



**Children's  
Commissioner**  
for Jersey

# About us and what we want to do from 2019 - 2023



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## Message from Deborah McMillan, Children's Commissioner for Jersey



Deborah looks after children's rights in Jersey.



This is what she says about this plan:

This plan is for children and young people in Jersey.



It is to show them what we will do to make sure they have their **rights** protected.

**Rights** are about how we should be treated.



We asked children, and people who work with children, what they think Deborah and her team should be doing.



We found out that most children and young people do not know what their rights are.



Some laws say what children and young people's rights are.

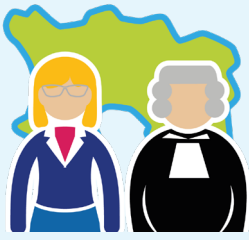


We want to make sure children and young people know what their rights are.



We also want to make life better for children and young people.

And we want to speak up for them.



It is our job to follow a law made for Jersey about what Deborah must do in her job.



We will make a report every year that shows what work we have done.



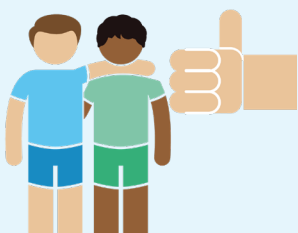
Deborah will make sure we follow this plan.

**Deborah McMillan**

# What we want to happen



We want children and young people to know their rights.



We want them to be respected.



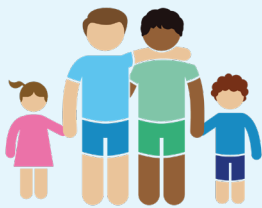
We want them to be heard.

# What we will do to make it happen

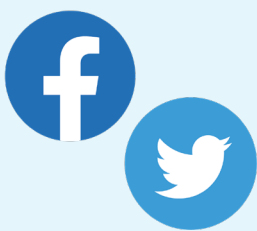


We will support them to make sure they know their rights:

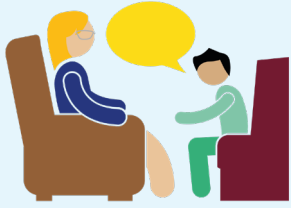
- In school



- In their families



- By putting information in newspapers and on social media like Twitter and Facebook.



We will listen to them to find out what is important to them:

- By meeting them where they live



- By going to their school



We will talk to them about where they can get help if they need it.

And we will give advice to the people who care for them.





We will make sure children get the best support by talking to:

- The government



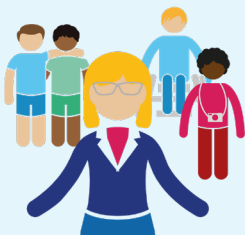
- Services for children



- People who have a say about services for children

We will speak up for children about important issues.

## What we believe in



We want to make sure children and young people are put first in everything we do.



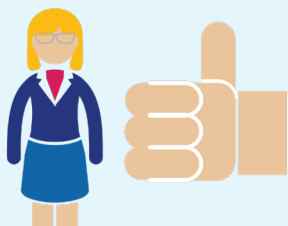
We want to be open and honest about everything we do.



We want to make sure we treat everyone fairly. And kindly. And equally.



We want to make sure we protect children and their rights.



We want to make sure we do what is right, even when it is difficult.

# About the office of the Children's Commissioner for Jersey



Our main job is to make sure that children's and young people's rights are protected.



This is for all children under the age of 18.



And young people under the age of 25 who have:

- a disability



- have been in care



- have been in trouble with the police



To make sure rights are protected the Commissioner must:

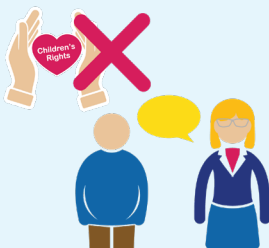
- Make sure children and young people know about their rights.



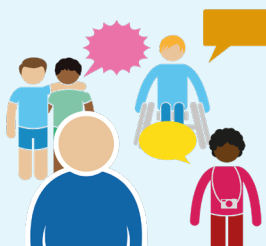
- Make sure people in power respect and protect their rights.



- Give advice to services about how they can improve the way they work.



