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## Introducing the 'UNCRC in Scotland' SUII mural:

Together, Sciennes Primary School and Mark McDonald MSP, Minister for Childcare and Early Years

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### About Together

Together (Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights) is an alliance of children's charities that works to improve the awareness, understanding and implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in Scotland. We have over 360 members ranging from large international and national non-governmental organisations (NGOs) through to small volunteer-led after school clubs.

### The mural project

Together, the University of Edinburgh and the University of Stirling held a seminar series from February 2017 – June 2017 on gaps in children's realisation of their rights in Scotland. We looked at children's rights in law, policy, practice and what can be done to improve on the gaps identified. The seminar series was funded by the Scottish Universities Insight Institute (SUII).

To make sure that children played a key role and that messages were accessible, we organised a creative project through the Children's Parliament with two artists, Joanna and Yonnie, who worked with Arwen, Thomas, Alma, Luis, Eilidh, Isaac, Eamon and Rachel to present the key findings across children's rights in law, practice, policy and the future in a creative and engaging way. You will probably have seen the fantastic mural they created!

### The Minister's visit

The children's mural is now on display in the offices of Children in Scotland in Haymarket, in the same offices as where Together are based. Mark McDonald MSP, Minister for Childcare and Early Years has a meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September on the Year of the Young People. Mark has not yet seen the mural, and we thought this would be a fantastic opportunity for Arwen, Thomas, Alma, Luis, Eilidh, Isaac, Eamon and Rachel to introduce it to him!

We have made this pre-session before Mark McDonald's Year of Young People meeting into a 'picnic' lunch during which time Together, the pupils, school staff, two Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament and the Minister will gather to talk about the mural. The pupils will give a short explanation of each of their panels and discuss what it's like to be part of a Rights Respecting School.

### Practicalities

The children will be visiting the Children in Scotland offices in Haymarket from 12:15 – 1:30pm when a taxi will take them back to Sciennes Primary. They have been asked to wear their uniform and it is likely that photographs will be taken with the Minister. The School have provided a permission slip.

We really hope everyone can make it!

Yours Sincerely,

**Liz Millership**

***Policy and Communications Officer, Together***