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It's important to know one's own rights to be able to respect the rights of others.

Rights & responsibilities

Use the basic ideas of the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child as a starting point.

- No child should be discriminated against.
- The priority must always be what is in the child's best interests.
- Every child has the right to life and development.
- Every child has the right to share their opinion and adults must listen.

Work in groups or pairs, and discuss how children are treated in your community. Are some treated worse than others? Are some being bullied at school? Use the following questions to get started!

- What are the best and worst things about being a child where you live?
- What are you most afraid of?
- What would you most like to change about your life right now?
- Is it particularly difficult for some groups of children where you live? If so, for which groups, and why?
- Do adults listen to you enough, for example, teachers, and parents?
- What is the most important thing to change for children where you live?

After working in pairs and groups, everyone presents their conclusions. If children's rights are being violated, are there any suggestions for solutions to the problems?

With rights come responsibilities:

- Listen to and respect other people's points of view.
- Stand up for your rights but also for the rights of others.
- Think about your actions and how they can impact others.
- Support people who need more care than ourselves.

Give everyone time to think about other responsibilities they might have. What happens if they don't take responsibility?

