



# Children's rights in sports

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# Project description

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## Unit

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## Aim

The aim of this project is to investigate and discover the extent to which sports coaches draw on children's rights to inform their practice and pedagogy.

## Methodology

In this study a qualitative and interpretative method will be adopted to explore the relationship between the practice of sports coaches and their

understanding of children's rights. The views and opinions of the children and young people being coached will also be drawn on to ensure their voices are heard and represented in the research process.

## Contribution

The project will:

- Advance our knowledge and understanding of children's rights in sport.
- Highlight aspects of good practice that can be shared with the coaching workforce to improve the experiences of children in sport.
- Enable children and young people to have better experiences of sport that support their well-being.

## Website

The PhD project would support interests in children's rights in sport that are already established within the Open University. For example:

[Putting the child before the player | OpenLearn - Open University](#)

[EMBEDDING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY Tickets, Wed, Oct 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

# PhD project

The PhD would be an exciting opportunity to advance knowledge and understanding in area that is currently under-researched and not well known about.



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