

## Children Rights Leadership Cards:

**A fun way for children to learn about their rights and take action to be leaders**

Children's rights are human rights that aim to protect all human beings younger than 18 years old. As educators, it is important for us to teach children about their rights, as well as encourage them to be leaders in promoting rights in their everyday lives.

As part of Equitas' work with children, we partnered with organizations across Canada and developed an innovative project to teach children about their rights and take action to be leaders for rights. The result of the project was the creation of *Children's Rights Leadership Cards*.

### What are the *Children's Rights Leadership Cards*?

The *Children's Rights Leadership Cards* are a set of activity cards that were developed by hundreds of children from across Canada. The children participated in a series of activities where they learned about their rights, discussed what it means to protect their rights and the rights of others, and came up with leadership challenges to help promote children's rights in their daily lives. A working group of partner organizations then gathered all the cards and created the national deck of *Children's Rights Leadership Cards*.



There are 52 cards in the deck. Each card has a right, an image of the right drawn by a child and a leadership challenge associated with the right.

### What makes the *Children's Rights Leadership Cards* innovative?

The process of developing the cards was innovative because it was an opportunity for organizations across Canada to learn from each other and collaborate on a tangible project with children's rights at the center. The process also enabled children to build awareness of their human rights and the rights of others and engaged them in a way that was meaningful to them. Children were given the space to express themselves and adults listened to the children, and learned from them, why their rights are important. The rights children highlighted are reflected in the deck of cards. Furthermore, the development of the cards is a simple and therefore adaptable process which can be replicated by others.

## Where can I find the Leadership Cards?

You can view the deck of *Children's Rights Leadership Cards* [HERE](#) or you can send an email to purchase a deck at cost here: [ascote@equitas.org](mailto:ascote@equitas.org).

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