

# Education Reform: How to use the consultation packs



We have provided two consultation packs that you can use. One is for under 12s and the other for young people aged 12-to-18 years. You can download the young people pack or do it online.

The suggestion is that you, as an adult facilitator, gather a group of children or young people who want to take part. The pack has instructions for you, but a short way to describe the consultation to children or young people would be as follows:

***This consultation is about school and learning. It is for Professor Ken Muir who is looking into how education works in Scotland. We have some statements to help us talk and think about your education. We will write down what you think. We will share what you say with the Scottish Government. We won't use anyone's names, so what you say is anonymous.***

As the adult facilitator, you will see that there are a number of statements to get children and young people talking. The children have 14 statements. The young people have 17 statements. Here are some tips on doing the consultation:

- You don't have to talk about all the statements, it's up to the group.
- When you talk about a statement, you can use the agree/disagree scale to find out what participants feel about the statement. Take a note of this for us in your response.
- Make sure you write down the key things children or young people want to say. We would like direct quotes.
- You can start anywhere – the children or young people might like to pick what they want to comment on. Or perhaps start with a statement you think they will find it easier to engage with to get going.

• The first 7 statements are taken from Article 29 of the UNCRC and they say what children and young people's education should provide. They are perhaps the more challenging statements in terms of understanding, so no need to start with them. Discussing the other statements might take you back to these as discussion develops.

• It is okay to take a bit of time to ensure understanding of a statement. For example the statement that reads 'My education helps me to develop respect for the natural environment'. You could read the statement, explain that this is about learning about nature and the environment, and ask prompt questions like: Do you get to learn about nature and the environment at school? What kinds of things do you learn? Do you do enough learning about nature and the environment? Would you like to do more? How could we make sure learning about nature and the environment is as good as it should be for every child? And then once you have had a good chat, and noted down key things, you could go back to the statement and each person could vote on how much they agree/disagree with the statement as it applies to their experience of school now.

When you have had your conversation remember to submit your group response if it is online, or post a hard copy of the download pack to the address on the consultation page. If you want to have a chat about how you can use the consultation pack for children or young people you can contact [colin@childrensparliament.org.uk](mailto:colin@childrensparliament.org.uk)