

Phase 5 Going further

Learning outcomes TCC 4.1

Inquiry question: How can information and ideas about children's rights be shared with others?

Activity 5.1 Using art to communicate about children's rights

Preparation:

- Preview *Children have rights: A children's art exhibition* displayed online in QUT's Children's Art Archives. <http://eab.ed.qut.edu.au/activities/projects/childart/>
- Arrange to have a class computer set up with a data projector so that the whole class can view and discuss the website. Alternatively, develop a computer roster so that all students can view the site.
- Ensure students have a copy of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: Child-friendly version (*Resource 17*) to refer to.
- Conduct this activity in two parts. During the initial part, discussion will determine which art medium students wish to use for the second part. Teachers will then need to organise appropriate materials before conducting the lesson's second part.

Procedure:

Part One: Art critics

- Discuss the artworks on the website and identify which articles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child are represented.
- Students discuss and evaluate which medium used in the online exhibition was most visually attractive and best supported the delivery of the artwork's message.
- Students download the *Design Brief* from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian's website www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au
- Students select an art medium to create an artwork illustrating one article from the UN Convention.

Part Two: Art in action

- Students create artworks illustrating various conventions of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Each student writes a caption explaining the article illustrated in his/her artwork and why they chose to represent it.
- Students scan completed artworks and forward images and captions to the Principal Communications Officer Advisor at the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian, who will consider them for publication on the Commission's website. Details about how to contact the Commission are provided on page 9.
- Ensure that students download and complete (with their parents) a release form to accompany their work. These forms are available at www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au