

### What is Children’s Advocacy?

Advocacy is about making sure children’s views and wishes are listened to and considered in the decisions which affect them.



**‘I THINK THAT MOST PEOPLE THAT ASK ME MY OPINIONS WAS MYSELF BECAUSE NOBODY EVER ASKED ME MY OPINION...’**

**Ethan**

### Why Take Part in Advocacy?

As children, you know the most about your lives. It is important that the people who make decisions which affect you hear your views and wishes. **Barnardos** want to help make your voice heard at Governmental level in relation a wide range of issues.

### What You Told Us in the Workshops?

- ✓ You were generally very pleased and happy with the advocacy workshops
- ✓ The most popular games were the ice-breaker game and the money/ budget allocation games
- ✓ By taking part, you felt you had learned something new about the world
- ✓ Some of you thought that you had not had enough of a chance to talk
- ✓ In the focus group, everyone felt that they were not asked for their opinion by adults.

### What Are We Going to Change in the Future?

1. Glór na nÓg Workshops in the future will be organised by a member of staff from the Barnardos Advocacy Team and a Project Worker who knows you well.
2. The Glór na nÓg Workshops are better during an after-school activity.
3. We need to do some additional work on the workshops for younger children.

# Our Report Card



## Glór na nÓg Report Card

Thank you for taking part in our recent workshops where we played games and talked about leaders and how people spend money.

We wanted to make sure that we were able to ask you questions about the budget so that we can include your opinion when we are asking the Government to put extra money into services that are important to you. Because you took part and told us what we did right and wrong in the workshops, we will be able to run these workshops with children all around the country.

This is the report that you gave us!

	Yes	No	Sort of
Did we make the workshop fun?	✓		
Did you like the shop game?	✓		
Did you like the spending money game?	✓		
Did you like talking about leaders?			✓
Were all of our questions clear?		✓	
Did we use pictures you did not like?			✓
Did we use words you did not understand?			✓
Did you like telling us your opinion?	✓		

**Overall comment: Good but could do better!**

So we listened and made the changes so the workshop is now much better. Thank You.

