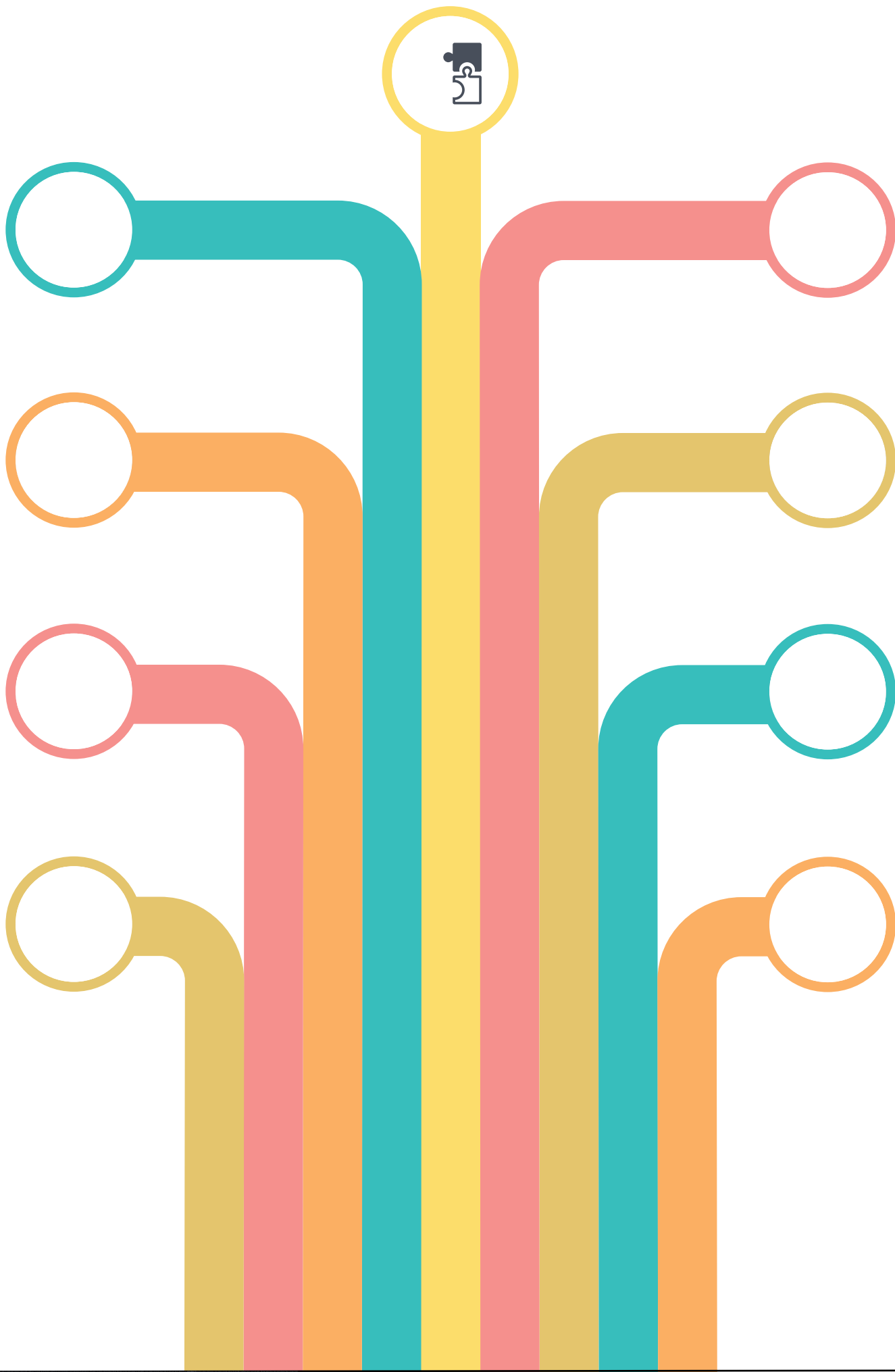


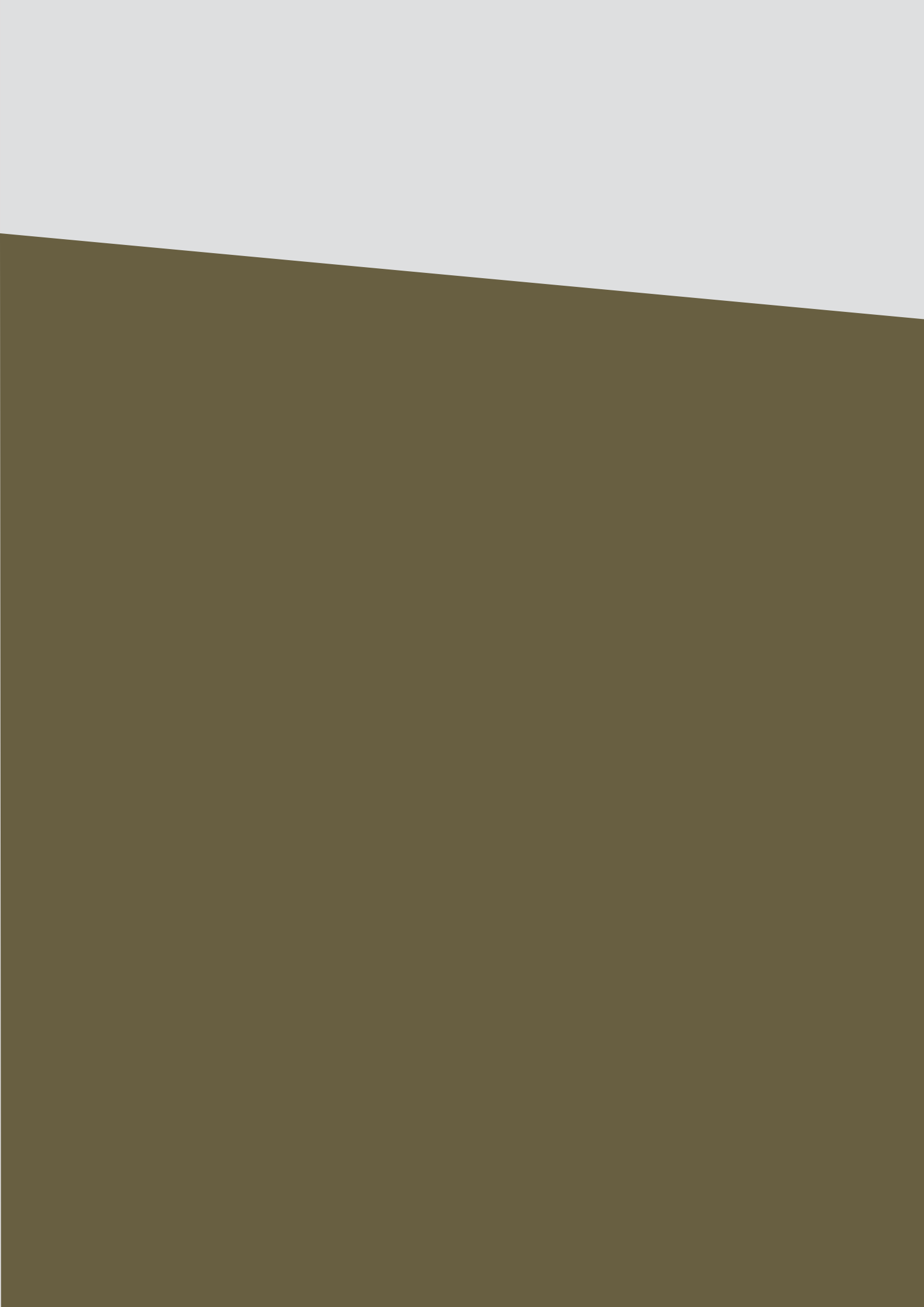




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Children have the right to voice their thoughts when decisions are being made about them.



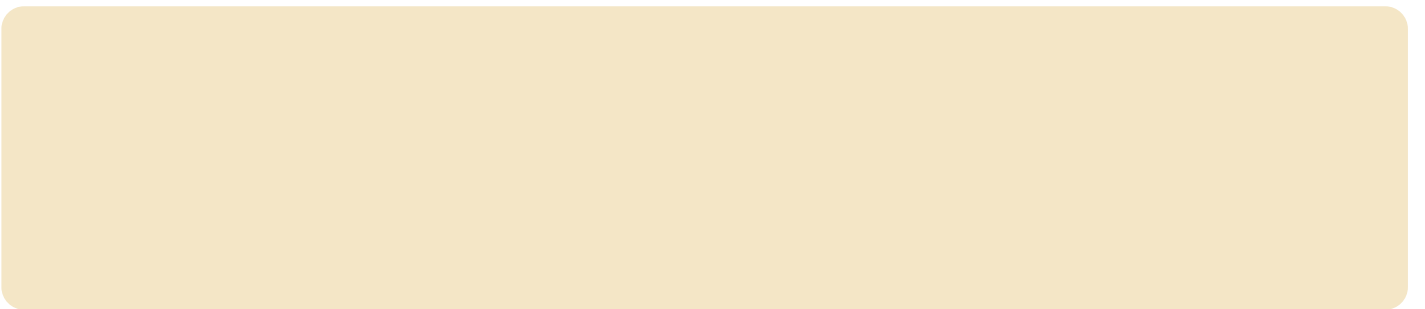
This right encourages all adults to listen to the opinions of children and involve them in decision making. The Spirit of *Galatians 6:2* guides society to be considerate, thoughtful and show respect for the views of children.

Scripture speaks to us about this right: *Leviticus 19:15* (P. 2:4)

- Article 12 Children have the right to say what they think should happen when adults are making decisions that affect them and to have their opinions taken into account.
- Article 14 Children have the right to think and believe what they want and to practice their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Parents should guide children on these matters.

