## <u>Michael Sheen supports Welsh</u> <u>Government campaign to promote</u> <u>children's rights</u>

The campaign includes a number of children's rights and United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) resources and the <u>Children's</u> <u>Rights Wales website</u>. Both provide information and advice for children and young people, and those who work with them, about their rights.

Wales leads the way in championing children's rights and the Welsh Government formally adopted the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in 2004.

Communities and Children Cabinet Secretary Carl Sargeant said:

"I'm delighted that Michael Sheen is supporting our campaign to make children and young people aware of their rights."

"It is important they know they have the right to get involved and have their voices heard when decisions are made which affect their lives."

"By participating in decision making, children and young people may be able to access and better understand their rights, and play a fuller role in their own lives and in the communities where they live."

Michael Sheen said:

"The Welsh Government continues to be ground-breaking in its commitment to children's rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. As a father I appreciate the importance of children having access to a great education and healthcare, but equally that they should be safe and happy. It is important that children and young people are aware of their rights so that they can have their say about issues that may affect them."