

ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND



Stu McGovern
Chairperson

Article 12 in Scotland is all about action, speaking up and speaking out and we've certainly done a lot of that this year!

This report is designed to give you a flavour of what we've been up to, where we've been, the people we've met and worked with to promote the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. But this is not the whole story, for that you should visit our website www.article12.org where you can read more and download all our reports.

On behalf of Article 12 in Scotland I would like to acknowledge the support of our major sponsors, who make the work possible:

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ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND

WHAT'S IN THE NAME

WE ARE A YOUTH RIGHTS NETWORK BASED ON ARTICLE 12 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (UNCRC): *"A CHILD'S RIGHT TO EXPRESS AN OPINION FREELY AND TO HAVE THAT OPINION TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ANY MATTER OR PROCEDURE AFFECTING THE CHILD"*. WE WORK ACROSS SCOTLAND, WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, AND ORGANISATIONS WHO SHARE OUR AIMS, TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE AS EQUAL CITIZENS AT LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.

NETWORK STRUCTURE

- WE WORK IN PARTNERSHIP AT COMMUNITY LEVEL WITH INDIVIDUAL YOUNG PEOPLE, GROUPS OF YOUNG ACTIVISTS, AND ESTABLISHED YOUTH ORGANISATIONS IN ABERDEEN, EDINBURGH, DUNDEE, EAST AYRSHIRE, HIGHLAND, NORTH ANGUS, THE MEARNS, CLYDEBANK AND BELFAST
- WE WORK AT NATIONAL LEVEL, IN SCOTLAND AND THE UK, WITH A YOUTH LED MANAGEMENT GROUP AND NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHO SHARE OUR AIMS
- WE WORK AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, THROUGH THE *YOUTH PROGRAMME* WITH PARTNER ORGANISATIONS IN POLAND, LITHUANIA, ITALY, SWEDEN, AUSTRIA, PORTUGAL, HOLLAND AND FRANCE
- GLOBALLY, THROUGH OUR BBC COMMENDED WEBSITE WWW.ARTICLE12.ORG OUR WORK RANGES FROM UNCRC E-LEARNING PROGRAMMES FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN HONG KONG TO SUPPORTING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN BRUNEI

ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND LOCAL WORK

ABERDEEN

WITH THE SUPPORT OF AN ARTICLE 12 GROUP DEVELOPMENT WORKER A GROUP OF YOUNG ACTIVISTS HAVE WORKED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STAFF AND YOUNG PEOPLE FROM *MASTRICK COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE* AND *THE BOX INTERNET CAFÉ* TO ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING LOCAL AND CITY WIDE ISSUES:

- SEXUAL AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES FOR YOUNG MALES
- HOMELESSNESS
- CURFEWS
- REVIEWING CURRENT YOUTH PROVISION AND PRESENTING THE FINDINGS TO ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND THE POLICE
- EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOR YOUNG FEMALE GYPSY/TRAVELLERS

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NORTH ANGUS AND THE MEARNIS

IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR LITERACY AND I.T. SUPPORT FOR YOUNG GYPSY/TRAVELLERS WISHING TO SIT THEIR DRIVING THEORY TEST WE HAVE SET UP AND DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVE:

- UTILISING THE DSA THEORY TEST CD-ROM, A VOLUNTARY LITERACY TUTOR HAS WORKED ON A ONE TO ONE BASIS WITH YOUNG GYPSY/TRAVELLERS
- YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE AREA WHO DO NOT REQUIRE LITERACY SUPPORT HAVE ACCESSED THE PROGRAMME AND WORKED THROUGH THE LEARNING PROCESS ON THEIR OWN

A YOUNG ACTIVIST FROM NORTH ANGUS WAS A CO-AUTHOR OF OUR RESPONSE TO THE UK GOVERNMENTS REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD AND TRAVELLED TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN GENEVA TO PRESENT HER CONTRIBUTION TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS. AS PART OF HER FURTHER EDUCATION STUDIES, UTILISING SKILLS GAINED THROUGH HER INVOLVEMENT WITH ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND, SHE HAS UNDERTAKEN A DISCREET PIECE OF RESEARCH LOOKING AT RECREATIONAL DRUG USE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE. THE OUTCOMES OF THIS RESEARCH WILL BE USED TO INFORM FUTURE WORK ACROSS THE NETWORK RELATING TO THIS ISSUE

ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND LOCAL WORK

EAST AYRSHIRE

WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE EDINBURGH GROUP DEVELOPMENT WORKER A YOUNG ACTIVIST, WHOSE LIFE IS AFFECTED BY FREDREICHS ATAXIA, HAS WORKED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH *RAINBOW HOUSE* (A PAEDIATRIC UNIT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES) TO SET UP A SOCIAL AND ACTIVITIES GROUP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. THE GROUP HAS CREATED OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL AND LEISURE PURSUITS THAT ARE NOT ALWAYS FREELY AVAILABLE TO THEM.

SINCE BECOMING INVOLVED WITH ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND THE YOUNG ACTIVIST HAS BEEN WORKING HARD TO PUT YOUNG DISABLED PEOPLE'S RIGHTS HIGH ON THE AGENDA AND TO PROMOTE THE DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT THROUGH REPRESENTATION ON A NUMBER OF COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATIONS, THESE INCLUDE:

- EAST AYRSHIRE ACCESS PANEL
- THE SCOTTISH YOUTH PARLIAMENT

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EDINBURGH

WITH THE SUPPORT OF AN ARTICLE 12 GROUP DEVELOPMENT WORKER A GROUP OF YOUNG ACTIVISTS HAVE WORKED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND STAFF FROM *FAIRBRIDGE (EDINBURGH)* TO PROMOTE YOUTH RIGHTS. THEIR WORK INCLUDES:

- DESIGN AND DELIVERY OF "RIGHTS" WORKSHOPS
- DESIGN AND PRODUCTION OF NEW "CORPORATE" IMAGE FOR ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND
- PRESENTATIONS AT YOUTH RELATED CONFERENCES AND EVENTS IN EDINBURGH AND HIGHLAND
- DESIGN AND PRODUCTION OF "RIGHTS" INFORMATION PACKS
- UNDERTAKING BASELINE RESEARCH THROUGH STREETWORK IN EDINBURGH CITY CENTRE

A YOUNG ACTIVIST FROM THE GROUP WAS SELECTED TO UNDERTAKE PEER RESEARCH THROUGHOUT THE UK AND TO PRESENT THE OUTCOMES ON BEHALF OF THE UK GOVERNMENT AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION ON CHILDREN (UNGASS) IN NEW YORK

ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND LOCAL WORK

DUNDEE

WITH THE SUPPORT OF AN ARTICLE 12 GROUP DEVELOPMENT WORKER YOUNG ACTIVISTS HAVE WORKED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND STAFF FROM *THE CORNER* TO PROMOTE YOUTH RIGHTS. THEIR WORK INCLUDES:

- DESIGN AND DISSEMINATION OF A "RIGHTS" LEAFLET
- DESIGN AND PRODUCTION OF A "RIGHTS" QUESTIONNAIRE TO IDENTIFY LOCAL RIGHTS ISSUES AND NEEDS

THE "RIGHTS" LEAFLET HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT DUNDEE AND AS FAR AFIELD AS OUR PARTNERS IN POLAND WHO HAVE NOW ESTABLISHED A "SOCIETY FOR RIGHTS".

