

CSOs and NGOs working for the Rights of the Child¹



Name of Organisation: National Children's and Youth Law Centre

Website of Organisation: <http://www.ncylc.org.au>

Facebook of Organisation: <https://www.facebook.com/lawstuff.australia>

Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N: No

The **National Children's and Youth Law Centre (NCYLC)** is the only national community legal centre in Australia that is devoted to representing the rights, welfare and well-being of children and young people nationally. The NGO was established in 1993 with the vision for '*equality and justice for all children and young people in Australia*'. NCYLC values the importance of providing useful advice and information to children and young people in support of their rights and responsibilities thus pressuring national government bodies to consider their welfare when implementing legislations and policies.

The organisation has established a national profile within the community and is recognised as one of the few influential bodies advocating for the rights of children and young people, and their rights and access to justice. NCYLC key concerned areas developed over the past 24 years comprised of:

- A child's own family relationship issues;
- Issues about leaving homes;
- Police powers and criminal law;
- School powers; and
- Age of consent.

NCYLC is founded on three mission goals comprised of:

- Providing information, referral, advice and training on the legal rights of children and young people;
- Promoting the rights of children and young people's human rights in Australia; and
- Improving outcomes for children and young people through research, policy development, and law reform.

In September 2017, DTP, Australian Human Rights Centre and NCYLC are hosting a [2-day intensive training program](#) to build knowledge and understanding of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and of the Australian reporting process to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (Committee).

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¹The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an NGO affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. Since 1990, it has provided training to over 2800 human rights defenders and community advocates. These individuals work for a wide range of organisations working to promote shared values of human rights – in different ways. This profile is part of a series developed by DTP (www.dtp.unsw.edu.au) to illustrate the richness and diversity of the organisations working to promote the working for the Rights of the Child more broadly.