

**Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill  
Expert Stakeholder Group Meeting  
10 July 2019  
Cardiff University**

**Agenda / Issues Discussed:**

1. Update on the Bill
2. Update on Bill activity from Stakeholders
3. Comms Update
4. Research and Data
5. Engaging with children and young people – discussion / advice and potential input from stakeholders

**Actions / Decisions:**

- Welsh Government (WG) would consider how parents' views can feed in to the Strategic Implementation Group.
- Stakeholders to let WG know if they want to make use of WG comms materials – e.g. information/articles for websites or newsletters.
- Barnardo's Cymru and NSPCC offered help if parents were needed for focus groups throughout the campaign development.
- There was a general consensus that awareness raising amongst children should be embedded in the wider context of children's rights / ongoing activity / ongoing programmes – the general message was to keep it simple. It was agreed that the Expert Stakeholder Group would advise WG on raising awareness amongst children and young people.
- Stakeholders to share any resources that may be useful for engaging with children from previous projects and campaigns.
- WG to share further information on Stage 3 and 4 process.
- WG to share presentation slides on the 2018 baseline survey on public attitudes to physical punishment of children.
- Children's Commissioner's office to share information regarding research and evaluation methods.
- WG to further discuss an upcoming event with children and young people with Children in Wales about how to raise awareness with children and young people.