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## Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

Once again CRnews- the thirteenth edition this year! This issue contains a lot of news from the CRIN newsletters, so those of you who receive them, may know some of the news already. Nonetheless we think it interesting and important to provide you with the news. As usual, for feedback, criticism and comments as well as any information input, please use the e-mail address: [info@enmcr.net](mailto:info@enmcr.net). If you do not wish to receive this newsletter any longer, please send a message with the subject "unsubscribe crnews" to the above address.

Warm Regards,

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Editors



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## General News Internal

### **Kick-off meeting EU CD-Project in Berlin (2.-3.12.2005)**

On December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> we will hold our kick-off meeting for the joint EU-project in Berlin. (Curriculum Development).

The project duration is from 1.10.2005-30.9.2008.

We will update the "road map" for the project, discuss the individual activities and regulations for finances, the contractual and partnership regulations, present the new calculation for contributions from own resources from the partner institutions and plan the first workshop meeting which is planned for the first quarter of 2006 in London (subject: e-learning).

### **Presentation of ENMCR:**

ENMCR will present itself at the seminar: *Human Rights Education for Children and Youth- Symposium on practice oriented research in Human Rights Education* (9-11.11.2005) in Potsdam, Germany. The event is being organized by the German Institute for Human Rights and the University of Potsdam. ENMCR has been invited to present itself at this event with an expected 60 participants (mainly young researchers). For further information on the event, please contact Dr. Claudia Lohrenscheit at the German Institute for Human Rights: [lohrenscheit@institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de](mailto:lohrenscheit@institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de).

Another opportunity for ENMCR to present its work and mission will be the conference *The Right of the Child to Health* in Konstancin – Jeziorna, Poland on 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> of November 2005. The conference is organized by the Korczak Society. For more information, please contact Barbara Smolińska- Theiss: [btheiss@aps.edu.pl](mailto:btheiss@aps.edu.pl)

## General News External

### **Long Distance courses on Human Rights:**

Deadline for subscription is December 15, 2005.

Starting in February 2006- June 2006, the Human Rights Education Associates will offer three new long-distance courses: Human Rights Advocacy, Rights-Based Programming and The United Nations Human Rights System. For more information on the dates, contents and lecturers of the courses please visit: <http://www.hrea.org/courses/>

### **Advanced Compass Training in Human Rights Education**

Starting in December 2005, the European Council will offer a capacity building course on human rights education: The course is an integral part of the Human Rights Education Youth Programme and follows the experiences and evaluations of the European and national courses for trainers in human rights education. The course will combine residential training seminars and e-learning modules. It will run from December 2005 to November 2007.

The course presentation, including calendar, profile of participants and condition for participation is downloadable from [www.coe.int/hre](http://www.coe.int/hre).

The application form can be filled on-line at <http://moodle.opencontent.it> until November 18, 2005.

For further information, please contact :

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<http://www.coe.int/youth> > <http://www.coe.int/Compass>

### **Annual seminar of the German League for the Child (28.-29. October 2005)**

The theme of the German league for the child's annual seminar was children in an extended Europe. It was held in Frankfurt/Oder, Germany on October 28 and 29, 2005. Many prominent people, such as the president of the European University Viadrina, Prof. Dr. Gesine Schwan, Sabine Christiansen, TV-Moderator and UNICEF ambassador, Dr. Lore Maria-Peschel Gutzeit, Pawel Jaros, Children's Rights Ombudsman in Poland, Prof. Dr. Lothar Krappmann, German representative of the UN Committee for the Rights of the child were present and gave their views on the situation of children in West and east Europe. There was a wide acceptance to try to link initiatives fighting for a better situation of children in Europe and in the world more closely and to enforce promotion into areas so far alien to the subject of children's rights. In this sense: Try to get the message out there to as many people as possible!!

## Info from CRIN Newsletters

### **SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA: Strengthening Accountability of Duty Bearers [call for information]**

Save the Children Sweden Regional Programme for South and Central Asia is calling for research papers and contacts to assist in a study on the concepts and understanding of accountability among duty-bearers in the region with a special focus on violence against children.

