



## EUROPEAN NETWORK OF MASTERS IN CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

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CREAN Website launched. Here you will find all the information about the [CREAN project](#)



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Dear ENMCR network members and network interested,

In this edition of the newsletter you can read about the newest events from ENMCR members as well as about the recent publication Janusz Korczak: Pioneer der Kinderrechte.

If you have any suggestions, comments and / or ideas for improving the newsletter you can use our email address: [info@enmcr.net](mailto:info@enmcr.net)

Sincerely,

Rita Nunes (Editor)

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### University of Edinburgh: Continuing Professional Development courses

Professor Kay Tisdall from the Edinburgh University will be delivering together with Dr Susan Elsley a series of courses within the framework of the continuing Professional Development courses in research with children and young people at the centre for research on families and relationships.

These courses are offered as 'blended learning' with 2 days at The University of Edinburgh, an active social network website with online resources and case study presentations from expert speakers. Courses are highly participative and aim to draw on participants' experience. Courses can be taken as stand alone courses or as a series of 2 or 3. Accreditation options are available for all courses, which are linked to the MSc in Childhood Studies, University of Edinburgh.

The first course to be delivered: *Involving children and young people* will take place on February 27 and 28, 2014.

For further information contact l.marshall@ed.ac.uk or go to: [www.cfr.ac.uk/eventsandtraining/training/cpd-training/](http://www.cfr.ac.uk/eventsandtraining/training/cpd-training/)

### Eurochild expert group

Maria Roth, from Cluj University in Romania represented the ENMCR at the Consultation Group for Children's Rights to Participation from Eurochild. The consultation Group's main objective was to plan the Eurochild's Annual Conference *Building an inclusive Europe – the contribution of children's participation* (November 13-15 in Milan).

Maria Roth participated in the scientific committee of the conference and contributed to the selection of presentations. At the conference Maria Roth will act as a facilitator.

The consultation group also works on

keeping child participation as a priority for further actions of Eurochild, integrate children's participation across other objectives and plan its further strategies accordingly.

### University of Macedonia

As a new semester starts at the University of Macedonia the plan of activities for this year includes the publication of a booklet on the rights of the European citizen, which also comprise Youth rights envisaged on the Charter of the European Union. This booklet is a project developed by a group of students and the Jean Monnet Chair of the Macedonia University. Furthermore within the framework of the University of Macedonia activities the booklet on the rights and duties of the Children at school will be updated (published in Greek).

In order to promote the rights of the Child, the University of Macedonia, together with the NGO KEAN is planning the creation of a board game on the Rights of the Child in English as well as in Greek.

In the new media field University researchers are preparing the creation of a website where interested students, researchers and academics can find all the international legal documentation regarding the Rights of the Child (eg: conventions, declarations, decisions).

### University of Timisoara

Ana Muntean, from the West University in Timisoara in Romania will be organising a round table on the topic of the status of women in Romania and Europe. This round table counts with several national speakers and will take place on October 7th, 2013. Professor Ana Muntean is also co-organizing, together with Prof. Dr. Juliane Sagebiel from Hochschule in Munich, the German – Romanian conference based on community

development and civil society; the conference will be held at West University in Timisoara between November 20-22.

### Child Rights Academy: Public lectures and courses

The Child Rights Academy in Sweden will hold two public lectures on Child Rights. The first lecture, entitled *To experience parental violence as a child – long and short term consequences* will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 by Åsa Källström Cater (Phil. Dr. social studies). The second public lecture conducted by Staffan Janson (Senior Professor in pediatrics) will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>. This lecture will cover the topic: *Physical and other abuse of children in our time – experiences from national studies in Sweden and an international outlook*. Moreover, the Child Rights Academy offers in 2014 two web based courses in English: Child Rights in Humanitarian Work and The Human Rights of the Refugee Child. The application procedure closes on October 15, 2013.

For further information and application please consult: [www.barnrattsakademin.se](http://www.barnrattsakademin.se) or [www.studera.nu](http://www.studera.nu).

### Queen's University Belfast: Centre for Children's Rights

Prof. Laura Lundy will give her Inaugural Lecture on November 20, 2013 at the Great Hall of the Queen's University Belfast. Her lecture entitled: *Children's Rights in Schools: What not to do*.

