

OUTRIGHT ASSEMBLY NOTES

OBJECTIVE

- To introduce the OutRight campaign to the whole school and provide an overview of what's involved
- To highlight the focus on the rights of unaccompanied refugee children and how children and young people can help reunite refugee children with their family in the UK and keep them safe

BACKGROUND

OutRight is a special campaign for schools in the UK that aims to highlight and celebrate the anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (on 20 November). This year's OutRight campaign will look at how the refugee crisis has impacted children's rights – especially their right to protection and their right to family reunification.

SLIDE 1

OutRight 2016

Explain that this assembly is a special Unicef assembly. Ask the children if they can remind you what Unicef stands for (United Nations Children's Emergency Fund) and what age group the UN defines as children (0-18).

SLIDE 2

What is OutRight?

Unicef UK's OutRight campaign is a chance for you to speak out about children's rights. OutRight celebrates the anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which takes place every year on 20 November. It's a chance for you to raise your voice on issues you care about with key UK decision-makers and your school and local community.

SLIDE 3

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

The Convention on the Rights of the Child is the most widely ratified legal document ever in history, meaning most countries around the world have agreed to its principles. Somalia is the most recent country to ratify the Convention, and the United States of America is the only country **not** to have ratified the Convention.

SLIDES 4/5

Rights like...

These slides will remind the children of the various rights included in the Convention that they should be familiar with. You may wish to invite the children to add to this list or you may wish to quote directly from the various articles that the rights belong to.

SLIDE 6

The Rights of Refugee Children

We know that children everywhere should have their rights realised, but for some children this isn't always the case. Children in the UK may be denied their rights, and children affected by the refugee crisis may be unable to access their rights. Can anyone think of any children's rights that are affected by the refugee crisis?

SLIDE 7

Bilal's story

This film tells the story of a boy called Bilal, who had to flee the conflict in Syria. The film is based on the experiences of real boy who left Syria in search of safety with his brother in the UK. [Duration of the film: 33 seconds.](#)

SLIDE 8/9

What are we going to do?

Over the next few weeks you will all be having some special OutRight lessons that will help you learn about how children's rights are affected by the refugee crisis and how you can inform others about what is happening around the world – including the Home Secretary Amber Rudd and people in your local community. Unicef UK will also share your views with the Home Secretary and the Prime Minister, to make sure your voice and views are heard by the UK Government.

SLIDE 10

Welcome from Kate Dentith

Now show the short OutRight introduction film featuring Kate Dentith (Campaigns Adviser at Unicef UK). [Duration of the film: 1min 44 seconds.](#)

SLIDE 11

Take Action

Taking part in the OutRight campaign can help inform you and others about the dangers children face as a result of the refugee crisis, and how we can take action for unaccompanied refugee children around the world.