

## Junior Jury: highlights 2

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

*Following last week's compilation of views expressed by young people, here's some more of the best from Children's Express:*

### On being happy and sad

I don't think children's rights are heard and taken seriously.

Sometimes when people are cuddling me it makes me happy and going out with my friends and listening to music does too, although I don't like sad music and sad films. I do like going away on trips and when I have money. When I'm told jokes I laugh and I also laugh at funny things like the programme You've Been Framed. Sometimes I feel sad when I'm by myself in my bedroom. Going on holiday would make me feel good. The place that makes me unhappy is a hospital because of the smell and then I start crying.

*Hayley Todd, 10, Cowgate*

### On child rights

Child rights mean that children can't just be bossed about by older people. I don't think children's rights are heard and taken seriously. I think that children should be heard in Parliament. A teenager, someone who is 18, could represent them. Adult and child rights are both as important because they are the same, it's just their age that's the difference. I don't think children all over the world have the same rights because in some places women and children have got to be married by the time they are 12.

*Nicole Grey, 10, Walker*

### On the Euro

I think it's bad starting over again with the euro because you don't get back any money from the other countries. We learned all about using our money so I don't think it will be any easier. If the euro does come in we will have trouble telling the difference with the notes. Adults may cope well and kids may not cope so well with new money.

*Shaune Jones, nine, Montagu.*

### On royalty

Royalty are rich and rule the world. They have more money than we do. They don't have to pay for anything and they get too much attention. Their job should be to look up to and respect us and to look after the world. I don't think they do a lot though. They should be helping the poor and building more houses. If I were a royal I would raise more money for children and animals.

*Rebecca Hall, 10, Cowgate*

### On brothers and sisters

I have one brother, nine years old. Sometimes I get on with him, like when he helps me. We have done loads of things together, art things and going to clubs. I don't go everywhere with him because he's got his own friends and I have mine. My best memory of my brother is of him getting me loads of things for my birthday.

*Rachel Gatt, 10, Newbiggin Hall*

### On sweets

I like sweets. My favourite is chocolate because it's so sweet and has lovely ingredients and it's nice and creamy when you suck it. I spend about a tenner on sweets a week and the money comes from my mam and dad. I like all chocolate, whether

it's white or brown. I would definitely make chocolate if I had my own factory. My own chocolate would be a long bar in a packet and it would be called The Long Sticked Banana Chocolate Bar.

*Rebecca Slade, 12, Cowgate*

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