Moreover, on October 17th, Yvonne M. Vissing, Director of the Center for Childhood and Youth Studies and Professor in the Department of Sociology at Salem State MA will be giving a lecture on *Child Safety and Community Partnership Models and Challenges*.

### Male Circumcision: ban on non-therapeutic male circumcision

The children's ombudspersons from five Nordic countries (Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, and Iceland), and the children's spokesperson from Greenland, in addition to representatives of associations of Nordic paediatricians and pediatric surgeons, have agreed to work with their respective national governments to achieve a ban on non-therapeutic circumcision of underage boys.

The Nordic ombudsmen for children and experts in children's health intends to work towards a situation, where a circumcision can only be performed, if a boy, who has reached the age and level of maturity required to understand necessary medical information, consents to the operation.

### OP3: new ratifications

Montenegro and Portugal are the latest countries becoming parties to the optional protocol to the UNCRC on a communications procedure. The ratifications were deposited to the UN Secretary General on 24th September. New signatories states include Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau and Seychelles.

The protocol counts now 8 State Parties and 41 signatories.

### Iran: child marriage

Parliamentarians in Iran have passed a bill which includes a clause that allows a man to marry his adopted daughter while she is as young as 13 years.

In Iran, a girl under the age of 13 can still marry, but needs the permission of a judge. At present, however, marrying stepchildren is forbidden under any circumstances.

As many as 42,000 children aged between 10 and 14 were married in 2011. At least 75 children under the age of 10 were wed in Tehran alone.

### Combat exploitation of children online

Experts from the fields of law enforcement, research and academia gathered to find ways to combat the exploitation of children online, which has become more prevalent due to technological advances.

While advances in information and communications technologies (ICTs) have not necessarily given rise to entirely new forms of child abuse, they have in some cases changed the nature and dimension of the exploitation.

Through the Internet, online predators can gain access to children faster and in higher volumes, using chat rooms, emails, online games and social networking sites to find and groom victims. Cyberspace has also significantly increased the ability for offenders to access child sex abuse material.

Experts agreed that better education and awareness are essential to protecting children and emphasized that parents must work to overcome the 'generational digital divide' and take a vested interest in the technology they give their children, educating them on their safe use and on the potential ramifications of careless online behaviour. While currently there is no consistent legislation across countries regarding online child abuse, experts encourage effective cooperation between countries in investigations, and support global awareness efforts to educate parents and children on the safe use of ICTs.

### Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development

Gender equality and reproductive health are indispensable to sustainable development, and must be a key part of the post-2015 development agenda. Ministers and senior officials from 47 countries, adopted a comprehensive Asian and

Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development.

The document will be the region's input to next year's UN General Assembly review of the 20-year action plan on sexual and reproductive health rights which was agreed on in 1994 in Cairo at the UN International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD).

The Declaration reasserts key principles of the ICPD Programme of Action, stressing States' responsibility to protect human rights for all without distinction and to address the root causes of poverty.

It also calls for universal and equitable access to sexual and reproductive health services, to further reduce maternal deaths, ensure access to family planning and prevent the spread of HIV.

The Declaration emphasizes promotion of gender equality, including calls to end violence against women and girls and early and forced marriage.

It also highlights actions essential to further progress, particularly the rights of young people and their needs, including comprehensive sexuality education, access to contraception including for the unmarried, education and employment opportunities.

The Declaration is expected to contribute to discussions as the international community builds on the eight-poverty targets known as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and prepares a post-2015 development agenda.

### UNCRC and OP ratification

The Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, Leila Zerrougui, and the Special Representative on Violence Against Children, Marta Santos Pais, called on 19 September for the universal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its three Optional Protocols.

## Funding / Prizes / Research Opportunities

### Call for papers: Researching children's everyday lives: socio-cultural contexts

This conference will explore the idea of the 'everyday' as a key component of children's lives, past and present and cross culturally. To do this means moving away from a 'problem' focus on children and childhood by recognising that what counts as the mundane and every day for different children can be radically diverse in different times and places.

