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Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

In this edition of CRnews you will find information on internal proceedings concerning the ENMCR Curriculum Development project as well as news from newly interested parties. Of course we have summarized information from the CRIN newsletters for you and you will also find two infos on funding by the EU for mobility grants under the section Funding. As usual, for feedback, criticism and comments as well as any information input, please use the e-mail address: 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 (1.-2.12.2005)

On December 2nd and 3rd 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). All participants will receive detailed information shortly.

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.

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 17th-19th of November 2005. The conference is organized by the Korczak Society. For more information, please contact Barbara Smolińska- Theiss: btheiss@aps.edu.pl

Info from Members and Interested Parties

INA/FU: Expert Course: *Childhood Studies and Children's Rights in the Global Context*

The Expert Course: *Childhood Studies and Children's Rights in the Global Context* at ENMCR's Member institution INA/FU in Berlin is open for applications until January 31, 2006. The first course will start on April 21, 2006 and end in October 2006. It is directed to professionals working in the children and youth field as well as graduates from social, political, educational science and other disciplines. The course can be attended parallel to working, as modules are taught on Fridays and Saturdays (fortnightly). For further information on content and application procedures please contact Prof. Dr. Manfred Liebel: mliebel@ina-fu.org.

ENMCR becoming more prominent:

There have been several inquiries on our work and activities from all over the world:

Goodwill Social Work Centre

The Goodwill Social Work Centre in Madurai, India (<http://mfcs.malianfoundation.org/goodwill/>), a member of the World Association for Non-Governmental Organisation(WANGO),USA, included in the NGO database of the websites: www.idealists.org (Action without Borders), www.enscw.org and www.euforic.org, is planning on offering Children's and Human rights training programmes for children, teachers, parents and civic action groups. There is a great interest in taking on collaborative work on the issue of children's rights and extending possible assistance and cooperation to students/teachers from ENMCR member institutions/universities who might be interested in visiting India to gain more insights into needs and rights of children in India. For more information on the centre please visit <http://mfcs.malianfoundation.org/goodwill/> or contact Prof. Dr. J. Christopher Daniel, e-mail: chriskan@satyam.net.in

Illinois Wesleyan University

Professor Irving Epstein, the editor in chief of the Greenwood Encyclopedia of Children's Issues Worldwide which is based on the Greenwood Encyclopedia of Women's Issues Worldwide, has offered to help promoting ENMCR. At his university he serves undergraduate students but is interested in promoting also graduate students to work in the area of children's rights. If you are interested in learning more about the encyclopedia or the study programme offered at Illinois Wesleyan University please contact: Professor I. Epstein at: Illinois Wesleyan University, Department of Educational Studies, P.O. Box 2900, Bloomington, Illinois 61761, USA. Tel.309-556-3098, Fax: 309-556-3719, e-mail: iepstein@iwu.edu

General News External

„Send my friend to school!“- Global education campaign 2005

More than 2.300 students from 78 schools in Germany participated in the action Send my friend to school!“ organized by Oxfam Germany to promote the UN millennium goal “education for all”. The children and young people made “paper friends” that symbolized the worldwide over 100 million children that are deprived of even elementary schooling. By presenting their paper friends to politicians they demanded a stronger engagement in realizing the right of the child to education. For more information visit:

http://www.oxfam.de/a_zusatzseite.asp?id=13

Struggle against child trafficking

The EU commission is struggling against human trafficking: with a suggestion for an action plan the commission wants to establish common standards and promote exchange of best practices, especially concerning human trafficking of children. The Commission has released a note with recommendations on how to improve policies against human trafficking. Measures and initiatives are especially needed in the areas of justice and domestic affairs, as well as foreign affairs and development policy.

See: http://europa.eu.int/comm/justice_home/fsj/crime/trafficking/fsj_crime_human_trafficking_en.htm

Excerpts of the Kathmandu Declaration From the South Asian Convergence of Working Children-Nepal 25-27 August, 2005

“We recognize that 2004 is a remarkable year for us as the Asian as well as international movement of working children was strengthened during that year. We are increasingly taking lead through series of meetings and discussions in national and international levels to promote our participation in tackling the issue of Child Labour.”... “One of the most important outcomes of this meeting is that representatives of the working children’s movement from Sri-Lanka and Tajikistan have joined our Asian Movement making us even stronger.”... “We, the representatives of working children’s organisations, who have gathered in the Working Children’s Regional Convergence in Kathmandu 25-27 August 2005, declare the following resolution that is agreed upon by the undersigned children’s Representatives: **We think it is bad to eliminate child labour without appropriate alternatives. Governments have to ensure that appropriate alternatives are available and accessible before passing legislation eliminating child labour completely.** At the same time children involved in the hazardous work like drug dealing, trafficking, pornography, prostitution, smuggling and children in armed conflict should be rescued and rehabilitated with proper alternative options as soon as possible”...”Employers never look at the cause why children have to work. Working children are increasingly getting organized in the regions.”

For a full version of the declaration, please contact Manfred Liebel at: manfred.liebel@tu-berlin.de

Info from CRIN Newsletters

CHILDREN IN EMERGENCY: Child and Youth Participation Fair

Date: 14-16 November 2005, Location: Phuket, Thailand

The event will be held to share experiences of child and youth participation in the response to the tsunami and other recent disasters. The importance and benefits of involving children in emergency preparedness and reconstruction efforts will be highlighted through a series of workshops and discussions of current and past initiatives in the region.

