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Welcome to this special edition of Homeword where we are celebrating 30 years of the UNCRC. Our edition will therefore be centred around work with and for children.

UNCRC

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is a human rights treaty which consists of 54 articles laying out children's rights and how governments should work together to ensure them. The UN General Assembly adopted the UNCRC on 20 November 1989 in New York City. Currently today, the UNCRC is ratified by 194 countries. It was ratified by the UK in 1992. You can read more about the treaty and the countries that have ratified it here: https://treaties.un.org/pages/viewdetails.aspx?src=treaty&mtmsg_no=iv-11&chapter=4&lang=en

For a video which provides a useful introduction and understanding of the UNCRC, please visit this video from the Queens University Belfast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFMqTDIYI2U>

Article 24 (e)

Our blog on the UNCRC and article 24 (e) which discusses accident prevention can be accessed online here: <https://www.rospa.com/en/lets-talk-about/2019/November/United-Nations-Convention-on-the-Rights-of-the-Child>

Scottish Government Survey – have your say!

A Scottish Parliament Committee is seeking views on how to achieve community wellbeing. The Local Government and Communities Committee is keen to find out what people think affects 'community wellbeing' and have launched a call for the public's ideas on what this future work should focus on. Please complete this survey and share with colleagues to complete also. Perhaps folks will highlight the importance of unintentional harm and injury in their responses as a major factor in affecting their wellbeing? <https://www.parliament.scot/113583.aspx>

Keeping Kids Safe in the Home Project

RoSPA's Keeping Kids Safe in the Home project in Edinburgh has ended and the final independent research can be accessed online here:

The key results of the project are as follows:

- 84% of parents found the packs helpful or very helpful
- When contacted 2 – 4 weeks after receiving the pack – 60% of parents had used the thermometer whilst 95% had used or were planning to use the door stopper and cupboard catch



- 31% of parents were unaware of all or some of the risks
- 55% of parents said the pack and information increased their knowledge about risks
- The pack should be handed out between the 2 – 6 month mark
- The approach of using the Family Nursing Partnership and Health Visitors was considered “excellent”
- The project should be rolled out across Scotland by focusing first on areas of the most deprivation
- Short video clips on specific topics could be useful for parents

RoSPA Scotland will now be looking at ways to roll out the project through expanding our work with the Family Nurse partnership, Health Visitors and any other relevant partners in Scotland.

Together Scotland

Together Scotland has produced a new strategic plan (2019- 2024). Their key vision is for “all children and young people growing up in Scotland have their human rights”. You can read about their new strategic plan here: https://www.togetherscotland.org.uk/media/1368/strategic_plan_2019-2024_v5.pdf

Consultations

The responses to the recent consultation on UNCRC incorporation have now been published. You can read the responses by following this link <https://togetherscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2019/10/updates-on-uncrc-incorporation/>

Coasters

RoSPA has coasters available which contain the message about keeping hot drinks away from young children. For a supply of coasters please contact communitysafety@rospa.com



Did You Know?

6 children every month
are injured so severely that they are admitted to hospital due to contact with hot drinks/fats and cooking oils

(Source: ISD)



Some useful links:

- Summary of the UNCRC and children's rights : <https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/>

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