

CHILDREN'S  
RIGHTS  
WEEK

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#YOU'RE VALUED

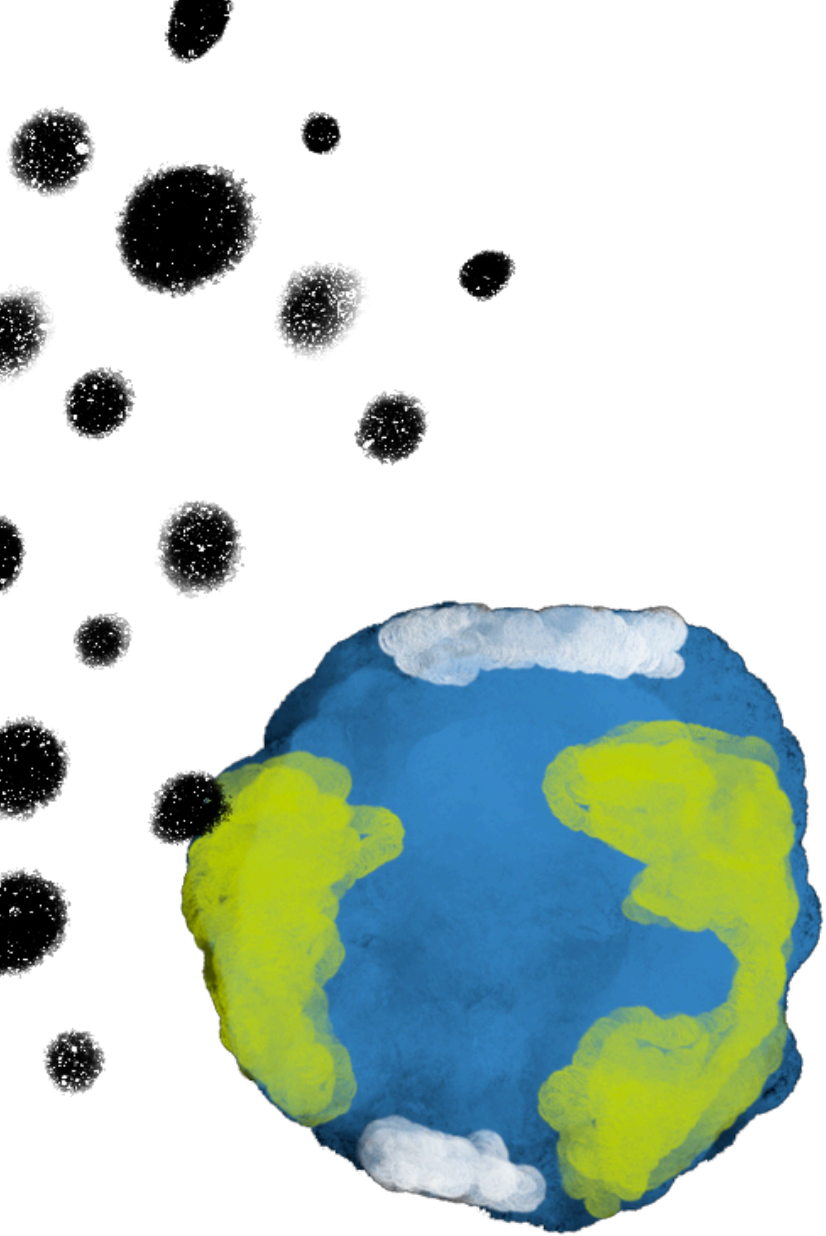
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The rights of the child apply to every child without discrimination of any kind, irrespective of the child's individual characteristics, or those of a parent or legal guardian, including race; skin colour; sex; language; religion; political or other views; national, ethnic or social origin; property; disability; birth or other status.

**UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**

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The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child guarantees every child and young person the right to live and grow up in safety.

The Convention has been ratified by all countries of the world except the United States of America. In Finland, the Convention was enacted in law in 1991 and has been in force ever since.

# The four general principles of the UNCRC:



No child should suffer discrimination.

**Article 2**

The child has the right to life, survival and development.

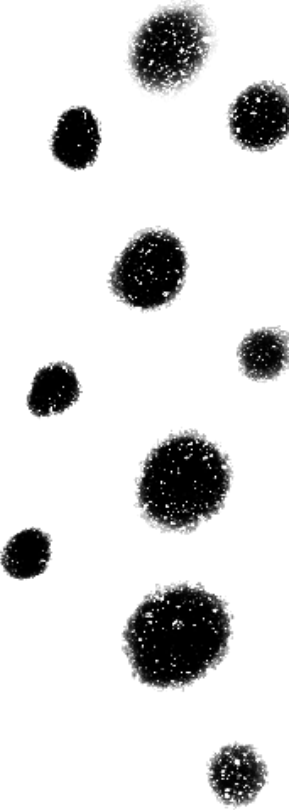
**Article 6**

The best interests of the child must be a primary consideration.

