

Call for Tenders: Barriers to Accessing Justice for Children and Young People

The Children's Rights Alliance unites over 100 members working together to make Ireland one of the best places in the world to be a child.

Background

The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child noted the general lack of awareness of children's rights in Ireland. While the National Policy Framework for Children and Young People (2014-2020) states that children will be educated about their rights, no data is gathered to determine if this commitment has been fulfilled. The Children's Rights Alliance will address this gap by initiating a baseline action research project to establish what children know about their rights, including: children in care, children with disabilities, migrant/refugee children, LGBTI+ children and children in conflict with the law.

The Children's Rights Alliance has secured funding to contract a consultant to work directly in conjunction with a panel of young people selected through the Alliance membership. The researcher(s) will work directly with the youth panel to co-design the methodology, conduct the research and the data analysis as well as promoting the findings through a public launch. The findings will inform human rights bodies, the Government and community/voluntary sector in terms of required law reform, policy changes and programme investments.

Purpose of Research

The research will involve:

- Organising and working directly with a youth advisory panel selected through the Alliance membership to upskill them on their rights and develop their skills as researchers/youth leaders through the project.
- Conducting a baseline study alongside the youth advisory panel that establishes what children know about their rights and what methodologies are most effective at educating them about their rights.
- Identifying best practice examples of Human Rights education.
- Developing recommendations that provide insights to decision-makers on what actions they could take to enhance the education of children about their rights in relation to: law reform, policy development, funding for programmes and potential changes to service delivery.
- Attending meetings with the Alliance Advisory Panel.

The research will be conducted over a one-year period.

The Children's Rights Alliance will disseminate and promote the study widely to its members, to Government, key statutory players, members of the Oireachtas, the media and beyond.

Budget

The Budget for this work is €13,500 for 30 days work. The Consultant will be responsible for all tax, VAT and other associated liabilities.

Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	% Weight
Relevant experience	25
Proposed outline of research and methodology with timelines	25

Proposed budget / value for money	25
Risk Assessment	25
	Total 100

How to apply

Tenders should be submitted to Tanya Ward, Chief Executive jobs@childrensrights.ie by close of business on Thursday 12 February. For further information, please contact jobs@childrensrights.ie.

The application should include information under the following headings:

- Researcher profile including relevant experience
- Proposed outline of research and methodology
- Proposed budget
- Risk Assessment
- Confirmation of Garda Vetting
- Referees
- Contact details