- Talk to adults when rights are not being protected.



- Make sure adults listen to what children and young people want when choices are being made about their lives.



The Commissioner must do these things:

Use the laws and rules that are in place to protect children and young people.



Find out what children and young people think.



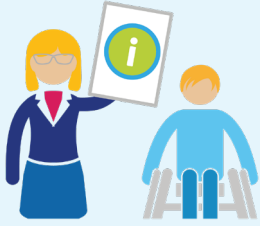
Write a plan every 4 years about what we are going to do.



Make sure children and young people know what work is being done. And know how to get in touch.



Write a report every year about the work that has been done.



When rights are not being protected the Commissioner has the power to:

Give children and young people information.



Support children and young people to complain.



Give support to services to help solve problems.



Look into situations where there are problems and give advice about what to do.



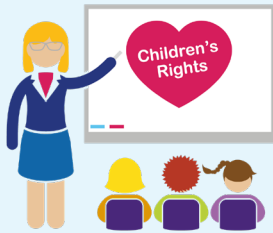
Go to court when there are serious problems.

# Our Goals



## 1. Making Changes

We will make sure children's and young people's rights are much more protected by:



- Helping children and young people understand their rights.



- Giving advice to the government.



- Talking about the importance of respecting children and young people.



- Supporting people to do their best for children and young people.



- Making sure services involve children and young people.



- Talking about the rights, health and happiness of children and young people.



- Giving the best advice about the rights of children and young people.



## 2. Doing it the right way

We will be a strong organisation and help others to do the best they can for children and young people's rights.



We will do this by:

- Making sure children and young people are put first in everything we do.

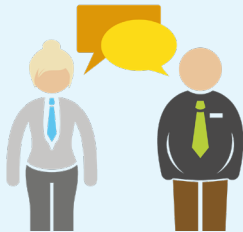




- Working to the highest standards.



- Setting the highest standards to make the best changes.



- Helping organisations to learn from each other.



- Supporting children and young people who feel they are not being heard.



### 3. Proving it can be done

We will make sure that children and young people come first in laws and rules in Jersey.



We will do this by:

Having a say about laws and rules to do with children and young people.



Checking the law is being followed about children's rights.



Report to the **United Nations** about how children's rights are being protected in Jersey.



The **United Nations** is an important organisation made up of people from countries around the world.



The United Nations do a lot of work to do with protecting people's rights.



They have created special rights for children under 18 called the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child**.

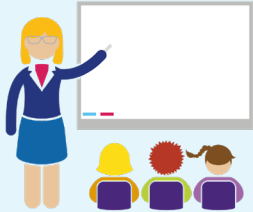


The **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child** are the promises that the world's governments have made to children.



The Commissioners job is based on what they say:

- They must Protect the rights of children to live and do well.



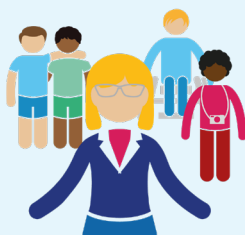
- Help children to learn and grow.



- Make sure children are listened to.



- Help them to be the best they can be.



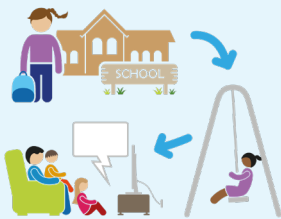
- All children have the same rights.



The rules of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child talks about 4 main areas of children's rights:



1. Right to life
  - good food
  - water
  - and to grow up healthy.



2. Right to education, health and time to play and relax.



3. Right to have a say and be listened to.

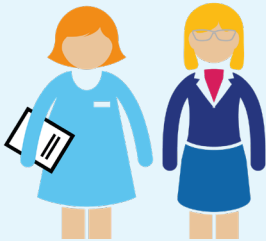


4. Right to be treated well and not be hurt by anyone.

## How we will check our work



We will make sure children can tell us what they think about our work.



We will work with groups who will check what we are doing.



We will make a report every year that will show what we have done.

# Where does our money come from?



We are given money by the Government of Jersey.



We are a small team who work together in an office.



To find out more please go to  
our website:

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