**Article 3**

The child has the right to have their views considered.

**Article 12**





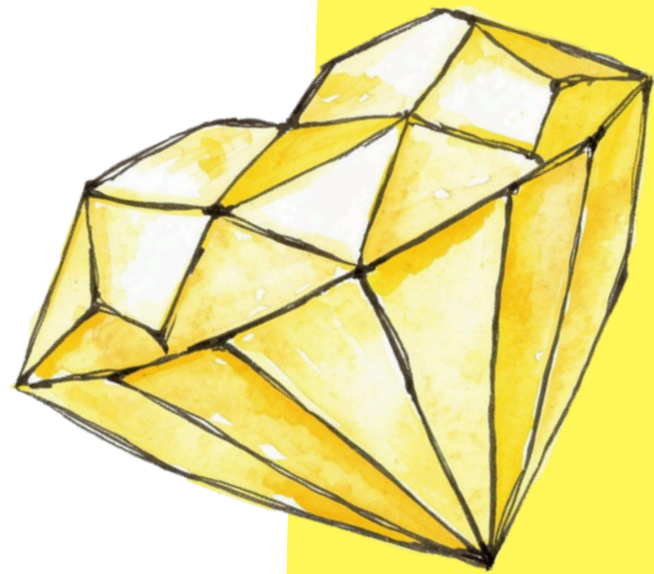
World Children's Day takes place every year on

# 20 November

World Children's Day  
is an established flag day in Finland.

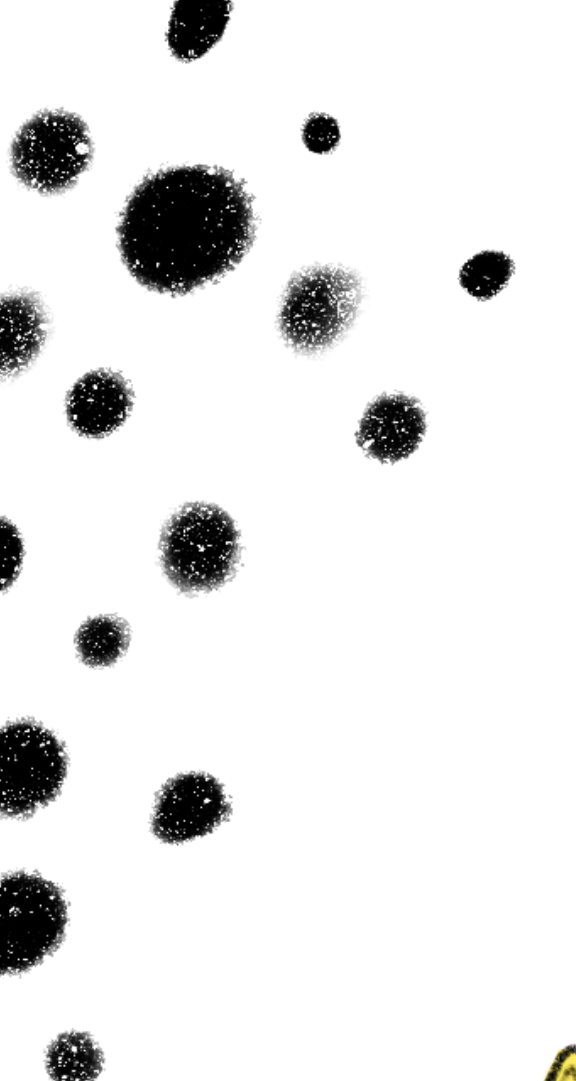
Children's Rights Week is a theme week held in connection with World Children's Day to raise awareness of children's rights. It is organised by the National Child Rights Communication Network.

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The theme for  
Children's Rights Week  
2026 is  
**EVERY CHILD IS  
VALUABLE!**

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The purpose of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is to protect the wellbeing and development of children. The following relate to children's right to be treated with dignity and respect:

