



Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article Twelve



Article 12:

"Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously."

This article gives children the right to be listened to in all areas of their everyday life.

Question - Why is it important to be listened to?



Watch the video -



Being able to speak about things gives you the power to make changes. This can be things at home, school or in the community. Being a child does not make your voice less valuable.

Click the images below to learn about child activists in action.



Greta Thunberg - 17 years old.

Wants to have a better environment for everyone.



Malala Yousafzai - now 22, Malala was 15 when she called for equal rights for girls so they could go to school.

Activity - Write a poem about one of the following subjects:

- The environment
- Equality
- You're right to be heard (why is it important?)

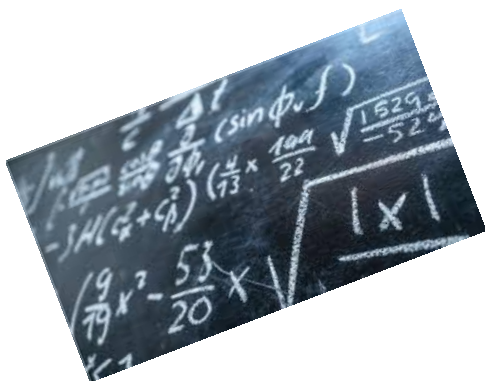
OR

Make a video about one of the above subjects and send it to the school.

For more ideas or information, visit the Voices of Youth website - <https://www.voicesofyouth.org/>



Finally, think about issues at school that are important to you. The school council (Student Voice) is the perfect place to share ideas for improvement or change.



If you have any ideas (I'm sure they will be fantastic) write them down and you can present them to the council.