A YOUNG ACTIVIST FROM DUNDEE WAS CO-AUTHOR OF OUR RESPONSE TO THE UK GOVERNMENTS REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD AND TRAVELLED TO GENEVA TO PRESENT HIS CONTRIBUTION TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS. HE RETURNED TO GENEVA LATER IN THE YEAR, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE, FOR THE UK SESSIONAL HEARING

ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND LOCAL WORK

HIGHLAND

THIS IS A NEW AREA OF WORK THAT BEGAN IN DECEMBER 2002. OUR GROUP DEVELOPMENT WORKER, BASED IN DRUMNADROCHIT, HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO ESTABLISH NETWORKS AND IDENTIFY LOCAL ISSUES. SHE IS CURRENTLY WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH *THE CO-OP YOUNG CO-OPERATORS PROJECT* WHICH WORKS TO PROMOTE GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP AND FAIR TRADE

CLYDEBANK

REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUR EDINBURGH GROUP HAVE WORKED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH *Y_SORT_IT* TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE UNCRG AND HOW IT IMPACTS ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS ISSUES

BANBRIDGE - THE NORTH OF IRELAND

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH *THE CHILD LAW CENTRE IN BELFAST* WE HAVE OFFERED SUPPORT AND ADVICE TO A YOUNG ACTIVIST IN THE NORTH OF IRELAND WHO IS WORKING TO SET UP AN ARTICLE 12 GROUP IN HER COMMUNITY

ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND..... NATIONAL WORK

E-DEMOCRACY

OUR WEBSITE AVERAGES 700 HITS A MONTH AND GENERATES A MYRIAD OF ENQUIRIES FROM YOUNG PEOPLE, FAMILIES AND PRACTITIONERS. ENQUIRIES RANGE FROM OFFERING SUPPORT AND ADVICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS WHO ARE SEEKING INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC RIGHTS ISSUES SUCH AS: SHORT TERM EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL, GENDER DISCRIMINATION, HOMELESSNESS AND THE POLICE, TO HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE SET UP ARTICLE 12 TYPE GROUPS IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES.

A MAJOR INVESTMENT IN E-TECHNOLOGY HAS ENSURED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE AND STAFF DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND HAVE ACCESS TO INTERNET READY P.C.'s. ALL OUR SITES HAVE VIDEO CONFERENCING FACILITIES WHICH ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE AND STAFF TO COMMUNICATE REMOTELY INBETWEEN FACE TO FACE CONTACTS/NATIONAL MEETINGS/RESIDENTIALS.

WITH ADVICE AND SUPPORT FROM *JUSTIN EDWARDS: ANGUS COLLEGE I.T. DEPARTMENT* WE HAVE UPGRADED OUR WEBSITE TO INCLUDE "ONLINE" DISCUSSION, CONSULTATION AND POLLING FACILITIES. THESE FACILITIES WILL ENABLE US TO MORE FULLY INVOLVE THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS WHO CANNOT, OR CHOOSE NOT TO, PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL GROUP ACTIVITIES BUT STILL WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR WORK.

ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND..... NATIONAL WORK

THE SCOTTISH BUST CARD

THIS WALLET SIZED INFORMATION CARD WAS PRODUCED IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE, LOCALLY, THROUGH OUR GROUP CONTACTS, AND NATIONALLY THROUGH OUR WEBSITE.

THE SCOTTISH BUST CARD OUTLINES YOUR RIGHTS IF STOPPED, SEARCHED, DETAINED OR ARRESTED BY THE POLICE.

Does this story sound familiar?

"The police come up to you in the street and say "What's in your bag?" and you say, "Clothes, I'm staying at my mates house tonight." They say, "Do you mind if we take a look?" You want to say "No" but you're not sure if you can so you just let them look anyway and you're thinking I bet they wouldn't do this to an adult. You would get on a lot better with them if you knew what your rights were, what they can and can't do because then you would feel more equal and you wouldn't be so suspicious of them and wondering why they are coming up to you, what they are going to say, what they are going to do."

This story, written by a 17-year-old female from Angus, is by no means a single case. Many young people aren't sure just exactly what their rights are when it comes to being stopped by the police in Scotland and this can lead to antagonism if either side feels that they are being pushed around.

THE CARD HAS BEEN WIDELY DISTRIBUTED TO YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT SCOTLAND AND FEEDBACK HAS BEEN POSITIVE.