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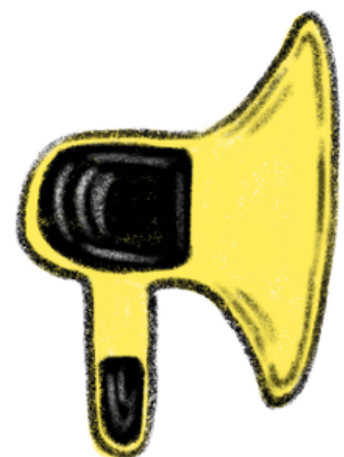
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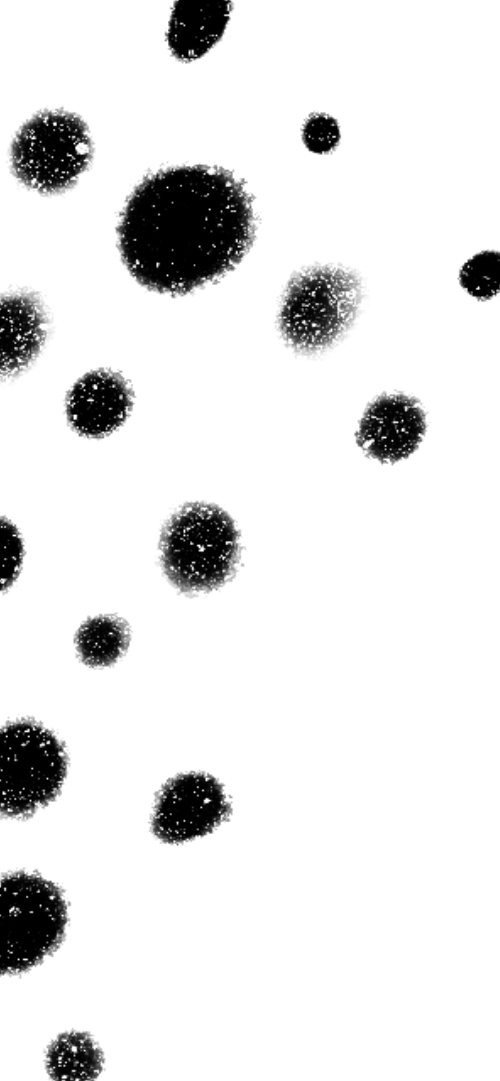
**Article 29**

Teaching in schools must be fair and respectful of children. Teachers must also inform students about children's and human rights.

**Article 40**

Children must be protected and respected even if they have broken the law or are suspected of doing so.





The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child monitors the implementation of the Rights of the Child. The Committee thinks that Finland should, for example:

- Ensure that children and adults are informed about the rights of the child
- Minimise discrimination, for example through awareness-raising campaigns
- Improve children's digital literacy
- Ensure that children in foster care are informed of their rights
- Ensure that all children receive accurate information about sexual health
- Ensure that all children have equal access to education
- Ensure that children have free leisure activities in all municipalities

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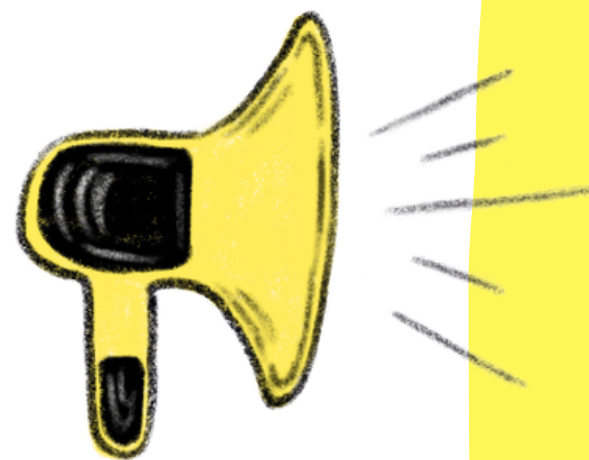
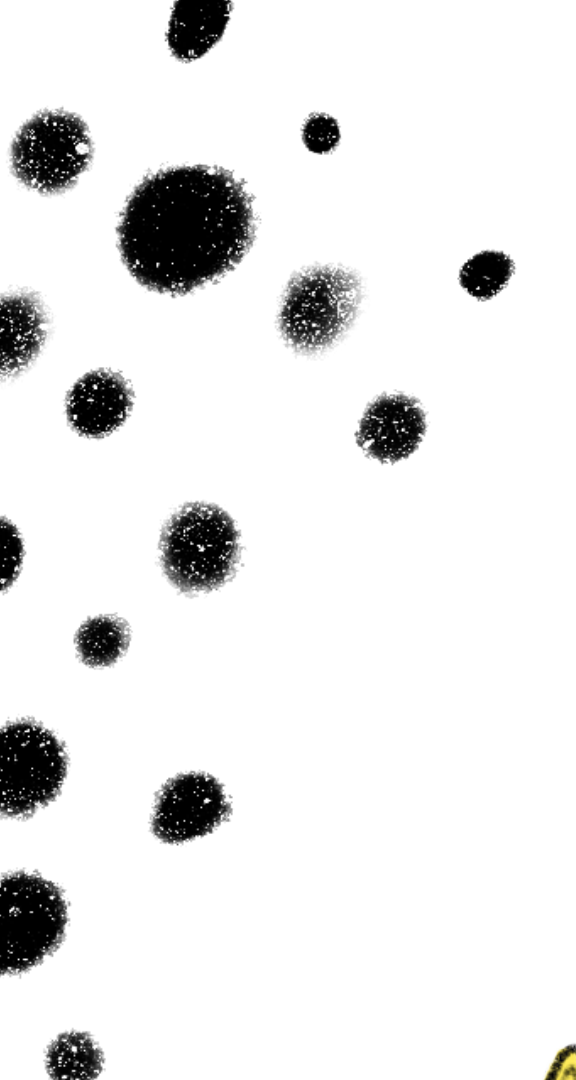




