

**Get
Ready
for
Change!**

Get ready for change! project update February 2009

Campaigns update

Get ready campaigners met in London on **Saturday 21 February**, eager to get to work on our campaigns to:

- Encourage fair reporting about children and young people in the media
- Improve counselling in schools, by making sure both adults and children understand what confidentiality means and when it might be broken
- Promote the right to a good education for young refugees and asylum seekers.

What happened...

Along with a lot of hard work and interesting debates about the human rights issues behind our campaigns, Get ready campaigners were given advice by CRAE's parliamentary adviser Catherine on how best to get MPs and Peers involved in what we're doing.

During the campaign day, we were also joined by Simon Flacks, a journalist from the Child Rights Information Network, to talk about newsworthy stories and freedom of the press.



Michael Keegan from the General Medical Council came to talk to us about confidentiality in the NHS.

Adrian Matthews from 11 MILLION, the office of the Children's Commissioner, also visited us to share his knowledge on education issues for young refugees and asylum seekers.



Now read about where each campaign got to....

Report Right!

After an interesting debate about why freedom of expression is important and how news stories can affect the child or young person they're about, the Report Right! team got to work.

They started working out their communications plan, and began to decide which issues should be covered in their media charter. Watch this space!

Counselling and confidentiality

During the meeting we agreed on a logo and targets for our campaign. We also worked on questions for an online survey of children and young people about the counselling services in their area.

We had a discussion about our confidentiality guidelines and made some important decisions about what these will look like. It was a great day and thanks to everyone for all their hard work.

Education: Every child's right

Our refugee and asylum seeking campaign had a very busy day! We started off talking about some of the important human rights issues relating to our campaign, thinking about why families might seek asylum in the UK, and how young refugees and asylum seekers should be treated.

The team also decided the campaign targets and agreed on the campaign name and logo. Finally, towards the end of the day the team talked about the questions we need to ask young refugees and asylum seekers in our research.

Informed and Influential – Newcastle

Krishna and Ciara travelled up to Newcastle in February to run Informed and Influential – our free children's rights training day.



The highlight of the day was a "dragons den" session, where participants suggested campaign ideas to a panel of experts and young people. The day was a great success and lots of children and young people joined our children's rights champion network.

Our next Informed and Influential course will be in London on Saturday 14 March. If you're interested in coming along, e-mail Krishna at kmaroo@crae.org.uk

Check out the important dates for the project on the back of this update!!!



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Dates for your diary 2009 - 2010

January 2009	
February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 February Informed and Influential (Newcastle) • 21 February Get ready campaigns meeting—all campaign teams (London)
March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 March Informed and Influential (London)
April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 April Steering group meeting (London)
May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informed and Influential (venue to be confirmed)
June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get ready young advisers recruitment
July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18—19 July steering group residential (Leicester) • 29 July Confidentiality and counselling campaign meeting (London) • 30 July Informed and Influential (London)
August 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 August Refugee and asylum seeking children campaign meeting (London) • 26 August Age discrimination and the media campaign meeting (London) • Get ready young advisers working (throughout August)
September 2009	
October 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informed and Influential (date and venue to be confirmed) • Steering group meeting (date and venue to be confirmed)
November 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 November CRAE annual conference (London) • Takeover day (date to be confirmed) • 20th anniversary of signing UNCRC
December 2009	
January 2010	
February 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informed and Influential (date and venue to be confirmed) • 27—28 February final steering group residential (venue to be confirmed)
March 2010	

- For information about **Informed and Influential**, please e-mail kmaroo@crae.org.uk
- For information about the **campaign days**, please e-mail cgarnelas@crae.org.uk
- For information about the **steering group residentials and day meetings**, please e-mail cgarnelas@crae.org.uk.

There will be other meetings for **individual campaign teams** during the year. Watch this space for more information!