For more information, contact: Guy Thompstone, Regional Co-ordinator Child and Youth Participation in Tsunami Response, UNICEF - East Asia Pacific Regional Office, 19 Phra Atit Road, Banglumpoo, Bangkok 10200, Thailand Tel: + 66 2 356 9499 ext 9520; Fax: + 66 2 2803563, Email: gthompstone@unicef.org

Convention on the Rights of the Child

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights presented an update of the activities of the Committee on the Rights of the Child. Highlights include the first upcoming session where the Committee will be examining State party reports in two chambers, the continued work of the Committee on thematic issues, with a recent decision adopted by the CRC on children without parental care, and a General Comment on child rights in early childhood. Other activities include regional workshops for follow-up on concluding observations.

Read the update: <http://www.crin.org/violence/search/closeup.asp?infoID=6344>

Tackling Youth Anti-Social Behaviour [conference]

Date: 22 November 2005, Location: London, UK

The Children's Rights Alliance for England (CRAE)'s annual conference will be on the theme of "Children's Rights and the Anti-Yob Culture". Both Al Aynsley-Green, Children's Commissioner for England, and Shami Chakrabarti, director of Liberty, will be speaking. There will also be discussion groups on Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs), schools and prisons run by various organisations. At the conference, CRAE will also be launching its report "State of Children's Rights in England 2005", the acclaimed annual review that highlights key developments - positive as well as negative - in children's human rights over the past 12 months.

For more information, contact: Sharan Jeer, Office Manager Children's Rights Alliance for England, 94 White Lion Street London N1 9PF, UK, Tel: + 44 20 7278 8222 ext. 20; Fax: + 44 20 7278 9552, Email: sjeer@crae.org.uk
URL: <http://www.crae.org.uk>

PARTICIPATION: Youth Voice Road Shows in the UK

Dates: 19 November (Cardiff) and 3 December 2005 (Newcastle)

UNICEF's Youth team will be holding two road shows in Cardiff and in Newcastle, UK. The 'Youth Voice' Road Shows are free local events intended to engage young people between the ages of 11 and 18 in international issues that affect children's rights. There will also be a free buffet of international cuisine, African Drumming and Capoeira/Bollywood dancing.

For more information, contact: Emily Evans, Youth Voice, Tel: + 44 (0)20 7312 7711, Fax: + 44 (0)20 7405 2332, Email: emilye@unicef.org.uk, URL: <http://www.unicef.org.uk/youthvoice>

SEXUAL EXPLOITATION: Protection of Minors Project

The supra-regional project "Protection of Minors against Sexual Exploitation" of the GTZ (German Technical Co-operation) acting on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Economic Co-operation and Development BMZ has recently launched its website. The website offers background information and an overview on the projects' approach and activities. Visit: <http://www.gtz.de/nochildabuse> (German) <http://www.gtz.de/en/themen/soziale-entwicklung/gesundheits-bevoelkerung/6669.htm> (English)

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CONSORTIUM FOR STREET CHILDREN: Administrator (part-time)

The Consortium for Street Children (CSC) is a well-established NGO working to promote and protect the rights of street children in the developing world. CSC is looking for a part-time administrator to be in charge of basic administrative duties along with book-keeping and website tasks in its London office. The opportunity also exists for the post-holder to learn more about international development and to be involved in CSC projects.

Application deadline: 21st November 2005

For more information, contact: Angela Murray, Consortium for Street Children, Unit 306, Bon Marche Centre, 241-251 Ferndale Road, London SW9 8BJ, UK, Tel: + 44 (0)20 7274 0087, Email: angela@streetchildren.org.uk
URL: <http://www.streetchildren.org.uk>

Funding

Individual Mobility Grants:

Under the Socrates Sub-Programme **Tempus III** Individual Mobility Grants can be applied for:

- preparing a joint European Project,
- attendance of seminars, network meetings, conferences,
- attendance of public meetings on behalf of university-
- retraining measures and dissemination of project results-

Deadlines: 15th October, 15th February 2006

Budget/Duration: 840€/week, max. 2 weeks duration stay, max amount to be received: 1.500€.

The application for the grant is filled out and submitted online.

Please visit: http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/tempus/projects_en.html#3

4th Call for Alban Scholarship Applications

Programme Alban's (scholarships for incoming Latin American academics) Call for Scholarship Applications, for higher education and specialised training, for the academic year 2006/2007, is now OPEN. Potential candidates can choose between paper or electronic application, following always the conditions as set out in the Call and related documents.

Deadlines:

- Applications, paper format, must be sent in by mail (preferably registered) till 9th December 2005.
- Electronic applications must be submitted till 22nd December 2005, via the Portal Alban.

For more information about the application procedure, please consult the programme's website at:

<http://www.programalban.org/index.php?lg=13&idmenuartigo=134&idmenu=117>

Upcoming Dates

- **October 7th, 2005:** Juvenile Justice: Rights of Children in the Penal System - conference in London, UK (further conference-dates: **November 4th, 2005** and **December 2nd, 2005**)
- **November 14th-16th, 2005:** Child and Youth Participation Fair, Location: Phuket, Thailand
- **November 19th, 2005** (Cardiff) and **December 3rd, 2005** (Newcastle): Youth Voice Road Shows
- **November 22nd, 2005:** Conference "Children's Rights and the Anti-Yob Culture", London
- **December 2nd and 3rd, 2005:** Kick-off meeting EU-project in Berlin (CD)
- **December 9, 2005 (by mail) and 22nd December 2005** (electronic applications): Deadline for Alban scholarships
- **February 15, 2006** : Next deadline for IMG under Tempus III
- **February 12-16th, 2006:** Third International Conference on the Impact of Global Issues on Women and Children Location: Dhaka, Bangladesh
- **May 18-19th, 2006.** International Interdisciplinary Conference on Children's Rights University of Ghent, Belgium. New Deadline call for papers: **November 30th, 2005**