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New coordinator from EMCR in Berlin

With Rebecca Budde's maternity leave, Katja Schulze joins the coordination team in Berlin. Welcome Katja! We wish you a great start.

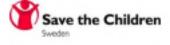
Online editor at

www.enmcr.net

Hoon Cho, a former MA student and currently ICT Communications & Social Media Consultant at the Bernard van Leer Foundation in The Hague, will be our online editor for the www.emncr.net

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Dear ENMCR network members and network interested,

My name is Rita Nunes. I am currently a third semester EMCR student at the Free University Berlin and I will be editing the CRnewsletter.

If you have any suggestions, comments and ideas for improving the newsletter you can use our email address: info@enmcr.net

Sincerely,

Rita Nunes (Editor)

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New master course coordinator in Berlin

Katja Schulze is the new coordinator of the EMCR. She wrote this for you:

My name is Katja Schulze. I am glad about having the opportunity to work in the coordination team of the ENMCR and the EMCR at the Free University Berlin. As a psychologist I worked in the past with disadvantaged adolescent. Also I am working on my PhD thesis on evaluation of human right education. I am looking forward to working with all of you.

We would also like to thank Lea Fenner for her work and contribution as an editor of the CRnewsletter. We hope you achieve your professional goals at the German Institute of Human Rights successfully.

International Conference "Safe Childhood in a Global World"

The ENMCR member Mikolas Romeris University with support of the EU Education and Culture Life Long Learning Programme GRUNDTVIG realized the International Conference "Safe Childhood in a Global World" on October 6 in Vilnius, Lithuania

The conference was principally dealing with the topic of cyberbullying. It was opened by the Lithuanian Children's Rights Ombudsperson Edita Žiobiené on the "Lithuanian Experience Ensuring Child's Safety", and by Manfred Liebel from the International Academy at the Free University Berlin under the slogan "Participation is the Best Way to Protect Children".

The conference was closed by Živilé Vilma Jonyniené and Brigita Kairiené from Mikolas Romery University on the topic "Punishment of a child in a perspective of the CRC". Speakers and participants came from Greece, Italy, Poland, Germany and Lithuania.

2nd International Conference of ICYRNet: Children, Young People and

Adults: Extending the Conversation

The 2nd International Conference of the International Childhood and Youth Research Network titled "Children, Young People and Adults: Extending the Conversation" has been announced. The Conference will be hosted by the University of Central Lancashire between the 5th and 7th of September, 2012.

Linked to the Conference will be an international gathering of children and young people titled "Young Citizens: Different Voices in Global Conversations" focused broadly on citizenship, participation, agency and dialogue. This bringing together of children, young people, and adults will provide a unique and rare opportunity to share ideas and engage in conversation together. Judging from our experience (and as many of you might remember) with the 1st International Conference of the Network in Nicosia, this event will also likely attract a significant number of scholars from all over the globe and provide an opportunity for productive dialogue, networking and collaboration.

For more information please visit, www.uclan.ac.uk/childhoodandyouth

First International Student Intensive Program in the Framework of the EU TEMPUS Program Diploma in Public Policy and Child Rights in Egypt and Jordan

Noemi Fivat. EU coordinator of the joint TEMPUS project at Free University Berlin, organized an international student intensive program in Amman in cooperation with the University of Jordan. The 10day-intensive program on Social Media and Youth Participation which took place between 7-16 September 2011 gathered 18 participants and was facilitated by experts in the area of child rights from the EU and the Middle East. During the workshop, students took part in lectures on topics such as the use, potential and role of social media, communication and empowerment, inequality and

access to the digital world, digital democracy and participation as well as media during crisis and under suppressive circumstances. The participative and interactive sessions were accompanied by web-based exercises including the creation of a new social network named Engage! with discussion forums, blogs, presentations and the creation of a short film. Have a look at our blog for more information on the program and the TEMPUS project in general: http://dppcr.wordpress.com/

First E-Training in Jordan in the framework of the EU TEMPUS Project

The Free University of Berlin's Center for Digital Systems (CeDiS) organized a 3-day training for the lecturers of the DPPCR at the University of Jordan and at Hashemite University in Jordan. During the workshops, 15 lecturers from both universities were trained in the use of Blackboard for their teaching and had the opportunity to get to know each other, to exchange experiences and to discuss further collaboration both between DPPCR lecturers and students.

