



Ann Jones AM
Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee,
National Assembly for Wales,
Cardiff Bay,
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Dear Ann Jones AM, Chair - Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

Re: Inquiry into the future of equality and human rights in Wales

The **Wales UNCRC Monitoring Group** is a national alliance of non-governmental and academic agencies coordinated and chaired by Save the Children's Wales programme. The group is tasked with monitoring and promoting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in Wales. Group membership includes: Aberystwyth University Centre of Welsh Legal Affairs, Barnardo's Cymru, Cardiff University Department of Child Health, Children in Wales, Funky Dragon, Nacro Cymru, NSPCC Cymru, Save the Children Wales (Chair & Coordinator), Swansea University, School of Law. In addition representatives of the Welsh Government, Children's Commissioner for Wales, WLGA and UNICEF UK attend regularly as observers.

Unfortunately this inquiry only came to our attention this week and therefore we are unable to submit more considered evidence. However, we would like the Committee to ensure that proper regard is given to the position of children's rights as human rights. We would like to suggest that, as part of its inquiry, the Committee might wish to seek clarification on the following points:

- the extent to which children's rights are regarded as part of the core work of the Equality and Human Rights Commission in Wales.
- the extent to which children's rights are perceived as human rights which are enjoyed by children and young people, and not as something distinct from general human rights.

Yours sincerely

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