Examples of themes to be explored might include:

- Historical aspects of children's everyday lives
- Children's everyday experiences of living in poverty or experiencing war and conflict
- Cross-cultural differences in the 'everyday'
- Everyday life and children's agency
- Theoretical and methodological approaches to understanding everyday life
- Intergenerational relations in the nature and flow of children's everyday life

Those wishing to organise small symposia around a specific theme are also invited to submit a proposal.

Abstracts of no more than 200 words for papers, posters and symposia should be sent to the conference administrator, Dawn Lessels d.j.lessels@sheffield.ac.uk, by January 31st 2014. For full details on submitting abstracts check out our conference page:

<http://www.cscy.group.shef.ac.uk/activities/conferences/index.htm>

### Call for papers: 51st International Making Cities Livable Conference on Making Cities Healthy for All

At this conference, we shall pay special attention to effective public health and planning strategies and visionary design solutions to making our cities and suburbs healthy and livable for ALL young and old, poor as well those with health and mobility issues.

The conference will bring together 350-400 delegates – world renowned experts, elected officials, practitioners and scholars in planning, and transportation planning, public health, urban design, architecture, landscape architecture, and social sciences to better understand how the built environment affects health and well-being, and to learn from the

most successful solutions around the world.

Topics include:

- Healthy, equitable land use and urban planning
- Integrating public health and planning
- Active Mobility and Complete streets
- Achieving neighborhood health equity
- Reclaiming the public realm
- Family-friendly housing
- Building lifetime community districts
- Reshaping suburban sprawl
- A healthy city for children
- Food environments
- Green cities
- Preventing and ending homelessness
- Generating community participation
- Learning from Portland

For more information about presentation topics [here](#)

Those wishing to present papers should submit a 250 word abstract for consideration before November 1, 2013. Please submit online, following the Call for Papers Guidelines available [here](#)

## Publications

### Children's Participation in Humanitarian Programming



These guidelines provide support and tools for staff to enhance children's participation in emergency response, and in transition to relief, reconstruction and peace-building.

Available online [here](#).

### Janusz Korczak – Pionier der Kinderrechte

This book edited by Manfred Liebel on behalf of the European Master in Childhood Studies and Children's

Rights at the Free University of Berlin illuminates some of the so far neglected facets of the work of Janusz Korczak as well as his practice. The contributions of this book also discuss controversial issues such as handling with racism and eurocentrism. ISBN: [978-3-643-12068-7](#)

### Handbook of Child Well-Being Theories, Methods and Policies in Global Perspective

Addressing child well-being from varying perspectives, this handbook offers a comprehensive overview of the field. Readers from a wide scope of disciplines will learn the

complexities and implications involved in the scientific pursuit of a child's well-being.

ISBN: [978-90-481-9062-1](#)

### Citizens in the Present - Youth Civic Engagement in the Americas: A transnational study of active and engaged urban youth

This innovative comparative study provides nuanced accounts of the personal experiences of young people who care deeply about their communities and are actively engaged in a variety of public issues.

ISBN: [978-0-252-07920-7](#)

## Upcoming Dates

**OCTOBER****10/10 to 11/10**

I International Congress of Educational Sciences and development, Santander, Spain.

**OCTOBER****09/10**

Support person practice in the Finnish child welfare field: A relational analysis . Finland.

**OCTOBER****21/10 to 23/10**

Towards Contextually Relevant Early Years Care and Education. Pakistan.

**NOVEMBER****12/11**

7th UIA Associations Round Table – Europe, Brussels, Belgium.

**NOVEMBER****21/11**

Janusz Korczak - The Father of Children's Rights Centre for Children's Rights. UK

**OCTOBER 2013**

03/10 to 04/10:

Strengthening the advances. Creating tools for the accomplishment of the Right to live in a family and in a community, Guanajuato, Mexico.

03/10 to 04/10:

E-Discussion on Youth Migration, Equity & Inequalities, New York . USA.

06/10 to 09/10:

Latin American International Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect: Building a world without violence for children and teenagers, Chile.

08/10 to 10/10:

III Global Conference on Child Labour, Brasilia, Brazil.

10/10 to 11/10:

The 11st Development Dialogue - "Bridging Voices", International Institute of Social Studies of the Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Hague, Netherlands.

10/10 to 12/10:

European Academy of Childhood Disability Annual Meeting, Newcastle, UK.

11/10 to 12/10:

Breaking classroom silences: Addressing sensitive issues in education, Nicosia, Cyprus.

