



THE ISPCC IS CALLING ON ALL ELECTION CANDIDATES TO **#InvestInChildhood** BY MAKING AND KEEPING THESE PROMISES TO CHILDREN

- Recognising that cyber safety is the child protection issue of our time, publish a national strategy on children's cyber safety within 100 days and immediately ratify UN treaties to protect children online.
- Fully resource the protection, welfare and mental health of our children. Ensure that every child who needs it, can access a social worker day or night. Ensure that every child who needs it can access a mental health professional within a month. Ensure that every child who has been sexually abused has access to free and confidential counselling services.
- Right to an adequate standard of living. Change legislation and practice so that all homeless children or children seeking asylum are given the right to assistance and that all emergency, temporary and direct provision accommodation is safe and meets the needs of children.
- Ensuring we have a nationally available drug and alcohol rehabilitation network for all young people in need.
- Keep our promises to children by putting 'the best interests of children' at the heart of all new laws and ensure we fully implement, resource and evaluate same – Such as; Children First, Sexual Offences Bill, Child Care Act, and Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures.



HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- Email or tweet your local candidates asking them to Invest in Childhood by making these promises in time for the election.
- Engage in meaningful conversation with your local candidates when they call to your door asking for your vote.
- Attend local events and urge candidates to Invest in Childhood by making and keeping these promises to children.
- Tell your personal story directly to local candidates.
- If you are an election candidate you can Invest in Childhood by making and keeping these promises to children by ensuring, if elected, that they are prioritised in your Manifesto or Programme for Government.



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