
Not An Afterthought

Stand up for Children and Young People’s Rights!

Koulla Yiasouma, Commissioner for Children and Young People
United Convention on the Rights of the Child

1. States Parties shall recognize for every child the right to benefit from social security, including social insurance, and shall take the necessary measures to achieve the full realization of this right in accordance with their national law.

2. The benefits should, where appropriate, be granted, taking into account the resources and the circumstances of the child and persons having responsibility for the maintenance of the child, as well as any other consideration relevant to an application for benefits made by or on behalf of the child.

Article 26
How are we doing?

“Our historic aim will be for ours to be the first generation to end child poverty. It will take a generation. It is a 20 year mission but I believe it can be done”
Tony Blair
Changes in tax credits and social security

- Reduction in childcare cost support
- Changes in the taper rate and disregard
- Withdrawal of the family element for families on more than £40K
- Freezing elements of Working Tax Credit
- Abolishing the baby element of Child Tax Credit
- Restricting Surestart maternity grant to the first child
- Abolition of the healthy pregnancy grant.
- Child benefit was frozen and no longer a universal
- restrictions and reductions of housing benefit.
It’s not too much to ask ..........

“We can’t allow this cycle of child-poverty to continue. We need immediate action to ensure that every child has access to a safe home, to enough food, to warm, suitable clothing. These are not obscene demands; these are the most basic of rights!!”

Errin Bradley Hill, 9 years old