Measuring the Scope, Quality and Impact of Children's Participation

The Research Forum for the Child and the Improving Children's Lives (ENMCR Member) is hosting a public seminar on Tuesday 06 December 2011. The theme of the seminar is 'Measuring the Scope, Quality and Impact of Children's Participation'. Gerison Lansdown, International Children's Rights Consultant and Research Forum for the Child Visiting Scholar, will highlight a new initiative designed to explore the impact of children's participation while Paula Keenan, Strategic and Operational Adviser with the Participation Network, and Eamonn Keenan of Playboard NI will highlight examples of local best practice. The seminar will take place in The Great Hall, Queen's University Belfast.

General News External

Committee on the Rights of the Child

Between the 19th of September to the 7th of October 2011 the State members: Iceland, Italy, Panama, Republic of Korea, Seychelles and Syrian Arab Republic submitted their periodic report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child. And for the first time Sweden submitted its initial report to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography. http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/crcs58.htm

Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

New Zealand and San Marino become the latest countries to ratify the Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

The state parties to the UN CRC San Marino and New Zealand ratified the Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. Since May 2010 the Optional Protocol has since been the target of a campaign whose objective is to have world ratification. Since the campaign was launched 12 states have ratified it.

http://srsg.violenceagainstchildren.or g/story/2011-09-26 388

First visit to Timor-Leste by UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights

From 13 to 18 November 2011 the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, Magdalena Sepúlveda was in Timor Leste to collect information on the situation of people living in extreme poverty in this country. Special attention was given to children who according to the UN Special Rapporteur belong to one of the most vulnerable groups of crimination and social exclusion. http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=11 591&LangID=E

Serbia: Law on the Rights of the Child

Efforts are made in Serbia to adopt a law on the Rights of the Child. With the support of the Human Rights
Ombudsman in Serbia, the Working group for the drafting of the Child Rights Act is working on this document for two years and counts independent members and some representatives of the government.
The Working group also debated with children, promoting child participation in decisions affecting them. It is expected that by the second half of 2012 the law on the Rights of the Child is adopted.

Kenya: Parliament Debates Cancer Bill

The Kenyan Parliament recently passed a Motion compelling the Government to make cancer treatment free of charge. According to Juliane Kippenberg, senior children's rights researcher at Human Rights Watch "the majority of cancer sufferers in Kenya do not have access to the curative or palliative care they need, and children are at a particular disadvantage". The Human Rights Watch explains on its website that "When children with cancer are found to be in need of strong pain drugs, such as oral morphine, health workers often deny such treatment because they lack training on providing morphine treatment for children, or

they consider the need to use morphine a defeat.". With the new bill it is expected that paediatric cancer and palliative care will improve children's wellbeing.

http://www.hrw.org/news/2011/11/10/kenya-hope-cancer-patients

Voices of children on climate change

Nowadays, questions regarding climate change do not involve child participation; therefore, UNICEF is urging media to consult with children on what they believe to be the key issues surrounding climate change. Due to the fact that the 17th Conference of Parties (COP 17) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change will take place in South Africa, UNICEF is preparing to launch in mid-November 2011 a study which highlights the importance of child participation in designing effective responses to climate change.

The study: "The Impact of Climate Change on Children in South Africa" reveals that there are a number of existing initiatives in South Africa through which children are participating in the climate change agenda.

http://www.unicef.org/media/media_60 303.html



Funding / Prizes / Research Opportunities

Call for papers and poster presentations:
"Child in the City"

The European Network of Child
Friendly Cities (EN CFC) promotes
the rights and interests of children
and young people in their local
communities, raising social and
political awareness around the
importance of child development for
general socio-economic welfare. For
the International Conference "Child in
the City" which will take place in
Zagreb, Croatia, from 26 to 28
September 2012 call for papers and
poster presentations are open.

Child in the City aims at encouraging cities in becoming more child friendly and the four themes for the conference in 2012 are: Health, Play, Children's Rights and Intergenerational.

All applications must include an abstract of the presentation. Only one speaker per presentation is allowed. The abstract must be: clearly written in English (maximum length of the paper should not exceed one A4 Page, letter type Arial 11, Word File) and refer to the criteria: relation with "child friendliness" (this includes 3 basic criteria for all papers an posters - equality in opportunities -; taking care of integral child and participation); relation with the local political level; relation with one of the main themes mentioned previously; non commercial message; relevant for other cities.

Accepted abstracts are scheduled as either posters or presentations. The length of the presentation at the conference will be 20 minutes, including time for answering questions. The conference language is English.

