

# Suggestions for celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Commit

### Make a commitment...

...to becoming a *Children's Rights aware organisation* in 2018 and start a conversation about how rights might be integrated into the organisation at strategic and practical levels.

## Collaborate

### Explore creative cross-sector collaborations.

Join forces with Cultural, Social, Health organisations in your area on one-off or longer-term projects. Instigate partnerships with local schools, colleges, youth groups or branches of national youth organisations. Get inspired by what young people can suggest and contribute.

## Consult

### Think about how you can include children and young people's voices.

Do you listen to younger audiences about their issues and concerns?

Do you consult or include young people in the work you do?

Do you have a youth consultative panel/student council/encourage engagement and participation of children and young people in your planning and programming?

We have invited a diverse team of young people to work on the Anniversary year with the OCO - why not do something similar?

## Programme

### Include Rights and/or 'Rights in Reality' events...

...and activities as part of your programming and publicise the 25th Anniversary and the UN Convention to your audiences and communities. Perhaps consider Universal Children's Day on 20 November 2017 as a focus for an activity.

## Connect

### Think about how your work relates to Children's rights.

How is your organisation contributing to the realisation of children's rights? Do you make connections between the work you do and children's rights? Very often organisations may be unaware of the extent to which their actions reflect rights or may wish to expand their understanding of rights application within their organisation.

## Train

### Provide 'Right's awareness' training within your organisation.

Is it possible to build 'Rights-capacity' into your business plan? Can you provide a 'Right's foundation' for your policies and procedures? Talk to us about how we can support you make rights a reality.