



Hello! Welcome to first update for the Get ready for Geneva project. I am really excited about working with you all over the next three years and think that this project will make a real change to children's rights in England. Read on to find out what we have been up to in the last few weeks ...

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Project staff:

The **Programme director**, Sam Dimmock, has now started at CRAE. She has been very busy in her first week making sure that she knows all about the project and what needs to happen over the next three years!

Senior policy and change officer – Carla has been busy organising the residential for the steering group and website team.

Two other members of staff will be joining us in the next couple of weeks: Margaret Makena as the **project administrator** and Krishna Maroo as the **policy and change assistant**. Krishna will be supporting the local children's rights champions and encouraging children all over England to get involved in the project.

We haven't yet appointed the **senior children's rights investigator** but we hope to have someone very soon. Carla will be keeping in touch with the children's rights investigators until the senior investigator is in place.

By the time of the next update, the full team will be in place. We'll include some information about why we support children's rights and what we hope to achieve from working on this project.

Young people's roles:

I am really excited to let you know that we have now selected all of the teams for the Get ready for Geneva project.

The steering group will have its first meeting at the residential in Leicester later this month. This will be a chance to think about how the team is going to make sure the project makes a really big difference to children's rights over the next three years.

The website and communications team had its first meeting on Saturday March 31 to select the website company. Its next meeting will be at the residential in Leicester. The website company, Milo Creative, will be coming along on the second day to start working with the website team.

Children's rights investigators – we will be soon running training for the investigators so they can get to work over the summer. Watch this space for more information

Children's rights champions - we will be running training for the champions over the summer. There are still places for children's rights champions. If you know anyone who might be interested, please get them to check out

<http://www.getreadyforgeneva.org.uk/>

Can you help us?

We are starting to develop a resource pack to help children's rights champions do a really good job, and want to know what information and support you think a champion will need. A small group from the website and communications team will oversee the development of the pack and it will be tested out by some children's rights champions in their local areas to make sure it is really good. Before this happens we need all of your thoughts to help us think about what should go in the pack.

It would be great if you could think about these questions and e-mail us your answers:

- **What information do you need in order to get other children and young people informed and excited about children's rights?**
- **What really inspires you and makes you want to make change happen?**
- **What will you need to know about the project to get other children and young people to:**
 - * **Log on to the [Get ready for Geneva](#) website to complete an online survey or quick poll**
 - * **Tell their friends and family about the project**
 - * **Take action for children's rights.**
- **What help and information might you need to get a local decision maker to make a 'children's rights pledge' on the [Get ready for Geneva](#) website? (This means that they will promise to take some action in their local area to improve children's rights).**

- **What sort of things will help you best get information about the project out to other children and young people? (For example: posters, postcards, pens, booklets about the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**, example letters, plans for running groups with other young people).**

And anything else you can think of!

What next?

We will be in touch again in the next few weeks with an update on the project and news about the training for investigators and champions.

This bulletin will go out every month to all of the members of the steering group, website and communications team, the children's rights champions and the children's rights investigators. If you have something that you want to include in the bulletin, or if you want to help write the bulletin please email Carla at cgarnelas@crae.org.uk.

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