



Save Childhood Movement



Children's Outdoor Charter of Rights

Every child in the UK has the developmental right to spend time enjoying and exploring the wonders of the natural world

Awareness

Children have the right to live in communities where both local and national decision and policy-makers are fully informed about the many personal and societal benefits of connecting children with nature, and take action to protect children's rights based on this awareness.

Access

All children in the UK should have access to nature in their local neighbourhoods and communities. There should be child-centred nature parks in all towns and cities together with local community nature hubs and wild-zones.

Health

Young children need to be physically active and have the right to be provided with environments that allow them to fully develop their capabilities. They also have the right to be protected from overly passive environments that may limit their development.

Discovery and exploration

Children have the right to be given the time and space to explore the natural world in unstructured ways free from adult pressures and expectations.

Engagement & encouragement

Children also have the right to be in the company of informed and encouraging adults who help to enhance the ways in which they can relate to and understand the natural world.

Play

Children have the right to be provided with environments that nurture their creativity and self-expression through regular outdoor exploration and play.

Risk-Taking

Children have the right to learn from challenge, to experience failure as learning and to become confident and adventurous explorers of the environment. Safety concerns therefore need to be balanced with the child's need to experiment and grow.

Wonder and awe

Children have the right to maintain a deep connection with the natural world that helps them feel part of something greater than themselves and that fosters compassion and empathy. Time in nature has both calming and healing properties for children.

Stewardship

Children have the right to be protected from systems that endanger their own future. They need to learn about plants, animals and ecosystems so that they understand the importance of balance and sustainability and can grow up as stewards of the environment.

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