

## Junior Jury: highlights

### A selection of opinions from the long-running Children's Express opinion column.

Children have been making their voices heard all over the country in anti-war demonstrations. They have strong opinions on many topics. Here are some of things they've had to say on various subjects in the Junior Jury column in recent months.

**The Police** All children should have the right to a life, the right to live some-where and the right to an education.

I have been pulled once by the police for no reason. They think they are better than anyone else by acting hard. They don't make me feel safe. The good things about them are they stop vandalism but they also get on your nerves and nick people for no reason. It's probably burglary that they deal with most and people setting skips on fire.

*Lisa Williams, Walker*

### Changing where you live

The area I come from is a quiet area although there are a lot of people driving around like lunatics. It could change if they arrested those people. I would turn to my family to make things change and I would complain to the council. I think I would keep the streets the same because kids play on them. With 1 million I would put a park in Cowgate because there is nothing for the kids to do. It's a disgrace that there is nowhere to play.

*Rebecca Slade, Cowgate*

### Getting the Government to listen

I don't think it is right the way young people are treated by older people because children and youngsters don't do anything wrong. I think it would be good to have a Children's Commissioner because they would get to say what we want and what we think. I don't really know who I would have as a representative of children, maybe someone like Ant and Dec. They should be able to understand and listen.

*Cheryl Paxton, Cowgate*

### Child rights

Child rights are something you are entitled to. All children should have the right to a life, the right to live somewhere and the right to an education. The right to have choice would be my own child right. Children's rights are more important than an adult's because they have a future ahead of them.

*Sonia McAthey, Cowgate*

### Facts of life

Parents should tell you more than schools about sex education. At school you only get taught once in a while. You can just ask your parents questions when it feels right. I think 10 is a good age to learn about sex education.

*Andrea Dixon, Blakelaw*

### Mums

I would describe my mam as nice. I think she is funny but she has upset me loads of times by not giving me what I want. We like going shopping together but I don't like waiting for her when she tries clothes on. I like living with my mam because she is funny and laughs all the time. It's my mam that tells me off for things like arguing with her. I am mostly told off for hitting people.

*Scott Rainey, Cowgate*

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