

# CFC Assessment Outcome

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## Formal Recognition

UNICEF UK recognises that significant progress towards realising rights for children and young people has been made by the council and its partners.

Recognition was formally announced in a series of joint activity between Cardiff Council and UNICEF UK on October 27<sup>th</sup>

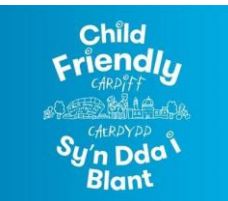
3 reports can be found using the link below, these are:

CFC Evaluation Report

C&YP Evaluation Report

UNICEF Assessment Outcome Report

[Global recognition for Cardiff, as city is crowned UK's first ever UNICEF Child Friendly City : Child Friendly Cardiff](#)



# UNICEF – areas for further action

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**The assessment also highlighted 2 areas that required further attention:**

- Tackling discrimination (with special attention to youth justice, policing, school exclusions and behaviour policies and disaggregating data).
- Strengthening the ‘participation loop’ so children and young people understand the extent of their influence and the impact of their engagement.

Robust strategies to address these highlighted areas were added to the Cardiff CFC Sustainability Plan 2023-26.

# Next Steps – Discovery 2.0

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**A series of activities are planned Sept 23 – March 24 that will see key stakeholders including children and young people inform future CFC priorities to further embed children’s rights.**

- Situational analysis
- Consultation and engagement programme with C&YP
- Commissioned research with Cardiff University
- Development of Theory of Change model

## Key priorities for CFC 2023 - 2026

- **Child Rights Education**

Roll out child rights e-learning to 80% of council staff; extend applied child rights training to other departments and external partners; identify and up-skill child rights policy officers; Deliver Elected Members training programme.

*We are planning to carry out a short mapping exercise to understand the overlay between where CLA pupils attend school and our Rights Respecting Schools Award. This award embeds rights education and values across school community and we want to ensure as many CLA pupils benefit from this award.*

- **Participation**

Provide quality assured, high quality opportunities for C&YP to influence decision making including younger children, further embed National Participation Standards, develop a dashboard for disaggregated data.

*We are keen to receive the findings of the recent consultation and engagement exercise as part of the CS Participation Strategy to better understand the needs and views of CLA regarding how they would like their views heard. We can then incorporate this into our work broadly, including when we provide advice when supporting Child Rights Impact Assessments (CRIA)*

- **Place – Urban Planning & Design**

Evidence gathering and engagement, train staff, commission research, developing the strategy, implementation of delivery plan and monitoring and review

- **Equal & Included**

Equal and Included CFC delivery plan with a focus on gender equity – *Intersectionality* - we would welcome the opportunity to run a focus group with CLA girls and young women to build a better understanding of their lived experiences to inform a report being produced in the spring.

Cardiff Youth Justice Services Disproportionality Policy and Action Plan (BAME)

Deliver consultation on transport improvements – *It will be important to consider appropriate opportunities for CLA when WELTAG consultation starts later in 2024*