

Child Friendly Nottingham Updates

CHILD RIGHT OF THE MONTH:

As part of our Child Friendly Nottingham Action Plan, we're dedicated to promoting a different child's right each month. Please find a link below to access a resource to support your engagement with children and young people. We hope you find this Rights Respecting School resource helpful!



We have our new calendar for the 'Child Rights of the Month' 2025-2026, which is now available in the Challenge [Cultural-Rucksack](#).

Please tell us if you are doing any activities around the Rights of the Month, we'd love to hear about any activities you're doing around children's rights! Please share your ideas with us.

This Month:

[Articles 2 & 30 Resource Link](#)

This month, we will be **highlighting Article 2 and 30**, to raise awareness for **Black History Month** as well as **Article 6** for **Harvest and World Food Day** on the **16th October 2025**.



Article 2: Non-discrimination

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, sex, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.



Article 30: children from minority or indigenous groups

Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live



Article 6: life, survival and development

Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential



Article 2 and 30: Non-Discrimination and children from minority or indigenous groups



Article 2 and 30 of the UNCRC focuses on ensuring every child is included and supported in the UNCRC highlighted by our **Equal and Included golden badge** Nottingham's Children and Young people said were important to them. Article 2 focuses on not isolating or excluding any child regardless of their characteristics and background including any protected characteristics.

Meanwhile, Article 30 focuses on children and young people from minority or indigenous backgrounds and ensuring their distinct beliefs, customs and language is not discriminated against regardless if these are the mainstream in the country or not.

Black History Month 2025 "Standing Firm in Power and Pride"

October is an important month to highlight these articles as it is **Black History month**. It has been celebrated in the UK since 1987, with the emphasis on celebrating particularly the history and contributions to society of people with an African or Caribbean heritage, including highlighting events like the 'Windrush': a generation of Caribbeans who came to the UK between 1948 and 1973.



Every year there is a new theme for the month, this year's being **"Standing Firm in Power and Pride."** This year's theme focuses on the pride of being black and its heritage linking to article 30 and the importance of children being allowed to express freely and be proud of who they are and their background.



To read more about this year's theme, explore the [Black History Month Website](https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/)





What about Article 6 and World food day?



World Food Day 2025 on the **16th of October** is about creating a peaceful, sustainable, prosperous, and food-secure future through global collaboration. Article 6 is to highlight and be aware of what our children and young people are eating and making sure they all have access to a healthy diet.

To find out more about World Food Day you can go here:
[Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Website](#)



Next Month:

Next month, we will be continuing to **highlight Article 2 for Non-Discrimination for Anti-bullying Week starting on November 16th** as well as **highlighting Article 45** to raise awareness for **World Children's Day 2025 on 20th November**.

TRAINING UPDATES

Training dates in 2025

Upcoming Training: **An Introduction to Children's Rights in Practice**

To support Nottingham's ambition to become a globally recognised Child Friendly City, we are supporting partners across Nottingham city to be working to a Child's Rights Based Approach by offering **FREE** training, delivered by the UNICEF UK Child Friendly Cities Team.

Join for a practical and interactive introduction to children's rights as set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Please see the upcoming training dates below and email child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk to book a training space.



November 2025

- 📅 Wednesday 5th November 2025 – MS Teams Online, 10:00am - 2:00pm
- 📅 Thursday 13th November 2025 – MS Teams Online, 9:00am - 1:00pm



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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

CFN 2024 Survey Results



During November 2024, the Child Friendly Nottingham programme launched Nottingham's first Children and Young People's Perception Survey.



The results have been analysed and are now available on the Child Friendly Nottingham website:



[Download and view Nottingham's 2024 C&YP Survey Results](#)

Thank you to everybody who responded, as well as to the teachers, youth and play workers, and other professionals who supported children and young people to participate.

WE would also like to thank the University of Nottingham for their support and their continued work on the next survey – watch this space for upcoming announcements.



An important update from UNICEF UK on the Child Friendly Cities & Communities Programme in the UK

UNICEF UK (UUK) have issued an update on its future plans for the Child Friendly Cities and Communities (CFC) programme. This statement is important to Nottingham and the other cities and communities working to gain recognition.

It does not change our determination to work with our partners to make Nottingham a more Child Friendly place.

You can read the UNICEF UK statement [here](#).

In the Child Friendly Nottingham partnership, we remain committed to gaining recognition within the next 6 months. We will involve our partners in delivering over the coming months and planning for the coming years. We will keep you informed through this bulletin and other activities





Nottingham Awards recognising inspiring community champions

The awards honour people who make an outstanding contribution to life in the city and great news that two Child Friendly Nottingham champions won awards!



