



FORCES CHILDREN SCOTLAND

Children from armed forces and
veteran families and their rights



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A quick poll



How confident are you in your knowledge about children's rights?



How often do you consider the experiences of babies, children and young people from armed forces families through a rights lens?



The forces Children's
rights Charter is
underpinned by
UNCRC



Core Aspects of UNCRC



Supporting armed forces
children & young people



Applies to children and young people under the age of 18



54 legally binding articles promoting and protecting children's rights and welfare. The 3 P's - Protection, Provision and Participation.



It is the most ratified Conventions in the history of the United Nations. The U.K ratified the convention in 1991.



State Signing Versus Ratification



To sign:
Simply intent to comply



To ratify:
bound by international law
(legally binding)



Rights are...



Universal: children's rights are for ALL children



Unconditional: all children are entitled to rights



Inalienable: rights cannot be given or taken away



Inherent: they are permanent



Indivisible: rights are interdependent on each other to be effective



the forces children's rights charter



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How we created the Charter



Session in schools



Rights Residential



Online session



The 10 charter principles



I am as healthy as I can be. (24)



I am safe where I live and play (27)



I have the best family life I can (9&18)



Adults think about the information I need and how and when I need it. (12.13 & 17)



I have a voice, and it is taken seriously (12&13)



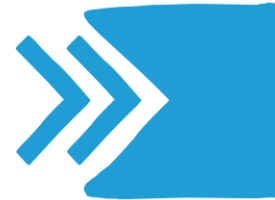
Adults do what is best for me and protect my rights (3 &42)



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Everyone understands how forces life affects me and my rights (42, 12 & 13)



I am a proud forces child and that identity should be protected (8&15)

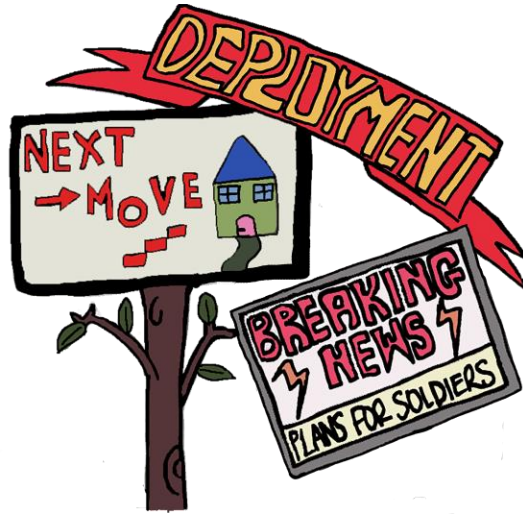


My education helps me to be by best self now and in the future (28&29)

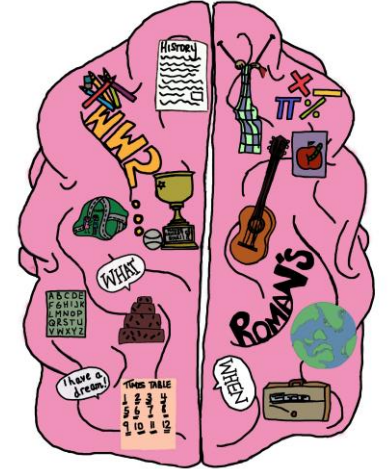
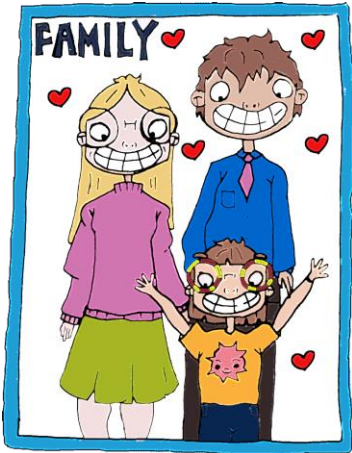


I can do my interests and hobbies with the people who matter to me (31,15,27)





RIGHTS CHARTER IMAGES



The Final Posters



Tangled Up in Rights

- »» Look at the Forces Children's Rights Charter flashcards and think about how these are important to you.
- »» Pass a ball of string around at random; each person shares right that is important to them and why.
- »» Watch the web form to show how rights connect.



What's Right for Me?

- » In groups, match scenario cards to the correct rights (there may be more than one!)
- » Discuss choice and reflect together on why it is important and how you might be able to realise the right in your role.