The study will look at accountability structures, mechanisms and processes of key duty bearers such as the state, UN, NGOs and civil society organisations and assess how they further accountability as a core value in child rights programming.

Email contributions to: Emily Palma at: [emily@savethechildren.org.np](mailto:emily@savethechildren.org.np), [milyang\\_ph@yahoo.com](mailto:milyang_ph@yahoo.com)

### **CHILD PROTECTION: International Conference [event]**

Defence for Children International Netherlands, and other child rights experts have organised an International Conference entitled "100 Years of Child Protection", to be held in November 2005, in The Netherlands.

The objective of the conference is to formulate a set of inspiring recommendations and principles, for everyone working with and for children to fully realise the right to child protection. The main themes of the conference are: child protection by means of mandatory interventions; juvenile delinquency, organisation of youth care services and multiculturalism in youth care.

For more information, contact: Defence for Children International Netherlands

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### **SEMINAR: Human Rights-Based Approaches to Development Programme Cycle Management [event]**

Date: 10 - 16 March 2006, Location: Maynooth, Ireland

The Training Programme, which has been organised by the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, will explore the principles, policies and practice underpinning human rights based development and enhance participants' skills in programming on this basis. Reflecting the multi-disciplinary nature of human rights based development, the training programme is aimed at policy advisors, project managers etc, with human rights specialisation, experience in development or humanitarian contexts as well as those working in development issues in industrialised countries.

Overview of the Training Programme:

- Evolution of international human rights law and implementation mechanisms relevant to development
- Legal and policy commitments to HRBA of key development actors
- Five core principles of Human Rights Based Development
- Applying the core principles in conflict and post-conflict environments
- Case studies
- Key partners for HRBA - building relationships

Deadline for Applications: 5 January 2006, with priority to completed applications received before 5 December 2005.

Visit: <http://www.crin.org/hrbap/index.asp?action=theme.infoitem&item=6329>

### **PRINCIPLES INTO PRACTICE: Learning from Innovative Rights Based Programming [report]**

As CARE International seeks ever more effective ways to work towards eradicating poverty, it has been testing methods of incorporating rights-based approaches (RBA) into its development programmes. This report and the individual project summaries are an account of some of those innovations and the lessons learned from them. The review of 16 RBA projects from Bangladesh, Bolivia, Burundi, Cambodia, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Peru, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, and Thailand gives us concrete evidence of what RBA looks like in context and in practice. The structure of this report broadly corresponds to CARE's six programming principles.

These are to:

- promote empowerment; work in partnership with others; ensure accountability and promote responsibility; oppose discrimination; oppose violence; and seek sustainable results.

To read the report, visit: <http://www.crin.org/hrbap/index.asp?action=theme.docitem&item=6304>

### **INTERAMERICAN SYSTEM: General Information**

What is it?

The interamerican Commission on Human Rights (CIDH) is one of the two entities of the interamerican system for the protection and promotion of human rights in the Americas. It is located in Washington, D.C. The other organ is the Interamerican Court for Human Rights, located in San José, Costa Rica.

CIDH holds regular sessions (at least twice a year) on the situation of Human rights realization in the Americas. Organizations working in the child and youth field can submit information and requests to CIDH, which then investigates and debates the issues.

The commission functions as an "Ombudsman" for Human rights, and tries to reach amicable solutions in cases of state violations against Human rights. If it does not succeed, it can transfer the case to the interamerican court for human rights. The commission is also active directly in the field through visits to countries for a more precise observation of the Human rights situation.

For more information please visit: [www.cidh.org](http://www.cidh.org)

#### **CHILDREN AND VIOLENCE: Event on the termination of corporal punishment**

UNESCO, in collaboration with Save the Children and UNICEF, organized a panel discussion on ending corporal punishment in the 60th period of session at the general assembly of the UN. More than 100 persons participated in the event, amongst them children and young people, UN ambassadors, and members of organizations and authorities.

