



During 2021 we held five network meetings and shared/discussed a range of topics:

- COVID impact on ECEC; a range of infographics were shared detailing the key findings <https://www.childreninwales.org.uk/news/ECECKeyfindings/>
- Early Years Rights in Practice; members provided comments and feedback on a one-page poster. It is now available for Early Years settings to use: [Children's Rights Poster](#)
- ECEC quality framework and non-maintained curriculum. The NM curriculum has now been released and has a strong focus on rights embedded throughout. [Enabling Learning guidance](#) and [A curriculum for funded non-maintained nursery settings](#)
- Right to Play and Impact of COVID on play; Play Wales shared some interesting research and findings.
- Children's Rights in Participation in Health; this was a new topic for many of us and gave us a good insight into children's evolving capacities and rights within child health research.

RAISING AWARENESS OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

The recently published strategy sets out the plan on how Welsh Government will raise awareness of the UNCRC in Wales until the end of 2023.

The CREYN has a specific mention under the Early Years section:

- Support the children's rights early years network. We will support this network to bring together key stakeholders to share good children's rights practice.
- We are keen to build on this and develop stronger links with Welsh Government and allow a more active role for the CREYN.

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-11/raising-awareness-of-childrens-rights.pdf>