

## Charter for serving our community's children and young people



Everyone under 18 years of age has all the rights in this Charter, regardless of their race, religion, abilities, whatever they think or say, whatever type of family they come from.

All parties associated with Quantin Binnah Community Centre concerned with children and young people will work towards what is best for each child by doing the following:

- 1. Provide children an environment and right to relax, play and to join in a wide range of leisure activities.
- 2. Protection from any activities that could harm their development, health or education.
- 3. Meet with other children and young people and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.
- 4. Ensure that children are properly cared for and protect them from violence, abuse and neglect.
- 5. Deliver services that help children develop healthily.
- 6. Respect that children have the right to learn and use the language and customs of their families, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live, as long as this does not harm others.
- 7. Respect the rights and responsibilities of families to guide their children so that, as they grow up, they learn to use their rights properly.
- 8. Will encourage children to respect their parents, their cultures and other cultures.
- 9. Provide services and support that ensure children have the right to think and believe what they want and to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Parents will guide children on these matters.
- 10. Help parents by providing services to support them in sharing responsibility for bringing up their children.
- 11. Give reliable information that children and young people can understand and not promote materials that could harm children.
- 12. Provide special care and support for those with any kind of disability so that they can live a full and independent life.
- 13. Give the children the right to say what they think will happen when adults are making decisions that affect them and to have their opinions taken into account.
- 14. Provide children with the right to get and to share Information, as long as the information is not damaging to them or to others.