

UNCRC: Engaging Children and Youth - Canada  
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# Background

## My History:

- National youth spokesperson Scouts Canada 2016-2019
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police national Youth Advisory Committee Member 2017-2018
- Joined CORIA 2018



## What is CORIA?

- CORIA is a correspondents network that spans the Americas.



## Why do I participate?

- Interested in people and issues
- Interest in children's rights
- Expressing the views of others
- Sharing issues in hope of a solution
- Personal development

# UNCRC: What I have heard from Canadian children/youth

- Very little is known by Canadian youth about the UNCRC
- The Canadian charter of rights and freedoms is taught and is also effective
- There is a large understanding from Canadian youth that the situation for our Country's First Nations communities must improve.



*First Nations* is a term used to describe Indigenous peoples in Canada

# Issues of importance



1. Indigenous issues are at the forefront in Canada
2. Youth engagement and leadership to promote their voice in government
3. Continuing the education focus in Canada so that youth can receive the highest possible quality education

# How has Canada dealt with these issues

## Nationally:

- Truth and reconciliation commission of Canada, Indigenous issues
- Government apology for residential schools in 2017 by Steven Harper, Indigenous issues
- Creation of organizations like the students commission of Canada, Youth engagement



## Locally:

- Partners in place; Connect Charter School, Indigenous issues
- Promotion of youth leadership through organizations like Scouts Canada and other NGO's, Youth engagement
- Supporting groups of any size in reconciliation activities, Indigenous issues



# My Next Steps

- Remaining engaged with education on these issues



- The continuing of promoting issues that effect youth
- As the Canadian government changes keeping the discussion about indigenous issues and youth engagement strong