

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

OOSH Version



Article 2 - No Discrimination

All children have the rights stated in this Convention, regardless of their (or their parent's/guardian's) religion, culture, political opinion, personal likes/dislikes, disability, gender, or wealth. (Children are free from discrimination)

Article 3 - Decision Making

When adults (OOSH Educators) make decisions that directly affect children, children's best interests should be a top priority in all actions and choices made. Adults should ensure children are protected and looked after at all times, through the decisions that they make.

Article 5 - Community

A child's community, and groups or individual's who care for children should ensure to help children to learn and use their rights in the best way possible. To guide children until they are able to make insightful, reasonable, and appropriate decisions for themselves.



Article 12 - Children's Opinions

Children who are capable of forming their own views and opinions have the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child. Adults (OOSH Educators) making decisions should listen to children and take them seriously.

Article 13 - Freedom of Expression

Children have the right to freely express information, and all ideas they have regardless of barriers they may face. This can be done through talking, writing, drawing, painting, media, creative arts or any mode the child wishes; unless it hurts or harms other people.

Article 15 - Groups

Children have the right to form groups, and have the freedom of meeting with other people, unless it hurts or harms other people.

Article 16 - Privacy

Children will not have their privacy disturbed, nor will their reputation be affected. Children have the right to be protected by the law if someone tries to interfere with their privacy or reputation.

Article 18 - Parent Responsibility

All appropriate measures will be taken, so children of working parents have the right to benefit from child-care services and facilities for which they are eligible.

Article 29 - Education

A - All forms of children's education should assist children in increasing their skills, talents and foster physical and mental wellbeing.

B - There should be dedication to teaching children to respect human rights, and understand the UN Convention and how it supports them.

C - Education should assist children in forming a respectful understanding of culture, language, and values (both their own and others)

D - with the aim that children will become ready to live responsibly in a free and peaceful society where people understand each other, are kind, treat everyone equally (regardless of gender, ethnicity or religion), and make friends with people from different backgrounds.

E - Education should teach and support children to care for their natural environment through sustainable practices.

Article 31 - Play & Rest

Children have the right to relax, play, and do fun things that are right for their age. They should also have the opportunity to be a part of cultural and artistic activities. They should ALL have the equal right to do artistic things, while also having the opportunity to sleep if they are tired.



As OOSH Educators we take a rights based approach to our work, it is a priority to maintain the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child at all times. By upholding these rights we actively protect children, and allow them to thrive in the best way possible.