

‘A peculiar status’?

Legal personality and legal capacity

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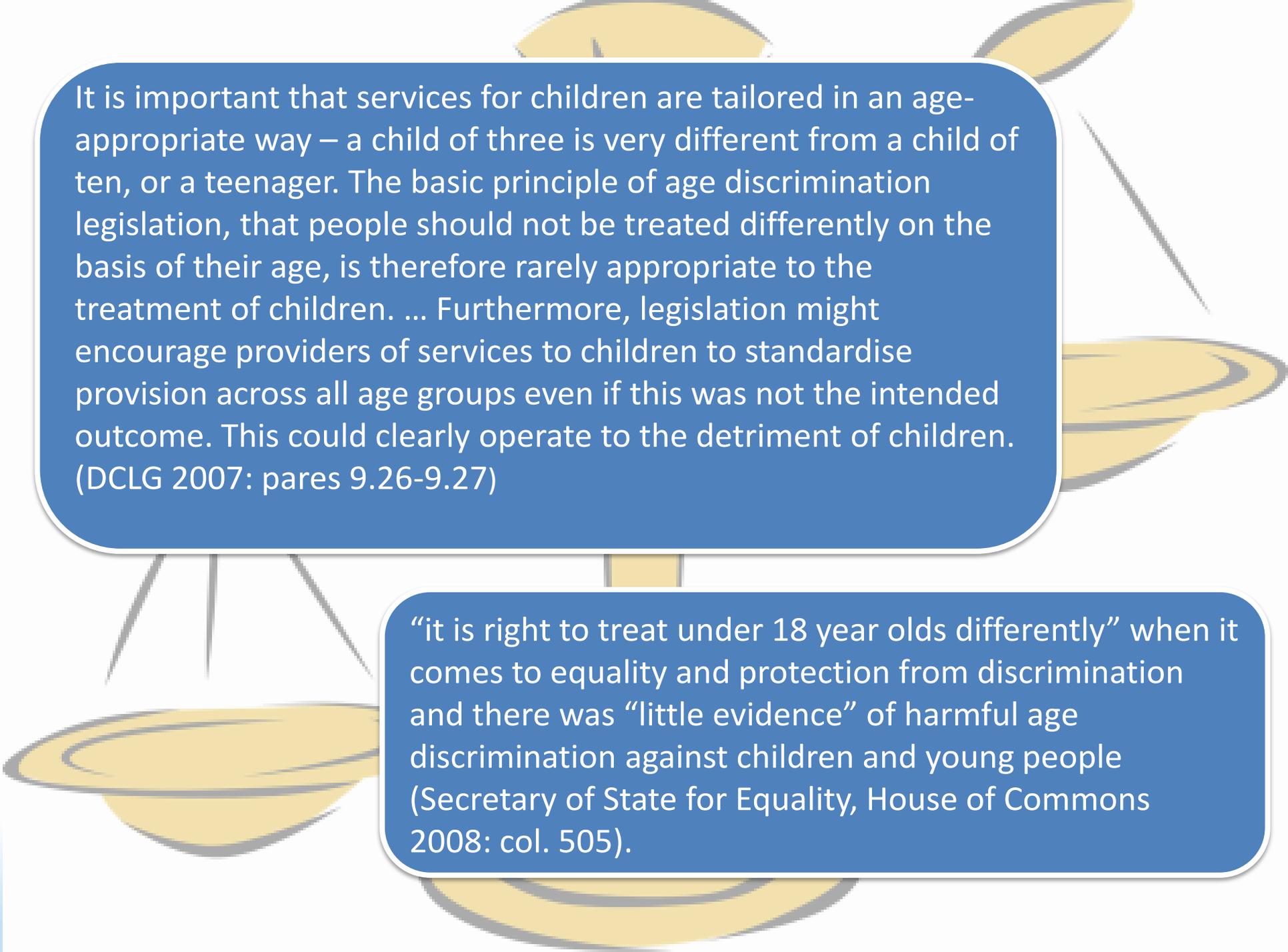
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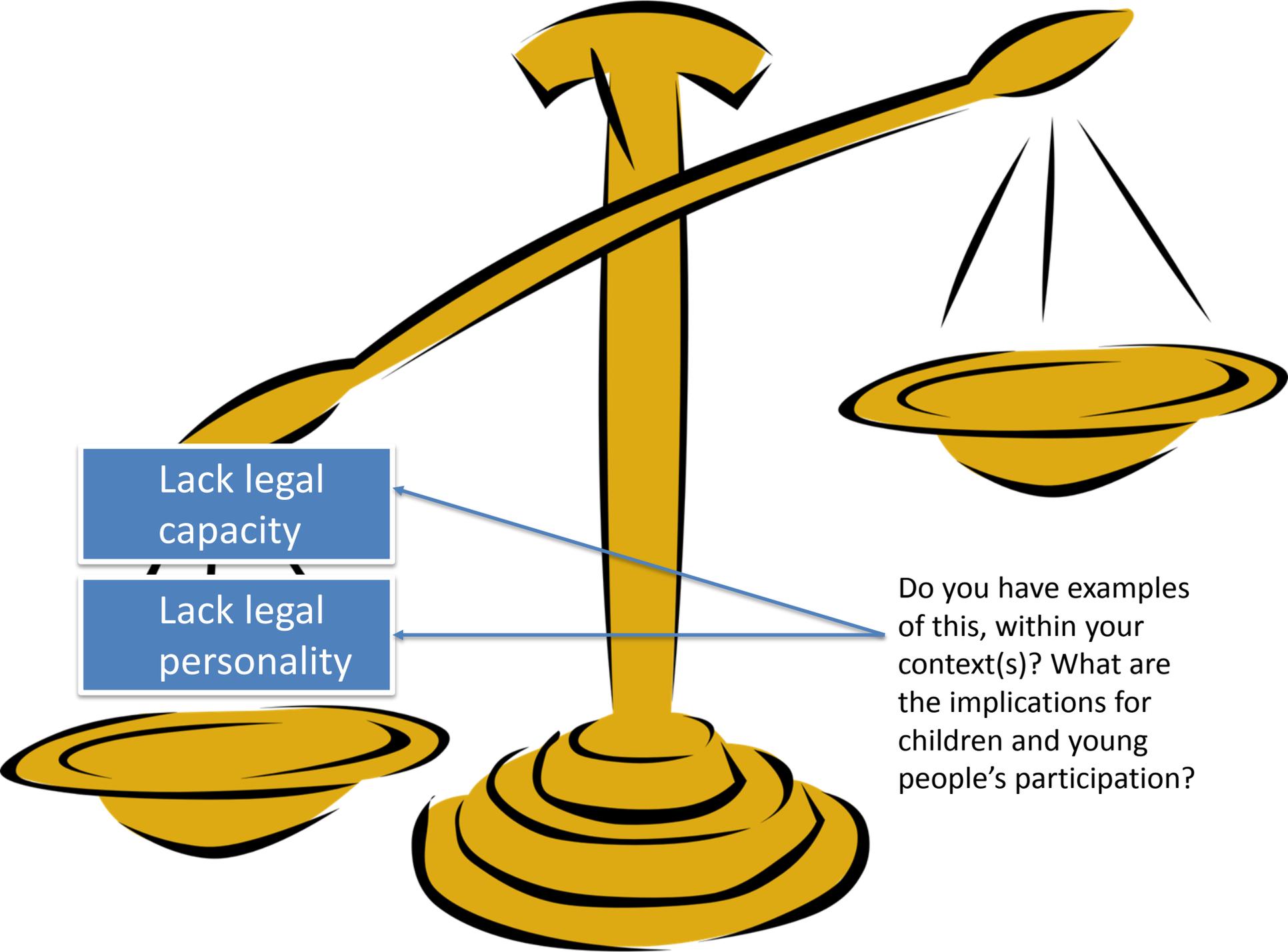




