

# CAMPAIGN ACTION

## Children are unbeatable!

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## HELP RECRUIT A NEW SUPPORTER TODAY!

The Children Are Unbeatable! Alliance is the broadest campaign coalition ever assembled on a children's issue. But to achieve equal protection from assault for children, there is still much campaigning to be done. We need your help to grow and broaden our supporter base still further.

Please try to recruit a new supporter today. Ask them to sign up to the aims of the Alliance using the form that follows or order some recruitment leaflets - **see the Info section of the website.**

### INDIVIDUALS

Start with friends, family and work colleagues.

But you could also try...

- + Local councillors
- + Professionals working with children - childminders, social workers, teachers etc.
- + Health professionals
- + Academics
- + Members of political parties
- + Religious/faith figures
- + Trade unionists
- + Youth leaders
- + Public figures or celebrities
- + People who campaign on other issues

### ORGANISATIONS

Or you could try...

- + Local political party groups
- + Women's organisations
- + Parenting groups
- + Youth or children's groups
- + Groups representing professionals working with children or families
- + Church or faith groups
- + Trade union branches
- + Community associations
- + Student unions

### FOR HELP OR ADVICE

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## Children Are Unbeatable! Alliance aims

We believe that the traditional defence of "reasonable punishment" works against the aims which we and the Government of a modern UK share: the encouragement of positive parental discipline in all families, and assurance of effective child protection in the few cases where it is needed.

We believe it is both wrong and impracticable to seek to define acceptable forms of corporal punishment of children. Such an exercise is unjust. Hitting children is a lesson in bad behaviour.

Removing the defence of "reasonable punishment" and thus giving children in their homes and in all other settings equal protection under the law on assault is the only just, moral and safe way to clarify the law. While technically this would criminalize any assault of a child, trivial assaults, like trivial assaults between adults, would not be prosecuted. There already exist adequate means to prevent unwarranted or unhelpful prosecutions. It would on the other hand ease prosecution in serious cases. It would eliminate the current dangerous confusion over what is acceptable and provide a clear basis for child protection.

There is ample evidence from other countries to show that full legal reform, coupled with the promotion of effective means of positive discipline, works rapidly to reduce reliance on corporal punishment and reduces the need for prosecutions and other formal interventions in families. Using positive forms of discipline reduces stress and improves relationships between children, their parents and other carers.

**I/We have read the aims of the Alliance. Please add my/our name to the list of supporters.**

Name/name of organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Contact at organisation (if applic) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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