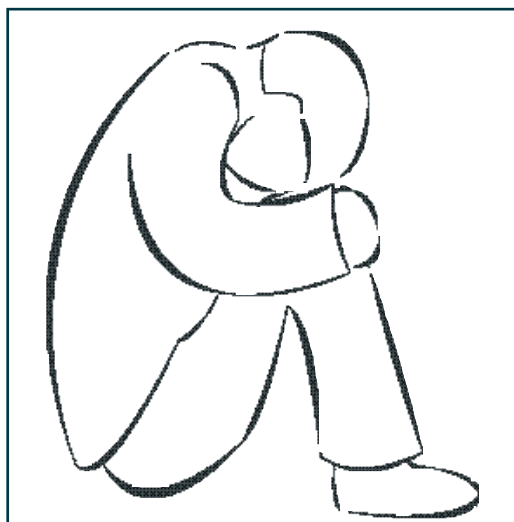
There are 54 articles in the Convention. The rights listed in the Convention belong to four broad categories: survival, development, protection and participation. Here's a summary of the basic rights of all the children of the world:

- ▶ The right to affection, love and understanding.
- ▶ The right to free education. The right to be a useful member of society and to develop individual abilities.
- ▶ The right to be brought up in a spirit of peace and learn about cooperating with others.
- ▶ The right to play and recreation.
- ▶ The right to a name and nationality.
- ▶ The right to protection against all forms of neglect, cruelty and exploitation.
- ▶ The right to be among the first to receive relief (food, medicine, shelter) in times of disaster.
- ▶ The right to enjoy these rights regardless of race, colour, sex, religion, national or social origin.



Human sculptures

In small groups, strike a pose that represents a situation in which children do or don't have their rights respected. Present in a larger group. People guess what your "live" sculpture says. Or, silently act out a situation where you feel children's rights are being violated. Ask the audience to guess what's going on. Which right are you representing?



Opinion Game

Mark a line down the centre of the room, with lots of space on each side. The middle line is "no opinion", the spaces on either side are "agree" and "disagree". Choose where you stand on these issues: "Children don't know enough to be leaders." "Children in poor countries have horrible lives." "We are very different from young people in poorer countries." "There's no point in trying to make changes to save the environment. People will do whatever they want, no matter what we do." Invent some of your own statements. A group leader randomly chooses people to explain their "position".

