

OUTRIGHT

Speak out on children's rights

Support Workshop 1

21 September 2022

Q&A notes

Can we adapt the activities and do them in our own time?

Absolutely, please feel free to adapt the resources and activities to fit in what you think is best for the children and young people you work with.

OutRight 2022 mostly focuses on international health and health systems. However, if any local issues are identified, can schools campaign on those?

Yes, schools are welcome to campaign on any local issues they identify. To support you in this, we recommend looking at the introduction materials which include information on what campaigning is, how to approach local decision makers and engage local media. Please share what you have done with us afterwards.

When will resources be shared for the World Children's Day?

Resources linked to the World Children's Day on 20 November will be shared on 24 October. They will include an activity around inviting a local health worker to your school, as well tuning into our live event on 18 November. Tickets for the event will be released soon so please look out for these.

How do we get the whole school involved?

Lots of groups get the whole school involved with help from a smaller representative school groups like school council. Coming together and joining our live World Children's Day event on 18 November is also a good way.

How can Article of the Week for Rights Respecting Schools be used alongside OutRight resources?

We will be dedicating the Article of the Week on 6 October to articles 24 & 13 and OutRight so you can use this pack of activities to talk about OutRight as well.

Generally, schools mentioned using Article of the Week in weekly assemblies, putting up posters with relevant articles, encouraging children to either complete some activities independently or as a class, creating displays which show how children explore these

outside of the school environment, having task and discussion for all year groups in tutor time, sharing weekly articles with parents on Dojo.

Do we have to do all the activities in resources?

No, you can select activities and don't have to do all of them or do them in order. Please select what works best for your environment.

Will there be a joint OutRight 2022 campaign action?

Yes, it will be released in the first half of October and it's more time bound than other activities, but if you're not able to take part, you can still make the most of OutRight and it won't have any impact on you receiving the certificate.

The other campaign action will be shared later, on 24 October, encouraging your group to invite a local healthcare worker to your school or setting and interview them.

What actions have schools taken in the past within OutRight?

There were some major joint actions for instance in 2020 children across the UK wrote to the COP26 president on how the climate crisis impacts their rights. We also worked with Votes for Schools on ensuring that children across the UK shared their opinions on climate change and those were taken to UK Government ministers.

However, smaller scale actions are just as important. In the past this has included raising awareness of relevant rights in their communities, putting up posters in libraries and local shops, writing to local representatives, supporting local charities, sharing videos with parents and carers, children and young people telling their families about what they're learning etc. Teaching children about taking actions is equally valuable.

Pairing up with other local schools or using a partnership with a school overseas might be a good idea as well – this can be set up via the British Council.

I haven't received an email about new resources, but I can see they were updated onto the website. Why is that?

Following the Queen's passing, there's been a pause on communication which is why you haven't received an email notification. This was an extraordinary situation and from now on you will always receive an email when new resources are updated.

Is there going to be another chance to interact with the UNICEF UK OutRight team and ask questions?

We'll soon be releasing tickets for the next support workshop, being held 12 October, so you can sign up for this – limit is 30 people so grab your place soon if you're interested. Also look out for an invitation to our World Children's Day live event on 18 November – there is no limit

on places. And you can always contact us with any questions or comments on outright@unicef.org.uk.

Other tips

- You can use the conversation around current events and what's happening in the world to explore children's right to health and health systems e.g. crisis in Ukraine and floods in Pakistan – how do they impact children's right to the best possible health?
- OutRight and the right to health could be a good topic to support children and young people to talk about rights at home and encourage intergenerational conversations.
- Think about what kind of provision is there in your school – do you have a school nurse, dentist or other health worker? Explore how they help children and young people claim their right to health. If you don't, is this something you would like to change? How could you approach that?
- There will be activities focusing on health equity as opposed to equality so we recommend exploring these.
- This year we've tried to ensure we're accommodating different age groups including older children as well as early years. Please let us know if we've been successful in this and if the resources were received well by all age groups you work with.