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Video & voice recorded interview with Frances Bestley, Programme Director of Rights Respecting Schools, UNICEF UK is in Appendices (Profiles/Organizations)

Rights Respecting Schools in UK

- 15% of UK schools officially RRSA; not statutory, seen as outside of Ed authority
- Scotland is over 70%; been working with gov't there
- Wales is about 25%
- England, Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland have differences in Ed systems
- massive amounts of info on website and every school assigned a regional support contact
- now run training sessions virtually: for bronze, silver, gold with focus on maintaining gold (3.5hrs each)
- focus on global citizenship
- schools talk about how behaviour improves as children learn that they have rights but so do all the other people in their class
- strikes always difficult: the 6.5% wage increase for teachers has to come out of school budgets so, ugh
- continually adding to our resources on line
- UNICEF has partnership with Paddington, Forced to Flee kit