PEARSON PUBLISHING, AN EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHING COMPANY BASED IN CAMBRIDGE, HAS INCLUDED THE CARD IN A RESOURCE, ENTITLED "*DEVELOPING A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY*", WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE UK

ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND..... NATIONAL WORK

A RIGHT TO KNOW

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **ARTICLE 12 ENGLAND** AND **UNICEF** AND WITH FUNDING FROM **THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR ENGLAND AND WALES** WE HAVE PRODUCED THIS CHILDREN'S RIGHTS INFORMATION PACK "**A RIGHT TO KNOW**". THE PACK, CONSISTING OF A "RIGHTS" VIDEO AND WORKBOOK IS DESIGNED TO INFORM CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OF THEIR RIGHTS AND TO GET THEM THINKING ABOUT HOW THEY CAN EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS CONSTRUCTIVELY AND RESPONSIBLY

LEAFLETS SUMMARISING THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD ARE INCLUDED IN THE PACK.

THE PACK CAN BE ORDERED FROM **UNICEF** AT WWW.UNICEF.ORG.UK

SAVE THE CHILDREN CHARTER MARK AWARDS

CHARTER MARK IS THE GOVERNMENTS' AWARD SCHEME FOR RECOGNISING AND ENCOURAGING EXCELLENCE AND QUALITY IN PUBLIC SERVICE ORGANISATIONS. AN ADDITIONAL **SAVE THE CHILDREN AWARD** IS OFFERED ON THE BASIS OF HOW INNOVATIVE AN ORGANISATIONS APPROACH IS TO INCLUDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE RUNNING OF THEIR ORGANISATION. AS AN ORGANISATION COMMITTED TO PARTICIPATION ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND WAS ASKED TO JUDGE THE SCOTLAND APPLICATIONS. THE WINNER THIS YEAR WAS **DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT**.

ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND.....INTERNATIONAL WORK

RESPONSE TO THE UK GOVERNMENTS' 2ND PERIODIC REPORT TO THE UN COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

The government has a duty to report to the UN Committee every five years on its progress on implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. NGO's also have an opportunity to present "alternative" reports which confirm/question the contents of the Governments Report. These reports are considered at a meeting (sessional hearing) of the committee in Geneva.

In the past, adult groups working with young people have produced alternative reports. This time around Article 12 in Scotland produced its own report for consideration by the committee. Responses to the report were positive and representatives from Article 12 were invited to discuss the report at the UK pre-sessional hearing in Geneva

Following our attendance at the committee's pre-sessional hearing The Scottish Executive invited us to attend the sessional hearing, as representatives of Scottish young people. Thanks to The Children and Young People's Unit for part financing our trip, their support made it possible for us to send three delegates.

ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND.....INTERNATIONAL WORK

UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION ON CHILDREN - UNGASS

A YOUNG ACTIVIST FROM OUR EDINBURGH GROUP WAS SELECTED TO UNDERTAKE PEER RESEARCH AROUND THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE UK AND TO PRESENT THE OUTCOMES ON BEHALF OF THE UK GOVERNMENT AT THIS EVENT IN NEW YORK.

THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT FROM HER REPORT SAYS IT ALL:

" New York, New York...Where Governments talked, young people acted and the world saw a brighter future.... The 8th and 10th of May 2002. Historic dates, which, above all else that shadowed 2001 and 2002, must never be forgotten. These were the dates that the UN Special Session on Children at last took place. These were the dates that Government officials walked the same corridors as the worlds young people, the dates that they sat in the rooms of the United Nations HQ and listened to young people speak".

AND A QUOTE FROM THE CHANCELLOR - GORDON BROWN ON WHY WE WERE ALL THERE:

"..... our shared belief that just as each and every child has a right to realise their potential we have a duty to help make it happen; and most of all, we are here because of our shared conviction that what can be achieved together by unity of purpose is far greater than what we can ever achieve acting on our own"

ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND.....INTERNATIONAL WORK

THE YOUTH PROGRAMME

THE YOUTH PROGRAMME OFFERS YOUNG PEOPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MOBILITY AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION ACROSS EUROPE. WE SEE THE YOUTH PROGRAMME AS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP AMONGST YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCOTLAND AND HAVE WORKED THROUGHOUT 2002 TO ENGAGE YOUNG PEOPLE IN A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES WITH OUR EUROPEAN PARTNERS THESE INCLUDE:

- PARTICIPATING IN TRAINING EVENTS AND CONTACT MAKING SEMINARS IN POLAND AND ITALY
- TWO MEMBERS OF ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND HAVE TAKEN UP EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE PLACEMENTS, ONE IN FRANCE AND ONE IN PORTUGAL
- HOSTING OF A INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR TO ESTABLISH A YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMISSION THAT WILL MONITOR AND EVALUATE THE PROGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN WHITE PAPER ON YOUTH
- PROMOTING THE YOUTH PROGRAMME, THE EUROPEAN WHITE PAPER ON YOUTH, AND RIGHTS IN EUROPE ON OUR WEBSITE

ARTICLE 42 IN CANADA

WE ARE WORKING IN COLLABORATION WITH MEMBERS OF ARTICLE 42 IN CANADA, A NEW YOUTH RIGHTS INITIATIVE INSPIRED BY, AND MODELLED ON, OUR WORK HERE IN SCOTLAND.

ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND..... SPEAKING UP! SPEAKING OUT!



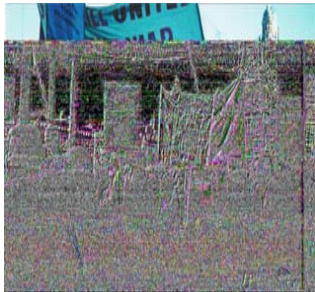
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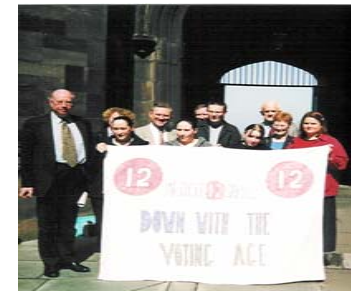
UNITED NATIONS GENEVA



PEACE MARCH



NATIONAL MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING



VOTING AGE CAMPAIGN

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FIRST ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 1ST JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER 2002

THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT OF THE FIRST ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF THE ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND PROJECT.

PRE 2002 THE ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND STEERING GROUP WAS WHOLLY SUPPORTED "IN KIND" BY SAVE THE CHILDREN SCOTLAND. THE COSTS OF SUPPORTING ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND PRE 2002 ARE INCLUDED IN SAVE THE CHILDREN UK'S GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2000 -2001 COPIES OF THESE ACCOUNTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM SAVE THE CHILDREN SCOTLAND, HAYMARKET HOUSE, 8 CLIFTON TERRACE, EDINBURGH EH12 5DR.

THE FIRST ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES OF THE STATEMENT OF RECOMMENDED PRACTICE (SORP) FOR ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING BY CHARITIES WITH A GROSS INCOME UNDER £100,000.

Income & Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st December 2002

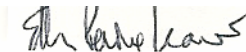
<u>INCOME</u>	2002
From contributions	49057
Restricted funds	<u>16830</u>
Bank Interest	<u>715</u>
Total Income	<u>66602</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Salaries	27306
Book-keeping	1080
Training	114
Professional fees	220
Telephone & Internet	1240
Travel & Accommodation	1934
Insurance	251
Expenses (Staff and Volunteers)	900
Host agent	1016
Visa payments	3484
Car hire	164
Seminar costs	848
Software upgrade	303
Printing/Stationery/Badges	1837
New Lanark Residential	1585
Web Management	300
Petty cash	953
Miscellaneous	347
Depreciation on computers	488
Total Expenses	44370
Profit / (Loss) for the Year	<u>22232</u>

FIXED ASSET SCHEDULE

COMPUTER 1- £ 1381.74
DEPRECIATION @ 25%- £ 345.44
BALANCE B/FWD - £ 1036.30

COMPUTER 2- £ 569.00
DEPRECIATION @ 25%- £ 142.25
BALANCE B/FWD - £ 426.75

These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Project. For further information, copies of the full annual accounts can be obtained from the Project office.



Ellen Raine Leaver
Project Secretary

