

BRINGING VIOLENCE TO AN END.



CHILDREN ARE UNBEATABLE!

"Children have a right to human dignity and to protection from all forms of physical and mental violence."*

Lots of children and young people have been hit by their parents and think that it is OK or fair
- IT'S NOT!

Countries that ban parents from hitting their children are protecting young people's human rights!

More and more countries are trying to stop parents being allowed to hit their children and young people.



THE LAW

Hitting children and young people is wrong and the law should say so!

The law should look after children and young people and keep them safe from harm.

Children and young people need more protection, not less, from physical punishment such as hitting, slapping and smacking.



* (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by UK Government in 1991, articles 19 and 37).

WORKING TOGETHER

Children are Unbeatable! is working with parents, teachers, neighbours, youth club leaders, children's charities and people in power to change the law and protect children and young people.

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VIEWS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

"Physical punishment is wrong. Everyone makes mistakes. It's not fair to get beaten up for it."

"Why is it that if an adult hits another adult they could end up in jail, but if an adult hits a child, people just ignore it and walk on?"

"Parents should be there to help their children not belt their children!"

"If you hit your children, they will think it is the right answer and hit theirs. It's a cruel cycle!"

"Physical punishment can really harm a child's growth and development- even worse, they might start to believe that it is acceptable."





Mums and Dads need support too. No-one said having children would be easy!

Children and young people know that they will need to be punished sometimes. They suggest:

- grounding
- taking away their stereo, ipod, video games or makeup

Children and young people who experience physical punishment can:

- have low self-esteem
- get bullied or be a bully
- think violence is the answer

Children and young people ask mums and dads:

- to sit down and talk to them
- to calm down first, de-stress, take 5 minutes to yourself
- to talk – please don't scream.

Suggested contact organisations:

Parents Advice Centre:

0808 8010 722 or

www.parentsadvicecentre.org,

NICCY:

028 9031 1616

or www.niccy.org,

Childline: 0800 1111

or www.childline.org.uk

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I/we confirm that you may list me/us or my/our organisation as a member of the Children are Unbeatable! Alliance, supporting your aims.

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