Kelise Knowles

A passionate advocate for children in care and care leavers, Kelise Knowles co-chairs Nottingham's Corporate Parenting Board and mentors young people across the city.



Rick Hall

An Educator, author and creativity champion, As founder of Ignite!, the Roundabout Theatre group and the Festival of Science and Curiosity. Rick has been a central piece of Child Friendly Nottingham and key champion throughout the city.

You can read more about the awards by clicking the photos below:



Nottingham Imagination Library Update

The Nottingham Imagination Library is part of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which is a book gifting scheme that was launched in America by the singer. It was launched in Nottingham in 2009 and now has nearly 5,400 children registered to have a book delivered to their door every month – covering half of the city's 20 wards. This overlaps with our [Education and Learning Badge](#) and emphasises how important reading is.



📖 Since 2020, nearly 11,000 children and their families across the City of Nottingham, have been supported to read through the gifting of nearly half a million books in the City as part of the Nottingham Imagination Library.

📖 Nottingham Imagination Library aims to help close this literacy gap, ensuring children from across the City have the same opportunities for success on entering primary education, regardless of their background, linking to our [Equal and Included badge](#).

📖 Over the last few months, the charity has successfully expanded our programme in the Bestwood ward to reach even more children in the Nottingham area, sparking joy and fostering a love for reading in young minds.

📖 They've also partnered with local schools to host the Big Reading Challenge from Monday, 22 September to Sunday, 28 September. Supporters have read to over 1,000 children during this week - [Fundraiser by David Mellen : Big Reading Challenge 2025](#) . These events have been met with great enthusiasm, providing children with an enriching environment to explore their literary interests and develop essential literacy skills, including city councillors joining in the challenge too.



To find out and know more you can visit the:
[Nottingham Imagination Library Website](http://www.nottinghamimaginationlibrary.org.uk)





UPCOMING DATES / EVENTS:

Event / Description	Date	Additional Details
This Girl Can Awards Nomination submissions	1 August – 19 October	This Girl Can Awards Nominations - Deadline: 19th October
UK Black History Month	1 – 31 October	Black History Month Standing Firm in Power and Pride
Children Right's In Practise Training	09 October	Thursday 9 th October 2025 – MS Teams Online, 9:00am - 1:00pm
World Food Day	16 October	World Food Day Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future
Young Hustlers Hockley in Sneinton Market	19 October	Sunday 19 Oct, 11am-5pm, various locations Young Hustlers Website
Autumn Half Term	20 – 31st October	Holidays Activities Ask Lion - Nottingham City Directory
Monsters on the Roof – Its In Nottingham Halloween festival	25 October – 02 November	Various dates and locations. Its in Nottingham Nottingham Halloween Festival
Child Friendly Nottingham Research Survey (For partners / colleagues)	31 Oct End	Hannah Burrows CFN Adult Survey Research Deadline: End of October
Children Right's In Practise Training	05 November	Wednesday 5 th November 2025 – MS Teams Online, 10:00am - 2:00pm
Anti-bullying Week	10 – 14 November	Anti-Bullying Week 2025 Power for Good
Children Right's In Practise Training	13 November	Thursday 13 th November 2025 – MS Teams Online, 9:00am - 1:00pm
World Kindness Day	13 November	World Kindness Day
World Children's Day 2025	20 November	World Children's Day 2025 UNICEF
UK Parliament week	24 – 30 November	UK Parliament's Week Get Involved





WHAT'S COMING UP?

Child Friendly Nottingham Survey Research

Hannah Burrows, a PhD student at UoN, has been working with the CFN Team for the past two years to design a research study to investigate Child Friendly Nottingham. The main part of her research will be working with children in Nottingham, but part of her study involves interviewing adults.

Hannah is now recruiting adults who have worked in some capacity relating to Child Friendly Nottingham to speak to them about their experiences.

You can find the details the research poster below. If you are happy to participate, you will need to fill out a consent form.

You can do this using the QR code or via this link: [CFN Research Survey Link](#)

If you prefer to fill in a word document and then email it, or if you have any other questions, you can contact Hannah directly:

Hannah.Burrows@nottingham.ac.uk

Call for Research Participants

How do adults make sense of creating a Child Friendly City?

Adults play an important part in creating child-friendly cities and we want to hear the views of professionals who have been involved in Child Friendly Nottingham to understand what the experience is like.

Your responses will develop our understanding about how we can better work towards creating child-friendly cities. Your participation will also shape future research into children's perspectives of Child Friendly Nottingham.

