

# WHO ARE WE?

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The Ombudsman for Children's Office (OCO) is an independent office. A law called the Ombudsman for Children Act, 2002 sets out what work the Ombudsman for Children must do to promote children's rights and welfare.

## THE LAW SAYS THAT THE OMBUDSMAN FOR CHILDREN MUST:

- promote the rights and welfare of children;
- find out what children's and young people's concerns are and highlight these concerns to people;
- carry out research to get a better understanding about children's and young people's lives;
- give advice to the Government to make sure laws are strong for children and young people; and
- look into complaints made by children & young people or by parents & other adults on their behalf.

Emily Logan was appointed Ireland's first Ombudsman for Children by President Mary McAleese in December 2003. In December 2009, Emily was reappointed for a second term.

Along with the team in the OCO, she is here to make sure that the Government and people who make decisions about children and young people really think about what is best for children and young people.



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