



Teacher Notes

What is this resource?

This resource was created by the Ombudsman for Children Office. The Ombudsman for Children Office is a human rights institution. We work to promote and protect the rights and welfare of children in Ireland. We want children and young people to be actively heard and respected so they experience safe, fulfilling and happy everyday lives. We do this through raising awareness of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the child through workshops and by investigating complaints about services provided to children by public bodies. This year we are one of Baboró's cultural partners! The ability to exercise their culture and express themselves creatively are fundamental rights that all children are entitled to. So this year we have created an online workshop focusing on children's rights and self-expression. The video workshop can be used in the classroom or at home. We have provided activity ideas for teachers to introduce after the video to encourage the children to actively participate and engage with the idea of children's rights, be it through art, writing or improvisation.

What do I need?

This resource is a video workshop, so you will need a computer and projector with speakers or an interactive white board so the presentation can be played to the class. If you would like to integrate stickers and rights posters into your pupils art project then please email education@oco.ie and we can post some out to your school. You can also download a [rights poster](#) from our website. You will also need a variety of art materials.

How to use this resource?

The video is presented by a member of the Participation and Rights Education team, Aoife. At the end of the video Aoife assigns a challenge to the children to create a piece of art work that represents your pupils favourite or most important right to them. This piece of art work can take any form. Children can work in their pods/bubbles, in pairs or alone depending on how you would like to organise your class. The art could be traditional painting or drawing, or it could be a short story, poem or play. You should encourage your children to express themselves in whatever way they want. This is one of their rights!

Are there support resources for teachers?

Should you want to develop a series of classes around children rights you can find additional educational materials here, including more video resources: <https://www.oco.ie/childrens-rights/education-materials/>

- We have teacher resources: [Making Rights Real](#)
- We have a drama resource: [Act Your Rights](#)

Are there support resources for children?

Should your class need a bit more inspiration they can visit our dedicated website for children: www.oco.ie/itsyourright

- We have a child friendly UNCRC: [a list of all articles under the UNCRC](#)
- We have a video game about children's rights: [Rights Runner](#)