17/10:

Child Safety and Community Partnership Models and Challenges, Centre for Children's Rights, Queen's University Belfast, UK.

21/10 to 01/11:

9th African Movement of Working Children and Youth Meeting, Dakar, Senegal.

23/10:

Exploring the experiences of teenagers residing in domestic violence refuge accommodation, University of Central Lancashire, UK.

28/10 to 29/10:

2nd South African Symposium on Positive Social Sciences 2013: Towards Thriving Youth, Vanderbijlpark, South Africa.

**NOVEMBER 2013**

03/11 to 07/11:

21st International Reconceptualizing Early Childhood Education Conference. Kenyatta University Conference Centre, Nairobi, Kenya

09/11:

The Child in the World. V&A Museum of Childhood, London, UK.

13/11 to 15/11:

Building an inclusive Europe – the contribution of children's participation, Milan, Italy.

14/11 to 15/11:

Social education VII: Socialization of children and youth in the postmodern society, Moscow, Russia.

14/11 to 15/11:

Deprivation of children at risk: educational technology of prevention, rehabilitation and support, Moscow, Russia.

15/11:

Children and Death, London, UK.

20/11 to 22/11:

7th International Conference on Children's Health and the Environment, Jerusalem, Israel.

20/11:

Dein Weg zum Recht - Das Individualbeschwerdeverfahren zur UN-Kinderrechtskonvention nach der deutschen Ratifizierung, Berlin, Germany.

21/11 to 22/11:

East African families for East Africa's children, Nairobi, Kenya.

27/11 to 29/11:

Expert workshop on framework and methods for indicator building for various vulnerable groups, Tarki, Budapest.

**DECEMBER 2013**

05/12 to 06/12:

Childhood and Migration: Gendered and generational perspectives. Vetcha, Germany.

Dear Network Members,

Please send us your agendas for the coming months as well as publications, funding and prizes or any other topic so we can include them in our newsletter ([info@enmcr.net](mailto:info@enmcr.net)).

Don't miss:

### Big Breakfast Launch

November 8, St. Ita's School, Belfast, UK.

This event will be held to disseminate the findings from Kids Life and Times Survey. The 2013 survey included two modules of questions that were developed by a Children's Research Advisory Group (CRAG) of Primary 6 children in conjunction with staff from the Centre for Children's Rights (CCR) in the School of Education - Queen's University Belfast.



**Save the Children, thank you for making this newsletter possible!**

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### Job and Internship Opportunities:

- 1) **Internship in the Middle East and North Africa Programme** at Transparency International  
Deadline: **11 October 2013**
- 2) **Administrative Assistant - Information and Resources** at Children's Society  
Deadline: **18 October 2013**
- 3) **Director of Marketing Development and Insight** at Save the Children UK  
Deadline: **20 October 2013**
- 4) **Education Officer** at Trento Rise  
Deadline: **21 October 2013**

### How to join ENMCR?

It is possible to join the European Network of Masters in Children's Rights as a member at any time. ENMCR was established in 2004 by five European Universities with the support of Save the Children Sweden (SCS). In the meantime 31 universities are members of ENMCR. ENMCR is collaborating with the Latin American Network of Masters in Children's Rights, which currently comprises nine universities in eight Latin American countries and is also supported by SCS. Furthermore, ENMCR is in contact with academic study programmes on children's rights in other parts of the world, e.g. in the MENA region.

### Why is it worthwhile joining our network?

In becoming a member you will work with children's rights experts from all over Europe (and Latin America). We have been cooperating as a network for almost ten years and you will be able to build on the longstanding experience of our members. You will get an insight into children's rights from a variety of perspectives and disciplines. The member universities offer higher education in childhood studies and children's rights, at undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels. Some members offer full study programmes in children's rights, others offer modules, seminars or intensive courses. You will have access to knowledge in establishing study programmes, as well as to teaching materials developed in the network. We have implemented several European Union funded projects on children's rights themes and organize conferences, workshops and short intensive programmes in the same field. You will have access to 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 name what you believe you and 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 a contact person at your institution for correspondence purposes. Our members contribute to ENMCR's work with an annual membership fee of 300€ which covers the daily expenses of the network.

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