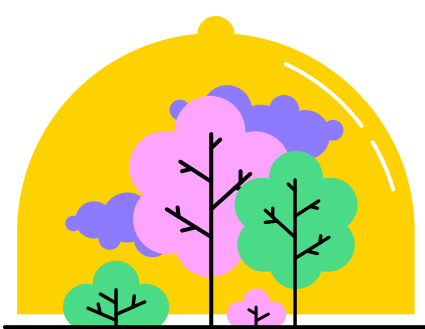


# RCPCH & US CLIMATE CHANGERS

The climate crisis is a child rights crisis

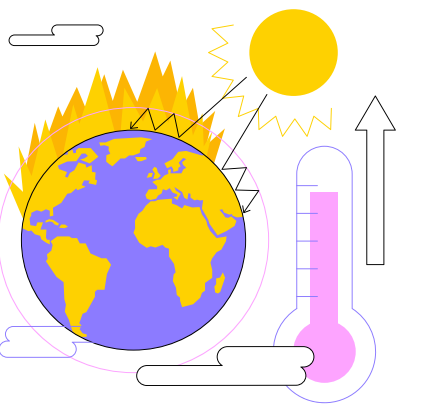
## GENERAL COMMENT 26 ON CLIMATE RIGHTS

### The UN is looking at climate change and rights



We know this is a child rights crisis. We know that it affects our mental health, our physical health, our standard of living and if we feel healthy, happy and well.

### Rights are everyone's responsibility



We want organisations to know that they have a role as duty bearers to protect children's rights, and this includes around climate change.

### Rights matter



Read about the UN General Comment 26 on climate rights for children and young people that was published in 2023. There is also a video you can show to children and young people so they understand too.

## WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO THE CLIMATE CHANGERS

### Listening to children and young people



We need organisations and services to involve children and young people to help with the solutions. We haven't created the problem, but we are the ones that have to live with it, so should be involved.

### Education is important



Children and young people are worried about what might happen if there are flood or extreme heat in the UK because of climate change, and what we should be doing - make sure it is part of the curriculum for us and all workers.

### Health



We need everyone to think about the impact on child health of not having green spaces, or having poor air quality, or the fact that some children and young people will face worse outcomes because of inequalities. Read our report "preserving the world for future generations".

## WHAT WE FOUND OUT THROUGH ROADSHOWS IN THE UK



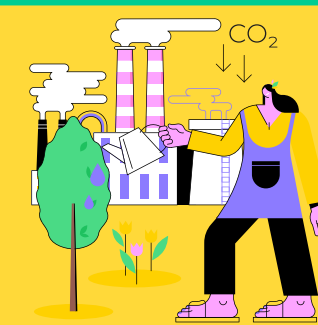
### Magic wand hopes from children and young people

- improve air quality
- stop extreme weather incidents
- increase services that support children and young people linked to climate/health



### Biggest health concerns for us

- impact on mental health
- Impact of weather changes on our health
- Impact of extreme heat on our health conditions like epilepsy



### Topics we see in the news

- Climate change advocacy and protests
- Extreme weather changes
- Social impacts on individuals