

# CHILDREN'S NATURAL RIGHTS

*A Manifesto to allow children to live in harmony with nature.*

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**1**  
**THE RIGHT TO BE IDLE**  
to live moments in time not planned by adults



**2**

**THE RIGHT TO GET DIRTY**  
to play with the sand, earth, grass,  
leaves, water and pebbles, stones and little branches



**3**  
**THE RIGHT TO BE EXPOSED TO VARIETY OF SMELLS**  
to perceive the taste of odours,  
and to recognize natural perfumes offered by nature



**4**

**THE RIGHT TO DIALOGUE**  
to listen and be listened to,  
to make contribution and initiate conversation



**5**  
**THE RIGHT TO BE HANDS-ON**  
to drive nails into wood, to saw and to file wood,  
to use sandpaper, to glue, to mould clay, to tie or knot  
ropes and light a fire



**6**

**THE RIGHT TO GOOD START IN LIFE**  
to eat healthy food from birth,  
to drink clean water and to breathe clean air



**7**  
**THE RIGHT TO THE ROAD**  
to play freely in the square,  
and to walk through the streets



**8**

**THE RIGHT OF THE WILD**  
to build a shelter to play in the woods, to play hide and  
seek within the reeds and have trees to climb



**9**  
**THE RIGHT TO THE SOUND OF SILENCE**  
to listen to the wind blowing,  
the twitter of the birds,  
and the gurgles of the water



**10**

**THE RIGHT TO THE SHADES OF LIGHT**  
to see the rise of the sun and the sunset,  
to admire the nights, the moon and the stars