## **What does the right to be treated with dignity and respect mean?**

The idea of every human being's inherent value is the foundation of all human rights.

Human dignity does not depend on social status, age or any personal characteristic. The 2026 theme reminds us that human dignity also belongs to children – each and every one of them.



**Inherent human dignity and human rights:**

Human rights belong to every child. No one may be discriminated against.

**Sense of self-worth and the worth of others:**

Every child has the right to be treated with dignity in all situations: "I am/you are valued; I/you matter; I/you have the right to be treated well."

**Relationships with others:**

Children have the right to a share of society's resources. Children and their rights must be respected.



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## EQUALITY

Children in  
relation to each  
other children in  
relation to  
adults

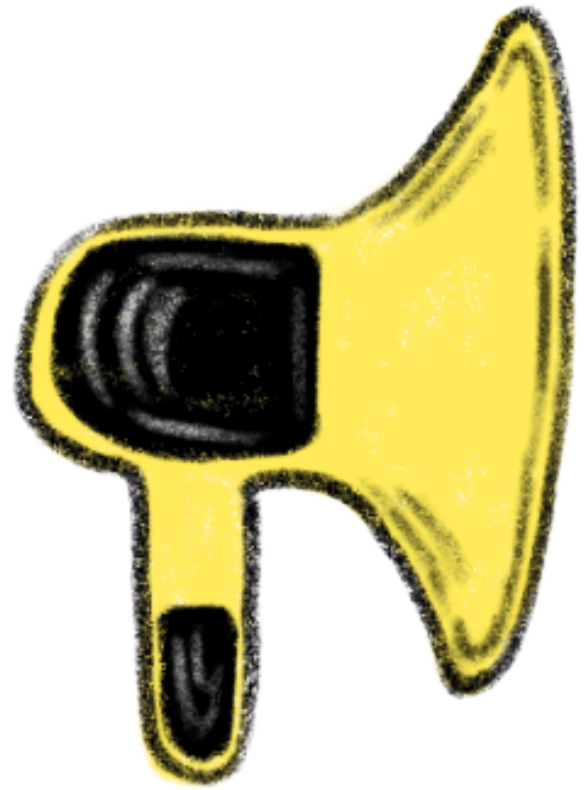
## SENSE OF SELF-WORTH

"I am important and  
accepted.  
I am enough as  
I am."

HUMAN DIGNITY  
AND  
HUMAN RIGHTS

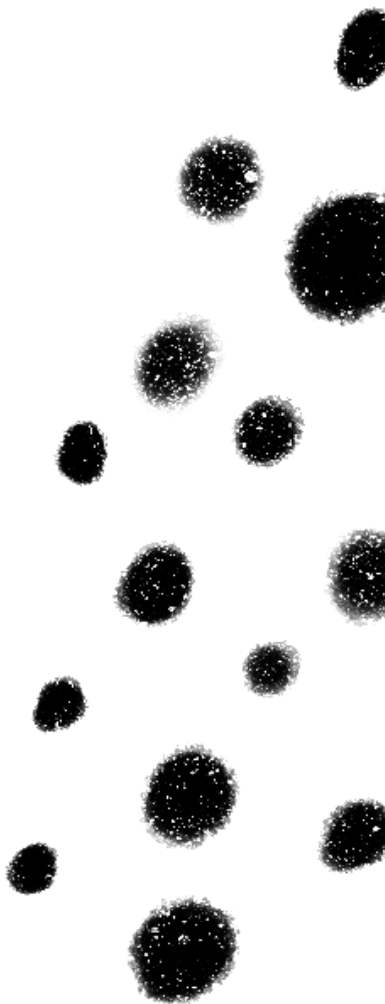
NON-  
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## Things to consider

- What makes you feel valued?
- What undermines your sense of self-worth?
- What could you do to help others feel valued?



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