

CREATING CHANGE IN JERSEY: A UNITED NATIONS DAY OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

Our vision is that Jersey's social care system for children and young people is improved based on the views of children and young people, and that it works to protect, respect and fulfil their human rights.



The UNCRRC: a bit of background

The UNCRRC stands for the 'United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child'. It is a list of rights that all children and young people have. Every child has these rights, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status. Almost every country has agreed to these rights by signing up to the UNCRRC, including Jersey. In 2014, our Government became a signatory of the UNCRRC, agreeing to uphold these rights for all the Island's children and young people.

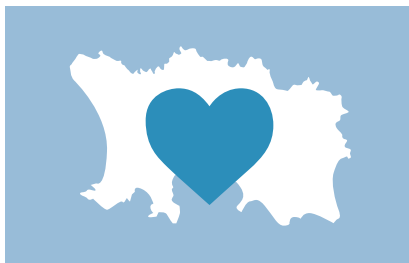


Day of General Discussion (DGD)

A Day of General Discussion, or DGD, is an event that is organised by the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva. The purpose of the DGD is to allow participants from all over the world to explore different aspects of children's rights in deeper, more holistic ways.

The 2018 DGD, which was attended by our Children's Commissioner, was the first time that children and young people had been involved in both developing and delivering the event. And it was a great success. After that, the Committee decided that they would actively involve and engage with children and young people in all future DGDs.

The next DGD is scheduled for September 2021, and the theme of discussion will be 'Children in Alternative Care'.



The project

The Children's Commissioner wants to support a group of care-experienced children and young people from Jersey in designing and delivering a project for this year's DGD on 'Children in Alternative Care'.

The project would look at how Jersey's current system of alternative care could be improved, and then find ways to present those ideas to everyone at this year's DGD. It would also look at how children and young people can engage the Government here in Jersey, to make sure that those changes are considered in future laws, policies and practice.



This project will be developed with YOU

We would like to work together to create an advisory group of children and young people. This group would then drive the project from start to finish, exploring and developing ways of working with children and young people.

We want to make sure that the voices of children and young people are really heard, loud and clear. And to do this, we will fully support the advisory group, and the children and young people they work with, to find new and creative ways to express their views, wishes and feelings about this year's DGD theme of 'Alternative Care'.



Geneva

As part of this project, the Office of the Children's Commissioner would also like to support a small group of children and young people from Jersey to attend the next DGD at the UN in Geneva. This would be a unique opportunity to share work from Jersey and to connect with peers from around the world.