

Mayor of Tower Hamlets' Charter of Child Rights

Playing a part and freedoms

one Children have the right to think and believe what they want and we respect the right and responsibility of families to direct and guide their children on these matters. Children have the right to voice their opinion and have it taken into account when adults are making decisions that affect them. (Articles 5, 14, 12)

2 Children have the right to privacy. We will protect them against any breaches of this privacy. (Article 16)

3 Children have the right to meet together and join groups and organisations, on the condition that it does not prevent others from enjoying their rights. (Article 15)

4 Children have the right to knowledge. They have the right to obtain and share information, whilst ensuring that the information is not damaging to them. (Article 13)

By signing this pledge, we agree to uphold the full United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and treat each right equally.

The rights in the Convention apply to everyone under eighteen regardless of their race, religion, gender, abilities, whatever their beliefs or thoughts, whatever type of family they come from.

We agree to ensure that young people's best interests are at the heart of any activity concerning a child or a young person and we seek to take into account their various needs and requirements.

Reaching potential

5 All children have the right to a decent quality of education. Children should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education they are capable of and offered the support they need in order to fulfil their potential. (Articles 28, 29)

6 Children with disability should have special care and support which provides them with the skills to lead full and independent lives. (Article 23)

Living well

7 Children have the right to a standard of living that is reasonable enough to meet their physical and mental needs. This includes the right to good quality healthcare, nutritious food, decent clothing and a clean environment. We pledge to assist families who are unable to afford to provide this standard of living. (Articles 6, 24, 26, 27)

8 Children have the right to relax, play and join in on a wide range of activities. (Article 31)

Being free from harm

9 Children should be protected from danger that could harm their development and mental and physical state. (Articles 33, 34 and 25)

TEN Children who break the law should not be treated cruelly. They should not be put in prison with adults and should be able to keep in contact with their families. (Article 37)

The undersigned organisations will promote and embed the rights through:

- Integrating these rights in the services we deliver.
- Offering training to staff members to raise the profile of child rights.
 - Allowing participation and involvement of young people.
 - Listening to young people and using their expertise.
- Communicating these rights in an open and clear manner.