



The United Nations

Main Aims:

Tolerance and friendship among all nation, racial or religious groups.

Maintenance of peace

When did it begin?

- The United Nations is made up of 192 countries from around the world. It is often called the UN.
- It was set up in 1945, after the Second World War, as a way of bringing people together and to avoid further wars.
- It started with 51 countries. The United Kingdom is one of the original members. Germany did not join until 1973.

What does the UN do?

- The UN aims to ensure that people don't suffer from hunger and homelessness.
- It has a special section called Unicef that tries to help children.
- The UN has a convention on children's rights. They would like it to be followed by all countries, as a set of rules about the treatment of children.



Why is it important to have an organisation that is bigger than any one country?

- *Stops governments mistreating people*
- *Helps stop wars between countries*
- *Looks after all the world's young people*



Why might the UN have problems getting all countries to treat children fairly?

- *Some countries use children in their armies*
- *Many children work in factories*
- *Poor countries can't afford to provide schools*



Our School Children's Charter

- **Make a list of conventions or agreements for our school (10 minutes)**

Things to consider:

- What teachers call you
- How property is treated
- How you talk to each other
- When you may talk
- When your work is marked
- When your work is given in
- Students appearance



Decide on the 5 most important conventions or agreements.



- Join with another group and by voting, decide on the 5 conventions you consider to be the most important.
- (10 minutes)

Why might it be difficult to get the conventions followed?

- Would all teachers be prepared to follow the rules?
- What would happen to people who broke the rules?

Setting the Convention is only the First Step.

- The UN faces many similar problems.
- Each member country has a single vote.
- The conventions are decided by the majority vote but when all countries do not agree, keeping to them can be difficult!

