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Draw me a right: 20 years of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child

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Twenty years ago the UN adopted the Convention of the Rights of the Child. This means that for 20 years children around the world have certain rights that must be respected. To celebrate this anniversary, the European Commission has launched a poster competition with the winning entries receiving the chance to travel to Brussels to receive the award!!!

This competition will give you the chance to learn about your rights and what the Convention means for you and maybe you will even get to come to Brussels!!! The European Commission really wants young people to get involved, so this is your opportunity to find out about your rights and have some fun doing it!!

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is an agreement between 195 countries and is very important because it protects your rights! Rights are things that every child should have or be able to do. The agreement protects 4 main areas of your life as children, including; the right to survival; the right to be able to reach your full potential; the right to protection from harmful influences, abuse and exploitation; and the right to be involved in family, cultural and social life. For more information on your rights you may want to visit: <http://www.unicef.org/rightsite/files/uncrcchildfriendlylanguage.pdf>

How do I get involved?

Create a team of 4 (10-14 or 15-18 years old) with an adult supervisor. One adult can supervise more than one team so this means that everyone in your troop or unit can enter!!

Your poster will need to be A2 in size and needs to illustrate one specific right from the Convention by explaining one of the rights that the convention gives to you. You will need also to write an explanation of why you chose this particular right and what your poster is trying to say.

How and what you draw is totally up to you!

The deadline for entries is

FRIDAY 19 MARCH 2010 so get drawing. The competition is open to residents of the EU only. Details on how to register, enter and the full competition rules can be found at: <http://www.eurojeune.eu>