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Why we like it: This activity encourages children to express their ideas about what rights are important to them and to share it with an important decision maker.

What you need: Child rights postcard (ideally printed on firmer paper), pencils and crayons; reference of the United Nations Child Friendly Convention on the Rights of the Child.

How long: 10-20 minutes

How it works:

- Short group discussion: Why is it important for adults to listen to kids? What kinds of decisions are important to kids? (e.g. types of activities that they want to do, don't feel safe, if they are feeling tired- needing rest).
- Remind students about the 4 Bs – right to be healthy, safe, heard and to be ourselves. Discuss what each of these things mean.
- Invite students to pick 1-2 rights that they think are especially important to them. Draw them on the postcard.

- On the back, include their name (can be their first name only) and any important messages for the Mayor of Victoria.
- Share the postcards with the International Institute for Child Rights and Development. We like to see common themes across classes and schools! Hundreds of these drawings will be sent to the Mayor.

Reflective questions:

- What right did you want to share with the Mayor? What was important about this right?
- As a class, which rights did we think are the most important?

Tips & variations:

- Some students have used this postcard activity to draw about important issues affecting their rights. For example, we have seen drawings on stopping pollution, racism, supporting climate action. and making streets safer for children.
- Optional activity – Rights Quilt. Students can create a 'Rights Quilt' by linking the postcards, photo side out' into a connected quilt on the bulletin board. [If you do this, please send a photo of the Quilt to go with the postcard to the Mayor].

● **Links:**

- Child Rights Postcard
- PDF Activity 9 Outline

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