

Timeline

30 Years of Children's Rights

1989

Governments across the world adopted the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).



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1990

The World Summit for Children is held in New York.

This meeting outlined strategies for preventing criminality and protecting young people at high social risk.



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1995

The Children (Scotland) Act incorporated the three key principles of the UNCRC into Scottish law:

- Protection from discrimination.
- Ensuring that child welfare is a primary concern.
- Listening to children's views.



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1998/1999

The Kosovan War in Eastern Europe resulted in mass killings of ethnic Albanians by Serbian forces.

More than half of the total people made refugees as a result of the war were children.



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1999

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) called for the immediate banning of any form of work that is likely to harm the health and wellbeing of children.



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1999

Protection of Children Act 1999 was passed.

This required a list to be kept of persons considered unsuitable to work with children.



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1999

Prime Minister Tony Blair announced the historic aim to end child poverty in a generation.

The Government set ambitious targets to cut child poverty by a half by 2010 and to eradicate it by 2020.



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2000

In the year 2000 it became the right of a child to not fight in any wars.



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2000

In the year 2000 it also became the right of a child to not be sold or exploited in any way.



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2004

The Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People was appointed.

Children's Hearings and the Scottish Children's Reporter became significant components of children's rights in Scotland.



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2010

Getting it right for every child (GIRFEC) was launched.

This is a national approach to improving the wellbeing of children and young people in Scotland

It is based on children's rights and its principles reflect the UNCRC.



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2014

The aim of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 is to make Scotland the best place to grow up. It puts children and young people at the heart of planning and delivery of services to ensure their rights are respected.



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2015

Somalia and South Sudan adopt the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The Convention Articles are the most widely adopted standards for the welfare of children with 196 States being involved.

Only the United States has not adopted the Convention to date.



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The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is
30 years old today!!



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