

## PROVIDING ADVICE AND SUPPORT



Specialist support, representation and advocacy to help migrant and refugee children and young people effectively participate in legal processes and secure protection, particularly those of marginalised groups. A holistic legal and advocacy service model based on a child-centred and multi-disciplinary approach, recognising multi-faceted needs. We work to ensure stability for our clients in the short and long term. The voice of the child or young person is central. Through their participation, we ensure that we meet their needs and that they help steer our services

## BUILDING AND SHARING EVIDENCE



Based on our own casework and listening to children and young people, MiCLU is able to identify emerging issues, trends and patterns faced by migrant and refugee children. This evidence informs MiCLU's strategic litigation, policy and research priorities. MiCLU also shares our research and expertise with key actors across civil society, creating new knowledge that improves children and young people's access to justice and to appropriate services

## CAPACITY BUILDING



- **PROFESSIONALS**
- **ORGANISATIONS**
- **YOUNG PEOPLE**

MiCLU works with immigration lawyers and other professionals to improve their understanding of how children's rights law can be used in immigration cases to significantly improve outcomes for children. We seek to promote best practice across the sector. We also provide specialist support, information and training to Local Authorities, children's charities and other NGOs and civil society groups.

We aim for all these actors to hear the voice of the young person through their active participation in events, research and the creation of resources. These agencies can then use their enhanced knowledge to identify legal issues and get the right support for their clients, and to shape their own support programmes and influencing strategies.

At the same time MiCLU aim to build knowledge and skills among and across communities of young migrants through training, through facilitation of peer-to-peer learning, and through participation in activities that empower them to advocate for themselves in a safe environment.

## BUILDING CROSS- SECTORAL LINKS



MiCLU plays a brokering and information exchange role both within and across sectors, working together with legal professionals, statutory and non-statutory agencies (including Children's Commissioners', Committees and Inspectorates), Local Authorities, academics, health care professionals and civil society actors - acting as a bridge between them to help encourage better working relationships and share best practice and evidence locally, regionally and nationally. MiCLU seeks to work with others to widen the debate on children's rights and strengthen child protection networks, and to help multiply and amplify voices of the children and young people

## ADVANCING LEGAL & ADVOCACY STRATEGIES



MiCLU uses integrated influencing approaches in which policy advocacy operates side by side with strategic litigation, seeking the same objectives through the best route, whether it be a legal one, a policy initiative, public intervention or a combination of these. MiCLU aims to amplify the voices of children and young people and be led by them in directing its policy and advocacy work.