**SESSION EIGHT – Worksheet 4**

**UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**

EVERY child and young person under 18 has rights and responsibilities. They’re

protected by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. There are 54 articles in total. Below are some of the ones relating to the presentations you are being asked to do.

**Article 5**

****Governments should respect the rights and responsibilities of families to direct and guide their children so that, as they grow, they learn to use their rights properly.

**Article 6**

You have the right to life. Governments should ensure that children survive and develop healthily.

**Article 12**

****You have the right to say what you think should happen when adults are making decisions that affect you, and to have your opinions taken into account.

**Article 15**

You have the right to meet with other children and young people and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

**Article 17**

****You have the right to reliable information from the mass media. Television, radio, and newspapers should provide information that you can understand, and should not promote materials that could harm you.

**Article 19**

Governments should ensure that children are properly cared for, and protect them from violence, abuse and neglect by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

**Article 31**

You have a right to relax, play and join in a wide range of activities.

**Article 33**

The government should provide ways of protecting you from dangerous drugs.

**Article 34**

The government should protect you from sexual abuse.

**Article 36**

You should be protected from any activities that could harm your development.

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