



Turning The World Blue to Celebrate the United Nations World Child Rights Day

Left to right – Priscilla Magee, Omagh Children and Young People’s Locality Planning Officer, Western Trust; Councillor Siobhán Currie, Chair, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council; Seana Connors, Fermanagh Early Intervention Family Support Hub and Karen McHugh, Omagh Early Intervention Family Support Hub.

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council like other countries around the world on 20 November 2019 lit up its iconic buildings blue to show support for Child Rights around the Globe.

The light-up has been requested by Fermanagh and Omagh Early Intervention Family Support Hubs, Action for Children and supported by the Children and Young People’s Locality Planning Groups.

Speaking at the announcement of the event, the Chair of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Councillor Siobhán Currie said:

“It is vitally important that we continue to shine a light on the need for urgent action to make sure that every child has all their rights respected and shining a light on the need still for urgent action to make sure every child has every right respected. Thirty years ago this year, in a rare moment of global unity, world leaders came together to adopt the Convention on the Rights of the Child and make a commitment to the world’s children to protect and fulfil their rights. It is incumbent on these governments to ensure that those rights of the child are upheld.”

Commenting on the event, Priscilla Magee, Fermanagh Locality Planning Officer at the Western Health and Social Care Trust said “As we look back on 30 years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, we should also be looking ahead to the next thirty years and listen to what children and young people have to tell us about the issues that greatly concern them now and begin working with them on twenty-first century solutions to twenty-first century problems. The Convention was launched the same year as the birth of the world wide web which has radically changed the world, debates rage to the benefits and dangers of social media but the challenge for us now, today, is to recognise wherever we stand on these debates we have to empower and equip children, young people and parents to navigate the online world safely. We have much to celebrate as to the progress that has been made with Child Rights, but on World Children’s Day #WorldChildDay by lighting the world blue #GoBlue we are reminding ourselves that for some issues like children’s mental health and with securing children’s digital rights we have still much to be achieved.”