Office of the Child and Youth Advocate
Newfoundland and Labrador

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Child and Youth Advocate Recognizes National Child Day 2026



On November 20th each year, Canada celebrates National Child Day and reaffirms its commitment to protect and uphold the rights of all young people, as stated in the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).**

"It is so important to promote awareness of the rights of children and youth. All young people deserve to have their rights understood, respected, protected, and upheld. They deserve to be supported by all of us to reach their full potential, and particularly by the government systems meant to serve them. On this very important day my office also reaffirms its commitment to advocate for the rights of all young people in Newfoundland and Labrador." Wilma MacInnis, Child and Youth Advocate

In addition to the Office's advocacy work, the mandate of the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate also includes advancing education and awareness of child and youth rights all year long. Resource materials regarding the rights of children and youth can be found by visiting the office's website (https://www.childandyouthadvocate.nl.ca).

"My office welcome's opportunities to share information about young people's rights. We offer interactive and tailored sessions for young people, as well as adults. Please reach out to us for more information", says MacInnis.

Everyone is encouraged to wear the colour blue on November 20th. The Advocate and staff will be wearing blue on National Child Day, as well as participating in activities on November 20th and throughout the week.

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