Those wishing to present a paper or poster are invited to submit an abstract in English no later than the 27th of January 2012 to: Child in the City Foundation, Attn. Ms. I. Leuvenkamp P. O. Box 822, 3700 AV ZEIST (the Netherlands). Tel: +31 30 6981 800, Fax: +31 30 6917 394; E: ileuvenkamp@childinthecity.com Further details at:

http://www.childfriendlycities.eu/EN-CFC/Media/News/page/6947/Call-forpapers-and-poster-presentations-Child-in-the-City-2012/149

Call for Submission – 4th European Award of Excellence "City for Children"

In the context of increasing international local competition, child-friendly urban planning has become an important location factor. Cities need to attract families by providing child-friendly living spaces. The standard of urban neighbourhoods is especially important for children's quality of life. The 4th European Award of Excellence "City for Children" is therefore directed at projects in the field of "Child-Friendly Neighbourhood Planning".

The Award will be given to projects, in which neighbourhoods are designed with a holistic approach. The jury searches for innovative neighbourhood planning projects which take the perspective of children and their families when conceptualizing the qualities of urban areas with regards to development, architecture, free spaces and usage. Submitted projects should focus on being socially inclusive as well as ecologically and socially sustainable. Subjects to submission must be projects of neighbourhood planning

that either lead to the construction of new neighbourhoods or which remodelled existing neighbourhoods.

The projects must be conceptualized according to the needs of children and young people in the context of integrated, interdisciplinary strategies of urban planning.

The selection criteria includes:
Neighbourhood Planning; Innovation;
Expected yield; Acceptance by users;
Degree of participation;
Transferability to other municipalities;
Publicity strategies; Sustainability
The submitted project must already have been implemented in your municipality.

Who is invited to participate? European cities with more than 100.000 inhabitants also in cooperation with organisations, associations, institutions, companies, churches and other partners who are involved in running or organizing the projects on the ground. In the case that projects are deemed to be of equal merit, several awards may be conferred.

Application Requirements

Every city may apply with one flagship project. The application form must be filled in completely and submitted by post to the Cities for Children Coordination Office together with: two A1 sized posters (upright format) displaying the quarter in a 1:500 or 1:1000 map scale and the urban context in a 1:10.000 or 1:20:000 scale; two A3 downsizing of the posters; The plans are to be submitted as print material as well as electronic data (CD, USB, DVD etc.); 20 high resolution pictures of the project, stored on CD, USB or other electronic device, giving a comprehensive and lively impression

of the project; competed application form, sent via e-mail and regular mail.

In Parallel, the application form is to be sent via e-mail. Illustrative material such as photos, DVDs and plans should be sent by post only. Applications must be submitted in English.

The application deadline is 15th December 2011. The date of receipt stamped on the application by the Cities for Children Coordination Office is authoritative.

Further details at:

www.citiesforchildren.eu

Call for abstracts: "Children, Violence, Community and the Physical Environment"

Children, Youth and Environment is the world's leading publication for the latest news on children, youth and their environments, the Journal is a one-stop online resource, which supports the sharing of knowledge across disciplinary and national boundaries.

For the 2012 fall issue, the call for abstracts on the topic Children, Violence, Community and the Physical Environment are open. The aim is to explore the influence of the community and physical environment / place on violence against children. Violence and abuse of children have received much attention from researchers and policymakers in recent times. However, the physical environment in which violence occurs is not often a focus. The 2012 fall issue shall examine the interplay between the communities in which children live, the physical parameters of these environments and the nature and incidence of violence experienced by children and young people - that is, the socio-ecological factors which moderate or aggravate violence

against children. The primary aim shall be to examine the physical environment in which community relations occur and the effect these have on violence against children / youth, or the creation of places of refuge and healing.

All papers should concern themselves with aspects of place. They should make clear how children enact their lives in particular places and how specific place-related characteristics affect their safety.

Abstracts should mention how the ideas in the full paper will apply directly to research or practice.

Abstracts for research papers, reviews and field reports may be submitted. Abstracts that offer a comparative or international perspective are particularly welcome.

To apply send a one-page abstracts of your paper ideas (up to 200 words) by November 30, 2011 to Kevin Lalor (kevin.lalor@dit.ie) and copied to (cye@colorado.edu).

Further details at:

http://www.dit.ie/cser/news/media/ http://www.colorado.edu/journals/cye/ announcements/CFA-CYE.pdf

Internship at IBCR

The International Bureau for Children's Rights (IBCR) is offering 5 internship positions starting in February or March 2012- The minimal length is 12 weeks with 4 to 5 workdays per week.

The deadline for application is December 7, 2012. The application package must include: Application letter; Curriculum vitae (including a section with references); Academic record/grades (preferably Internet version).

