

Children are unbeatable!

An alliance of organisations and individuals seeking legal reform to give children the same protection under the law on assault as adults and promoting positive, non-violent discipline

MODEL RESOLUTION FOR NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND LOCAL GROUPS

Note: when the resolution is passed, please don't forget to return a form to sign up to the aims of the Children Are Unbeatable! Alliance

EQUAL PROTECTION FROM ASSAULT IS EVERY CHILD'S HUMAN RIGHT

Notes that the bodies responsible for monitoring implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the (Council of Europe) European Social Charter have confirmed unequivocally that conformity with these treaties requires that children have the same protection as adults under the law on assault.

Notes that in England and Wales children have less protection because the law (section 58 of the Children Act 2004) allows parents and others to justify common assault of children as "reasonable punishment".

Notes that the Children Are Unbeatable! Alliance - the broadest campaign coalition ever formed on a children's issue in the UK - is campaigning for the law on assault to be modernised to give children equal protection.

Believes that the law allowing "reasonable punishment" is unjust and unsafe, and does not satisfy human rights obligations under important UN and Council of Europe agreements.

Believes that children should have equal protection from assault and that the law should send the clear message that hitting children is as unacceptable as hitting anyone else.

Resolves to campaign for equal protection for children by:
a) lobbying MPs, Peers and Ministers; and
b) signing up to the aims of the Children Are Unbeatable! Alliance.