

#KidsOut

DAY OF SOLIDARITY
FOR CHILDREN'S WEEK

DATE:

THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER
DURING CHILDREN'S WEEK

Theme for the day of solidarity:

Mr Turnbull, all kids should be free to _____ **#KidsOut**

What is the issue?

Children's Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. This year marks 25 years since Australia signed the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Currently, **205** children are locked up in detention in Australia and on Nauru. They have sought asylum in Australia with their family after fleeing war, persecution and violence. They come from a range of places including Syria, Afghanistan, Iran and Myanmar. Their ages range from newborn babies right up to teenagers.

Earlier this year, the Australian Human Rights Commission released a report

about children in detention. The report found that the vast majority were suffering serious mental health issues because of their lack of freedom. It also found they were being denied the chance to develop and grow as children should, as well as access to a proper education.

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which Australia has signed, says that all children should be given the chance to enjoy their childhood and makes particular mention of the special protection that refugee children need.

However, children who are seeking asylum and are locked in Australia's detention centres are denied their most basic human rights.



Actions

For more info
or to send us your pictures and delegation plans,
email dana.a@asrc.org.au.

Actions for Everyone

For individuals or groups to carry out at home or in a group collaboratively

- a. Consider the rights covered by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child [[link](#)] and the Forgotten Children's Report's findings on children in detention [[link](#)].
- b. Create artwork, write postcards, record messages or any other visual expression to bring the theme "Mr Turnbull, all kids should be free to ___." to life. Capture your creation

and your thoughts on social media using the #KidsOut hashtag.

- c. If the artwork, postcard, etc. can be sent to Turnbull MP's office, send it to him!

His mailing address is PO Box 545,
Edgecliff NSW 2027

If your group wants to take further action, take your work to your local federal MP's office as a delegation (see below).

School Action Group

For teachers, parents and students to carry out at their school in a group collaboratively

- a. Discuss the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the rights of children. Great poster is available here. [[link](#)].
- b. Discuss what detention is and how life in detention is different to the students' lives. Encourage students to think about things children in detention are not free to do because they are in detention. Students to consider what they would miss if they were in detention.

- c. Students to create artwork, write postcards, record messages or any other visual expression to bring the theme "Mr Turnbull, all kids should be free to ___." to life. Capture their creation and their thoughts on social media using the #KidsOut hashtag.

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- e. If the school group wants to take further action, they can take their created work to their local federal MP's office as a delegation (see below).

Delegation Action

For university student groups and school groups to organise

- a. School student groups and university groups are encouraged to form a delegation to take their created work to their local federal MP's office.

(if possible, write and call prior to

vising the MP's office to try to secure a meeting).

- b. Document your delegation's trip to the MP's office via social media using the #KidsOut hashtag.
- c. If a school student delegation is willing and able to wear their school uniforms, that is ideal!