Ombudsman for Children

• Account directly to the Irish Parliament

• Investigation of actions of public bodies adversely affecting children

• Promotion of children’s rights, including the UNCRC

• Advising government on legislation affecting children
• Highest proportion of CYP under 18 in the EU (1.2m); child poverty 9.4%
• Dublin EU HQ for Google, Facebook, Twitter, Yelp
• OCO marking 10 years of the Office
Created microsite It’s Your Right
http://itsyourright.ie/

The Ombudsman for Children’s Office is here to promote the UN rights of the child and to ensure that the government and other decision-makers that can influence young people, have the best interests of young people in mind. Explore this site to find out about your rights.
It’s Your Rights is a transmedia which has resulted in the creation of:

- an online microsite which draws on audio, video, text and still images
- an audio channel,
- a vimeo short form video channel,
- a Facebook page,
- a Pinterest page,
www.itsyourright.ie

• Children as active participants in the exercise of their rights
• Provides peer to peer information about children’s rights
• Children and young people are creating content themselves
• They are learning about the UNCRC using a variety of methods
• Abiidat, age 5 talks about the right to friendship

• Link to Abiidat’s audioboo page here
• Arturs, age 10 talks about the right to your own language

• Link to Arturs’ audioboo page [here](#)
HRE in the OCO
Education and human rights on OCO.ie is the most visited page in 2013. This can be attributed to both

- our weekly human rights workshops with cyp and

- OCO’s participation in the online Graduate – an active citizenship and democracy programme. Cyp answer online questions by exploring a number of organisations through their websites.
CYP as content creators
• 'Shield' - an original song composed by sixteen year olds Ellen & Carla for the It’s Your Right project