

About OCO

OCO stands for **Ombudsman for Children's Office**.

The OCO is an **independent office**, which was set up in 2004.

The OCO's work is about the **rights and welfare of children and young people under 18 years old** living in Ireland.

Niall Muldoon was appointed Ombudsman for Children by President Michael D Higgins in **2015**.

A law called the **Ombudsman for Children Act 2002** says what work the OCO must do.

The OCO's work includes:

- letting people know about children's rights
- finding out what children and young people are concerned about and highlighting their views to other people
- giving advice to Government on laws and plans affecting children and young people
- encouraging people to work in ways that respect children and young people's rights
- dealing with complaints made by or for children and young people

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