

## **Interview Two – Jade from Ireland**

**I am here in Geneva to make our campaign on youth justice stronger.** Our group includes people from all over the world, like Sierra Leone, Togo, Guatemala and the UK.

**I was interviewed and selected to represent Ireland for this campaign.** My college were made aware of the campaign on youth justice and we applied to take part in this campaign alongside other countries in Geneva.

**The way the justice system in Ireland treats young people makes me very angry.** I have interviewed many young people in Ireland and heard many stories of how people have been affected and the ways they have been treated. It is unacceptable. The government must focus more on rehabilitation and re-integration.

**I want governments to put their foot down and stop it, because they are breaking our rights.** They should know they are doing wrong and abusing their authority. Placing children under the age of 18 in adult prisons is wrong.

**Sticking up for us women has been my greatest achievement.** During the Council debate on women's rights, I gave an oral intervention. I was very scared but it went well, and lots of people congratulated me afterwards and also people at home watched the video.

**It is important we are here in Geneva to tell the world the laws are taking advantage of us because we are young.** It makes a big difference if we speak about our personal accounts.

**I have a lot to do when I return to Ireland.** I plan to go to a detention centre and interview young people, record their stories and present this research to the government to force them to take action. I am going to remain involved in the campaign and tell everyone about what we did and learnt during our visit to the Human Rights Council.