



## Youth Work Ireland

Voices of Youth  
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### The Right to Know Your Rights Seminar – June 23rd

Voices of Youth, a youth led group promoting the unmediated voice of young people in public life, are holding an event on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> in Youth Work Ireland National office. The event concerns the issue of the Children's Rights amendment that is predicted to happen early next year. It's an event for young people aged between 14-22 to give their opinion around the issue and the difference it will make. This will be the first such major event actually involving young people themselves who will be affected by the referendum if it is passed or not.

"Voices of Youth have decided to hold this event as they believe young people have a right to know their rights and have a say on things that will affect them. It has been organised by Voices of Youth, a group of young people between 14-21 year olds from all across the country. Young people organized, facilitated and are directly involved in the event which is all about young people" according to Tanya Wrightson (19) one of the facilitators of the day

"During the event young people will be giving scenarios and there outcomes based on the current constitution. There will be a graffiti artist recording the findings of the event as well as there being two camera crews filming throughout the day. The events findings will be brought to the Government and relevant officials outlining young people's concerns and opinions. Senator Jillian Van Turnout, a prominent children's rights advocate will also be attending the event. It is also hoped that the group will produce user friendly information around the constitution" added Jason Pearson another facilitator

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