For more information on the event consult [www.crin.org](http://www.crin.org)

#### **YOUTH TRAFFICKING: Euro-Mediterranean Network [call for partners]**

The newly established Euro-Mediterranean Network for Youth Trafficking Prevention (EMNYTP) is seeking to recruit institutional members, individual members and National Co-ordinators in all European and Mediterranean countries. The idea came up after a serious needs assessment on the problem in the EuroMed region, resulting from two years of research and a number of discussions with youth workers across Europe and Mediterranean.

The problem of human trafficking concerns by no means only countries of origin; rather, it affects all countries equally, as countries of origin, transit or destination. Co-ordination on all aspects of the combat against human trafficking and closer cross-border co-operation is indispensable. An essential aspect of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership is the strengthening of democracy and respect for human rights throughout the region. All EuroMed States have to strive to uphold all relevant human rights standards, including the fundamental rights of migrants, regardless of their status.

EMNYTP's objectives are:

- to promote collaboration and integration of anti-trafficking activities in the region to improve their long-term effectiveness and sustainability
- to strengthen co-operation among youth NGOs and groups in order to streamline and accelerate existing efforts to combat human trafficking in the region

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#### **TURKEY: Improving Child Rights Advocacy in Turkey and Europe [conference]**

Date: 18-19 November 2005, Location: Ankara, Turkey

The International Children's Centre is organising a conference on "Child Rights Advocacy in Europe". Workshops are also organised by the Ankara Bar Association Child Rights Committee in co-operation with the British Council - Ankara, the Amnesty International Turkey - Child Rights Working Group, the Youth Re-autonomy Foundation of Turkey, and the ColukCocuk Magazine for Children and Parents. The conference is being held in the context of the International Day of the Child, on 20 November.

The objectives of the event at the junction of Turkey's EU Accession Talks are:

- to introduce good practices and ideas on child rights advocacy to NGOs working in Turkey
- to promote child rights within the guiding principles of the Convention of the Rights of the Child with a view to initiating better capacity building efforts in the area, such as better networking, lobbying, and organisational skill promotion;
- to raise awareness amongst the child rights NGOs and other relevant governmental actors regarding child protection mechanisms in Europe.

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#### **HUMAN RIGHTS LAW: Law and Practice of Human Rights Fieldwork [event]**

Date: 12 January - 24 March 2006, Location: Nottingham, UK

The University of Nottingham Human Rights Law Centre announces the launch of a new "short course" on "The Law and Practice of Human Rights Field Operations". In this intensive three-month course participants will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the law and practice of human rights fieldwork.

Close attention is paid to the modern realities of fieldwork and participants gain a strong understanding of the relevance of human rights for humanitarian action, development and transitional justice.

For more information, contact: David Gault, Human Rights Law Centre, School of Law, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, NG7 2RD, UK, Tel: + 44 115 84 66309; Fax: + 44 115 84 66 579, Email: [mo.grigg@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:mo.grigg@nottingham.ac.uk) Website: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/law/hrlc>

**PARTICIPATION: Children's Participation in Decisions Affecting Them [publication]**

Number 36 in the Bernard van Leer foundation's Working Papers series has recently been published: "Can you hear me? The right of young children to participate in decisions affecting them" emphasises that participation enhances children's self-esteem and confidence, promotes their overall capacities, produces better outcomes, strengthens understanding of and commitment to democratic processes and protects children more effectively. Participation provides the opportunity for developing a sense of autonomy, independence, heightened social competence and resilience. The benefits are therefore significant, and adults with both direct and indirect responsibility for children need to acquire a greater humility in recognising that they have a great deal to learn from children.

For more information, contact: Bernard van Leer Foundation, PO Box 82334, 2508 EH The Hague, Netherlands, Tel: + 31 70 331 22 00; Fax: + 31 70 350 23 73, Email: [pubsrequests@bvleerf.nl](mailto:pubsrequests@bvleerf.nl), Website: <http://www.bernardvanleer.org>

**CHILD ABUSE: World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse [event]**

Date: 19 November 2005

Child abuse, especially sexual abuse, is a universal and alarming problem and increased attention and efficient protection skills and prevention measures are necessary at family, local, national and international level.