Send your application to: Luc Ouimet, Administrative director; IBCR, 2715, Chemin Côte Ste-Catherine, Montreal, Quebec H3T 1B6 Or at l.ouimet@ibcr.org

Master of Philosophy in Childhood Studies, Norwegian Centre for Child Research, NTNU

Application Deadlines
Are you interested in children's
everyday lives and in childhood as a
social and cultural phenomenon?
Would you like to know about
children's lives in different parts of
the world? What about the changing
conditions of childhood in the era of
globalisation? If so, the international
master's programme in Childhood
Studies might be perfect for you. For
more information, please visit this

www.ntnu.edu/studies/mpchild

website:

Application deadline for international applicants: 1 December 2011.
Application deadline for Norwegian/Nordic applicants: 15 April 2012.

www.ntnu.edu/studies/mpchild/admission



Publications

Resources on child rights in India from CHETNA

My Rights, My Responsibilities:
Learning To Teach Child Rights is aimed at facilitators of training sessions with teachers and NGO personnel. It includes Module 1:
Understanding the Child, Module 2:
Introduction to Child Rights,
Module 3: Child's Right to Survival,
Module 4: Child's Right to Education and Development, Module 5: Child's Right to Protection, Module 6: Child's Right to Participation and Module 7:
Child Rights - Programming and Advocacy.

Every Right for Every Child is an accessible overview of the concept of child rights, aimed at an Indian audience but dealing with globally relevant issues.

http://www.chetnaindia.org/

Resilience manual in English and Arabic

Building Resilience in Preschool Children features general information about resilience and five chapters of suggested classroom activities. Published by the Israel Centre for the Treatment of Psychotrauma. Also available in Arabic.

http://bernardvanleer.org/files/ICTP_Preschool_Resilience_Manual_English.pdf

Climate Change

A new report on Children's Vulnerabilities to Climate Change and Disaster Impacts in East Asia and the Pacific has been recently published. The report presents an analysis of the climate change trends and potential impacts on children in East Asia and the Pacific, drawing on findings from five UNICEF-commissioned country studies in Indonesia, Kiribati, Mongolia, the Philippines and Vanuatu, as well as children's own perspectives on climate change and other research. http://www.unicef.org/media/files/Clim ate Change Regional Report 14 Nov final.pdf

Violence against Children

A new report on violence against children reveals that despite numerous commitments and promises by states, millions of children continue to be humiliated, beaten, burned, sexually abused - and even killed - by the adults in their lives, their parents, teachers, caregivers and employers. Marta Santos Pais, mandated by the UN Secretary-General to tackle violence against children, stated the report, "highlights how far we are from safeguarding the right of all children to develop to their full potential in a violence-free environment, as violence remains widespread, socially condoned, and in many cases considered as a lawful practice, form of discipline, or sentencing of children." The report, Five Years On: a global update on violence against children comes five years after a United Nations study documented the magnitude of violence perpetrated against children. It surveyed over 100 separate studies conducted by academic researchers, nongovernmental organizations and UN agencies since 2006. http://www.crin.org/enoc/resources/inf odetail.asp?id=26337

Cyber bullying

The report Young people's voices on cyberbullying: What can age comparisons tell us? on cyber bullying was released which places a central role on the participation of youngsters. This research project is a youth led research and involves more than 1,512 young people in England. In this report the focus is made on the experiences of and attitudes towards cyber bullying, with a particular focus on age comparisons between older and younger youth.

http://childrens-researchcentre.open.ac.uk/mediadoc/Cyberbullying%20-%20Young%20Peoples%20Voices%20R eport.pdf LGBT in South Yorkshire

A report by Eleanor Formby examined how LGBT issues are tackled in school and youth work settings in South Yorkshire. The author of: Tackling homophobia and transphobia in settings supporting young people: What are the barriers and facilitators? Findings from a South Yorkshire study used questionnaire and interviews with young people and aimed to gather data about views and experiences of the inclusion of LGBT issues within schooling and youth work, with an explicit focus on barriers and facilitators.

For more information: http://www.shu.ac.uk/_assets/pdf/ceir-homophobia-full-report-Formby2011.pdf

Child poverty

"Child poverty - Family poverty: are they one and the same? - A rightsbased approach to fighting child poverty" - Position paper published by Eurochild

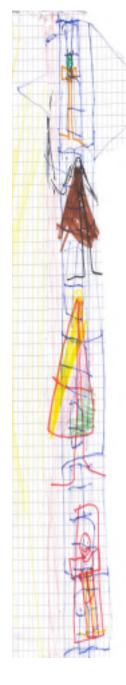
Handbook on Child Participation in Parliament

This handbook, a collaborative effort of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and UNICEF, addresses some of the key ways in which parliamentarians can guarantee that children's voices, concerns and interests find expression in and are taken into account by parliaments. It aims to provide parliamentarians with information on a variety of effective mechanisms to ensure that children's participation in parliaments is meaningful, reflects the voices of the most marginalized and influence policies, laws and budgets that will help correct the disparities and inequities that afflict the world's

http://www.ipu.org/PDF/publications/c hild-parl-e.pdf Order publication at the IPU Secretariat.

