

Statement of Commitment to Western Australia's children and young people

All children have the right to be safe, healthy, happy and learning. Everyone has a responsibility, including family, carers, the broader community and children and young people, to work together to deliver these rights.

Safe and supported

THE RIGHT TO belong and be you

"Culture tells me who I am and makes me feel good. It makes me feel like I belong somewhere."

13 year old - Perth (Yawuru)

THE RIGHT TO be treated fairly and humanely

"It's on us to do what we've got to do to survive, so treat everyone with fairness and equality."

17 year old - Perth (Koori)

THE RIGHT TO be safe and feel safe everywhere

"I want to be safe in my town. There's too much swearing at us girls... fighting, drugs, girls getting snatched, it's not safe if you're by yourself."

12 year old - Pilbara

Learning and participating

THE RIGHT TO contribute, make decisions and be listened to

"Adults have to start listening more to us kids, instead of just telling us what to do all the time."

16 year old - Great Southern

THE RIGHT TO explore, express and create

"Dancing is great. It lets you see other people's points of view and teaches us about how when you work together you can create something amazing."

12 year old - Perth

THE RIGHT TO education and lifelong learning

"Our people need more support in education and schools like my school need extra support to help children like me."

11 year old - Wheatbelt (Noongar)

Healthy and connected

THE RIGHT TO a healthy life

"Good health and wellbeing is important to me... I want to make a difference in my community."

17 year old - Geraldton

THE RIGHT TO play, have fun and be active

"The most important thing to me is sport - because in sports you meet friends that help and support you in life."

10 year old - Kimberley (Nyikina)

THE RIGHT TO be loved

"You need support and love from your family and friends, and you need to push yourself to be the best."

16 year old - Wheatbelt (Noongar)

The Statement of Commitment is informed by conversations with Western Australian children and young people and their interpretation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. For more information and further resources visit: [UNICEF unicef.org](http://UNICEF.unicef.org)

Artwork by 10 year old - Pilbara



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