Alerting Governments and civil society organisations to play a more active role in the promotion of and respect for the rights of the child and contribute to the prevention of child abuse, the Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) launched in 2000 the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse, a Day to be commemorated every 19 November in synergy with the anniversary of the International Day for the rights of the child (20 November).

In 2001 WWSF launched an international NGO coalition that marks the World Day with events and activities to focus on and increase prevention education.

To join the Coalition, members commit to mark the Day with local and national events and activities; mention the Day in their publications and on their websites; distribute posters, educational programmes and information; create partnerships with local organisations working for the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, alert the press and radio stations, inform local authorities of the existence of the Day and planned activities, and lobby governments for official proclamation of the Day as a National Day.

For more information, contact:

Laure Maitrejean, Children's Section Co-ordinator, WWSF Women's World Summit Foundation, PO Box 2001, 1211 Geneva 1, Switzerland, Tel: + 41 22 738 66 19; Fax: + 41 22 738 82 48, Email: [wdpca@wwsf.ch](mailto:wdpca@wwsf.ch), Website: <http://www.woman.ch>

**INDIA: Child Rights Programme Implementation in India [publication]**

The Swiss based organisation, Pestalozzi Children's Foundation (PCF), has worked in India for over 20 years. The PCF country programme was phased out at the end of 2005. The paper, "Child Rights in Action - Programme implementation in India. Recap of PCF - India Partnership 1983-2004", as well as many more Lessons learnt from the work are available on PCF's Partnerforum at: <http://www.pestalozzi.ch/partnerforum>.

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**EMPLOYMENT: Policy and Parliamentary Information Officer [job posting]**

Application deadline: 18 November 2005

Children in Scotland is currently recruiting for a Policy and Parliamentary Information Officer to contribute to and develop Children in Scotland's policy work, promoting discussion and development of policies relating to children and their families.

The post holder's main responsibilities will involve: facilitating discussion and development of policies relating to children and their families; facilitating children's, young people's, parents' and carers' contributions to policy discussion and development; preparing written information on relevant policy issues for Children in Scotland's external and internal activities; overseeing the updating of the policy section of the Children in Scotland website and managing the 4 Nations website; working collaboratively with other agencies in Scotland, the UK and Europe on policy issues; etc.

For more information, contact: Children in Scotland, Princes House, 5 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh EH2 4RG, UK, Tel: + 44 (0)131 222 2402; Fax: + 44 (0)131 228 8585, Email: [recruitment@childreninscotland.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@childreninscotland.org.uk)  
<http://www.childreninscotland.org.uk>

## Funding

## Upcoming Dates

**November 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2005:** Child and Youth Participation Fair, Location: Phuket, Thailand

**November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005:** Deadline for application for Advanced Compass Training in Human Rights Education starting December 2005-November 2007

**November 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>, 2005:** Improving Child Rights Advocacy in Turkey and Europe in Ankara, Turkey

**November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005** (Cardiff) and **December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005** (Newcastle): Youth Voice Road Shows

**November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005:** World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005:** Conference "Children's Rights and the Anti-Yob Culture", London

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005:** Kick-off meeting EU-project in Berlin (CD)

**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005** (by mail) and **22<sup>nd</sup> December 2005** (via web): Deadline for Alban scholarships

**December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005:** Deadline for subscription to Long Distance courses on Human Rights starting in February 2006- June 2006,

**January 12<sup>th</sup> –March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** Law and Practice of Human Rights Fieldwork at Nottingham University, UK

**February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** Next deadline for IMG under Tempus III

**February 12-16<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on the Impact of Global Issues on Women and Children

**March 10-16<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** Human Rights-Based Approaches to Development Programme Cycle Management in Maynooth, Ireland ; Deadline for applications: January 5, 2006

**May 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 2006.** International Interdisciplinary Conference on Children's Rights University of Ghent, Belgium. New Deadline call for papers: **November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005**