It is important that services for children are tailored in an age-appropriate way – a child of three is very different from a child of ten, or a teenager. The basic principle of age discrimination legislation, that people should not be treated differently on the basis of their age, is therefore rarely appropriate to the treatment of children. ... Furthermore, legislation might encourage providers of services to children to standardise provision across all age groups even if this was not the intended outcome. This could clearly operate to the detriment of children. (DCLG 2007: para 9.26-9.27)

“it is right to treat under 18 year olds differently” when it comes to equality and protection from discrimination and there was “little evidence” of harmful age discrimination against children and young people (Secretary of State for Equality, House of Commons 2008: col. 505).

**NO BALL
GAMES**



Lack legal capacity

Lack legal personality

Do you have examples of this, within your context(s)? What are the implications for children and young people's participation?



Young children

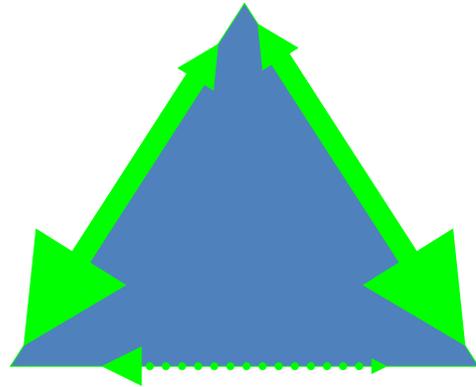
Children with disabilities

“There is growing recognition that there is insufficient research, programming and policy guidance to address the needs and rights of children in the early years in communities affected by armed conflict, insecurity and other emergencies (Bernard Van Leer Foundation, 2005; Wessells and Montoro, 2008; the GGFCO report NEF 2009; Akesson, 2012; Platinga, 2013). Children's participation rights are called into question?”

Children in the 'wrong' place

Children doing the 'wrong' things

THE STATE

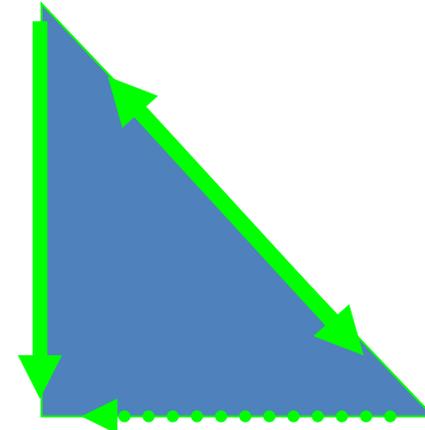


Children

Parents

State paternalism and child protection

PARENTS



Children

The State

The modern defence of the birth family and parents' rights

What would you draw, in your contexts?