

Children and Young People’s Participation

The Observatory supports the establishment by law of a democratically elected youth parliament for Wales. We work with children and young people and with statutory and third sector organisations to engage with children and young people as partners in training, evidence-gathering, report-writing and policy advocacy.

Public policy and law reform

We work with our partners to inform evidence-based policy choices and to promote reforms that will help to fulfil human rights of children and young people.

Lleisiau Bach Little Voices

This project, managed by the Observatory@Swansea in partnership with Observatory@Bangor, supports the under-12s to understand human rights of children and young people, to choose issues they want to research, to select research methods, carry out the research, to reach conclusions based on evidence and then to promote the changes they want to see. With the help of a Big Lottery grant, the project submitted the first ever peer-led report from 7 – 11 year olds to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, in July 2015.

NGO Monitoring

The Observatory@Swansea supports the Wales UNCRC Monitoring Group which submits an alternative report to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and advocates for change in Wales to implement the requirements of the Convention.

**The ‘right to be properly researched’:
securing best evidence**

Child Rights Impact Assessments

We develop and promote best practice models for carrying out CRIAs and evaluating their effectiveness.

Outreach and advice in youth and community settings

Working with legal professional and community partners, we help raise legal awareness and offer support to resolve children and young people’s issues that need to be dealt with using legal or administrative processes.

**Embedding rights:
in organisations,
policies and
practices**

**Putting things
right: securing
redress and
ensuring
accountability**

Whole organisation and strategic implementation

We work with national and local government, public and third sector bodies to promote practice based on internationally recognised, practical approaches to human rights-based decision-making.

Research-based, human rights education

Research informs all our education and professional training programmes and our students engage in research. Educating tomorrow’s professional workforce to know about human rights and how to enforce them is key to fulfilment of human rights.

Data collection and evaluation

We develop and promote human rights-based approaches to data collection and evaluation, both alongside and integrated within conventional outcomes measures.

Case work research facility

We offer support to practitioners looking to research human rights issues arising in their case work or in policy development.