Year of publication: 2011 Languages: English and French

Upcoming Dates



NOVEMBER 2011

29/11/2011: National Child Development Study (NCDS) and 1970 British Cohort Study (BCS70): one-day introductory workshop

29/11/2011: Cities for Active Inclusion - Annual Conference. Brussels, Belgium 30/11/2011 to 2/12/2012: Eurochild's 8th Annual Conference 2011: "Tackling child poverty trough supporting and strengthening families", Cardiff, Wales (UK)

DECEMBER 2011

1/12/2011 to 4/12/2011: International Interdisciplinary Conference- 'A Game That Calls Up Love and Hatred Both': The Child, the First World War, and the Global South, Sydney, Australia

5/12/2011: Child Abandonment and its Prevention, Warsaw, Poland

6/12/2011 to 8/12/2011: 2011's 2nd International Training Institute: 'Establish or Enhance a local Teen Court/Youth Court Diversion Program' Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

6/12/2011: The Centre for Children and Young People's Participation Seminar. Lancashire,

6/12/2011: Measuring the Scope, Quality and Impact of Children's Participation. The Great Hall, Queen's University Belfast

JANUARY 2012

12/01/2012 and 13/02/2012: ENMCR General Assembly. University of Barcelona, Spain. 20/01/2012: Youngsters and the Internet in Portugal. Biblioteca Lúcio Craveiro da Silva, Braga, Portugal

MARCH 2012

12/03/2012 to 14/03/2012: The Second International Conference in Africa on Child Sexual Abuse, Accra, Ghana

29/03/2012 to 31/03/21012: Global Summit on Childhood, Washington D.C., USA 31/03/2012 to 6/04/2012: The Child and the Book Conference Towards Common Ground: Philosophical Approaches to Children's Literature, Cambridge

MAY 2012

17/05/2012 to 19/05/2012: AFTA Conference-Theme: Family Resilience. San Francisco, USA

SEPTEMBER 2012

05/09/2012 to 07/092012: Children, Young People and Adults: Extending the Conversation, University of Central Lancashire, UK

26/09/2012 to 29/06/2012: Child in the City 2012. Zagreb, Croatia

NOVEMBER 2012

26/11/2012 to 30/12/2012: IUAES 2012 Inter-congress – Children and Youth in a Changing World, Bhubaneswar, India



How to join ENMCR

It is possible to join ENMCR as a member at any time.

The European Network of Masters in Children's Rights was established with the support of Save the Children Sweden (SCS). SCS has also been actively supporting and fostering the Latin American Network of Masters in Children's Rights, which currently comprises nine universities in eight Latin American countries.

Why is it worthwhile joining our network?

We have been cooperating as a network for more than six years and have longstanding experience of loosely cooperating - you will work with children's rights experts from all over Europe (and Latin America).

You will get an insight into children's rights from a variety of perspectives and will be able to build on longstanding experience of the members.

We offer a joint European Master in Children's Rights at leading universities in Europe - you will have access to knowledge on how to build up and offer a joint European Master study programme and will have access to training.

We organize conferences and workshops on children's rights themes in Europe and in the world; you will have the chance to meet other children's rights experts, activists, share ideas and thoughts and gain new perspectives.

You will receive copies of all materials published in the frame of ENMCR, such as the monthly electronic newsletter Children's Rights news, (CRnews), reports from projects, materials from conferences and workshops etc.

To become a member of ENMCR, simply send us a letter of intent, in which you should name what you believe you or your institution can contribute to and gain from our network. In addition, please include an outline of your child rights related programme and/or courses. It is important that you name us a contact person at your institution for correspondence purposes.

Please send the letter to:

European Network of Masters in Children's Rights (ENMCR) c/o European Master in Childhood Studies and Children's Rights Freie Universität Berlin Habelschwerdter Allee 45 D- 14195 Berlin, Germany



Drawings by Insa Heckmann, she is 7 years old and a pupil at the Nelson Mandela State School in Berlin Dear Network Members,

We would like to motivate our ENMCR members and other interested institutions to send us information about their activities and short comments on important events (info@enmcr.net)

OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL EXPLORE THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- Terre des Hommes campaign in Germany;
- Child Participation;
- Child Activism;



New design & layout

This newsletter layout was designed by Hoon Cho.
We hope you enjoy this new look!

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