All decisions need to be made with the child's say as a feeling of autonomy and certain aspects of independence are essential for a child's development. It's important because the decision is about them! We need to go a step further and have the kid be present at the time of the decisions, so at least they've got a chance to have their voice be heard.

Allowing the young people to voice their thoughts on decisions being made about them empowers them to be an active participant in their own life and further contributes to them being able to discover their own identity, create belonging and work through their trauma.





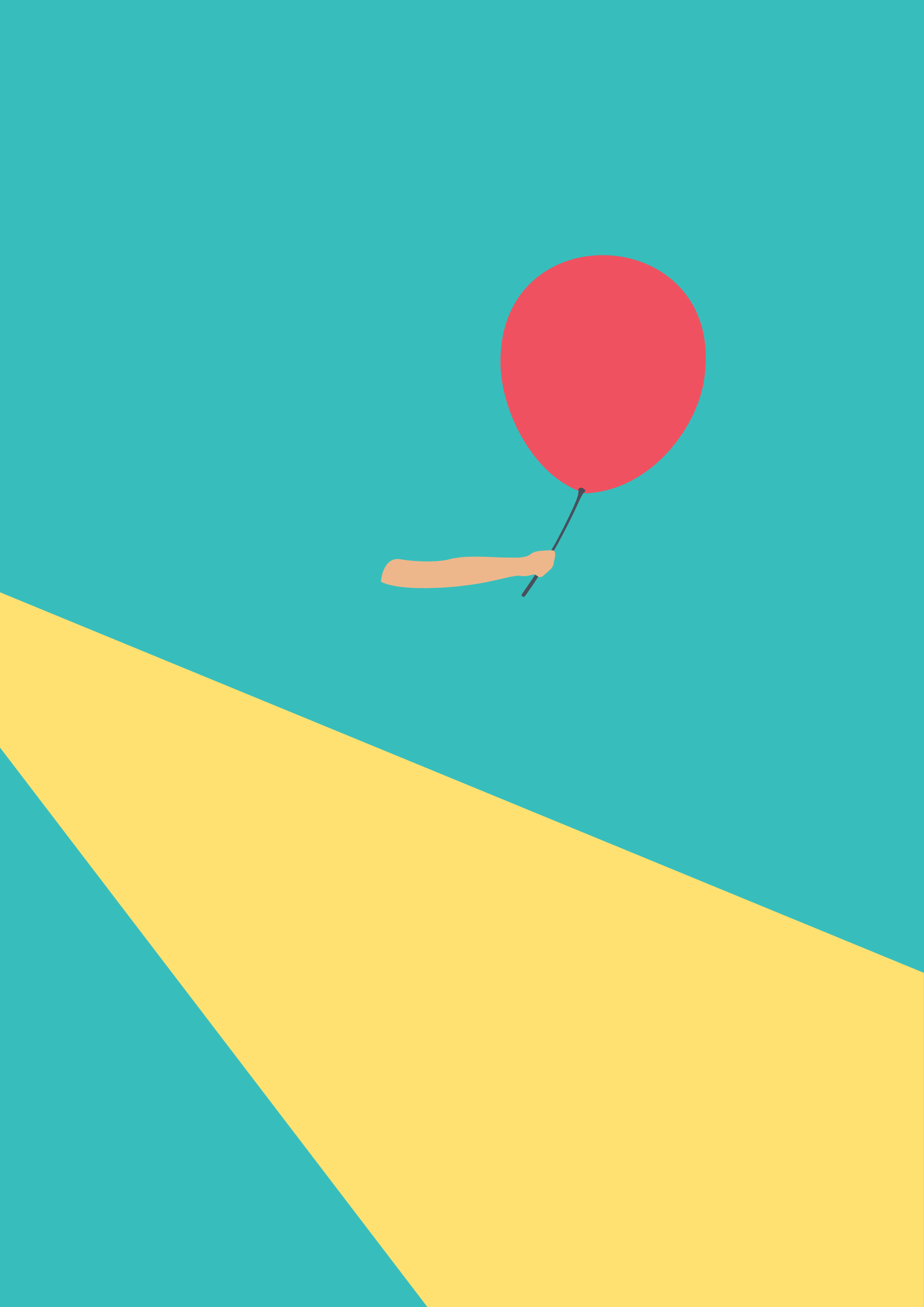


Children have the right to find out information and express themselves.



This right encourages all adults (including those in government and mass media roles) to provide information that children can understand and not to promote materials that could harm them. It also promotes that children receive and share information, as long as the information is not damaging to them or others. The Spirit of *Ubuntu* guides society to show good judgement and care when developing and delivering content for children.

Teach judgement and mass knowledge













1 Corinthians 12:4-6). Gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit are both workings of God in an individual's life. There are nine Scriptural fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5) and seven Scriptural gifts of the Spirit (Isaiah 11), though the Spirit is not limited to working in these ways only. All good and virtue is a work of the Spirit in our lives.

The main international human rights treaty is the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), which Australia ratified in December 1990. The CRC incorporates all the general rights set out in other treaties that apply to everyone, as well as the special rights that apply to children.

Convention on the Rights of the Child,

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