Qualifications

- You are aged 18 years +
- You have, or have had, a professional role relating to Child-Friendly Nottingham. Including: strategic leaders, sponsors, facilitators, partners, champions.

What is involved?

- A one-to-one interview with a PhD researcher, for approximately 1 hour, either in-person or on-line.
- Opportunity for a follow-up interview, to be decided by you.

How to get involved:

Want to participate? First, read the Participant Information Sheet and Privacy Notice attached to this email. Then, consent to participate by either filling out the consent form online via this [link](#) or the QR code, or by completing and returning the attached consent form.

Any questions? Email: hannah.burrows@nottingham.ac.uk

This research contributes to a PhD project (University of Nottingham) investigating how Child Friendly Cities become meaningful to primary school-aged children

Data collection is open until the end of October



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Young Hustlers Hockley & Sneinton Market

Young Hustlers is a vibrant music and arts festival held annually since 2017 in the heart of Nottingham's Sneinton Market. Young people and families are encouraged to immerse themselves in a world of creativity, offering a platform to enjoy and create music and art alongside talented local artists.



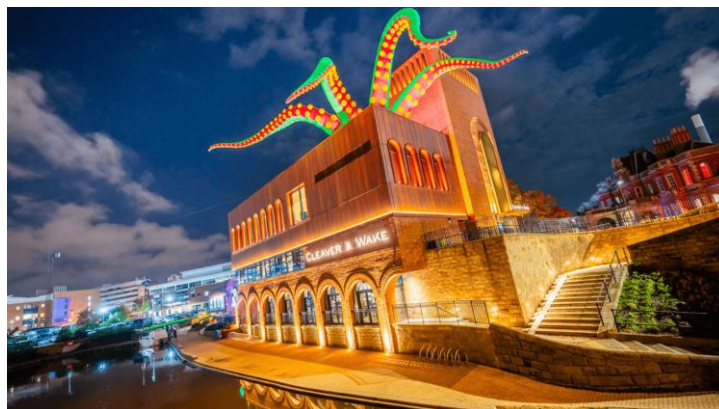
Taking place across multiple indoor and outdoor venues, the festival features a mix of live performances, interactive workshops, and energetic parties.

To find out more or get your Wrist band you can head to the
[Young Hustlers Festival Website | Nottingham](https://www.younghustlers.co.uk/)

Monsters on the roof – Its in Nottingham Halloween Festival

Its In Nottingham Halloween festival is back with several fun events and activities. One is that the monsters all over the city are back! Crazy creatures are taking up residence on roof tops of shops and businesses. Pick up a map from Nottingham Tourism Centre on Smithy Row and see how many you can find from **Saturday 25th October to Sunday 2nd November.**

If you want to know what other fun Halloween fun is happening through the city children and young people can **get involved** in you can have a look **at the** [Its In Nottingham Website](https://www.itsinnottingham.co.uk/)



UK Parliament Week Kits

Next month, **November 24th – 30th** is UK Parliament Week, this is a chance to empower students, and to encourage them to share their views and voices. You can order **a free kit resource kit**, with multiple resources to engage the Children and Young People you work with.



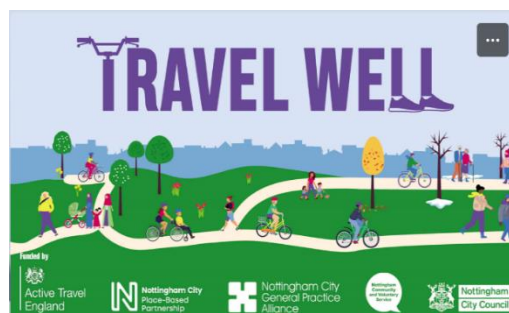
Marking the tenth anniversary of [UK Parliament's petitions website](#) there is the launch of their new **Petitions Pursuit board game!** A game to help young people understand how petitions work and the steps they can take to get their voices heard on issues they care about.

[Click Here to get involved!](#)

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Travel Well

Nottingham was selected as part of a national trial to help promote more active lifestyles. This links to CFN [Healthy badge](#). The trial will give healthcare professionals and social prescribers the ability to refer patients to services that promote walking, cycling and wheeling delivered within the community. The project will take place around Aspley, Beechdale, Bilborough, Bulwell, Sneinton, St Ann's and Strelley.



For more information: [Nottingham Travel Well](#)

CFN Monthly Bulletins

Within our bulletin's, we regularly share news and information around Child Friendly Nottingham activity and related initiatives.

Please email us at child.friendly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk by the **last day of each month** with anything that you want to include in the following month's issue.

We hope that you find our bulletins useful and interesting.



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