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Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

This time we are looking on the current developments regarding the EU Strategy for the Rights of the Child and the upcoming elections of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. Please feel free to contact us with comments, news and ideas for improvement via the regular e-mail address: info@enmcr.net
Looking forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Lea Fenner (Editor)

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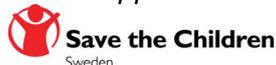
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General News Internal

Belgium: International Interdisciplinary Course on Children's Rights

From 5 to 17 September 2010 the international and interdisciplinary course "Children's Rights in a Globalized World: From Principles to Practices" was organized in Ghent and Antwerp, Belgium. More than 40 participants from a diverse cultural, disciplinary and professional background attended the lectures by recognized experts and engaged in the lively and enriching discussions during the working group sessions.

The course aims at a critical reflection on children's rights and consisted of four clusters. In a multidisciplinary introduction, the concept of children's rights was explored from an educational, historical, legal and anthropological perspective. Thereinafter, strategies and methodologies for the implementation of children's rights were discussed. In a third cluster, the relationship between children's rights and various themes was addressed (child labour, the environment, poverty, armed conflict, and migration). A final cluster focused on children's rights education.

The course convenors were the UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights (University of Antwerp), the Department of Social Welfare Studies (Ghent University), the Faculty of Social Work and Welfare Studies (University College Ghent) and the Institute of Criminology and of Social Law (K.U.Leuven/ Leuven University) in close cooperation with the Children's Rights Knowledge Centre (www.keki.be). The course is organized every two years.

More information on www.iccr.be

Short Report from the Open Forum of the National Coalition for the Implementation of the UNCRC in Germany on September 9, 2010 in Berlin

The Open Forum was held under the title: "Activities follow Words" ("Worten folgen Taten") and aimed at bringing forward strategies and eventually activities to give all the well-intentioned words published on children's rights more substance.

A very precise reason for holding the forum now was that Germany was supposed to submit the third and fourth state report on the implementation of the CRC to the UN Committee on Children's Rights already in 2009- finally in Spring 2010 the Government published the report. A few months later, members of the NC realized two workshops with interested children and young people to elaborate a child and youth report in addition to the official governmental report to the UN. As in all countries, besides the child and youth report, a "shadow report" to the official report will be published. The National Coalition as umbrella organization is the editor of the report and the discussions and results from the open forum are to be included in the report. Therefore the forum was organized in a way that 8 working groups came together to work on

the most pressing subjects. E.g.: health, children's rights in school and family, in the local surroundings, or improvement of the reporting system of the UN, true participation of children a.o. ENMCR, as member of the National Coalition, was represented by the director Prof. Dr. Manfred Liebel, Rebecca Budde (Coordination) and Noemi Fivat.

Before the public forum started, an internal meeting took place in which elections for the new directory board were held. Prof.Dr. Manfred Liebel was elected as member.

General News External

Commission Announces Adoption Date for EU Strategy for the Rights of the Child

On 9 September a one-day Conference on the European and international policy agendas on children, youth and children's rights, organized by the Belgium EU Presidency, took place in Antwerp. Three main axes of the Conference were:

- An overview of the different European and international policy agendas on children, youth and children's rights
- An Expert discussion on the new European Commission Communication on the strategy on the rights of the child
- An Exchange of views on criteria for early childhood education and care services

During the Conference, a European Commission's functionary announced that the **EU strategy for the rights of the child will be adopted on 17 November**, together with a communication on 116 child helpline and the annual report on the application of the United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in Member States. The three overarching objectives of the strategy will be to ensure the respect and application of the fundamental rights of children, to ensure the UNCRC is followed and applied and to support member states in the promotion of children's rights. Moreover, it will treat issues such as child friendly justice, vulnerable children, poverty, violence, participation, trainings, cooperation with partners etc.

Experts expressed their disappointment with the content of the consultation process, especially in comparison with an in-depth White Paper on Youth. An urgent need of a communication strong and clear, setting out precise guidelines and objectives, so important in the light of the economic crisis entailing severe budgetary cuts, was evenly highlighted. Finally, the importance of children rights mainstreaming and the need of synergizing the EU's and CoE's work were also commonly pointed out.

The Conference was a part of the Expert Conference "Europe de l'Enfance" taking place in Antwerp 8-10 September.

More information on the consultation process:

<http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=23202&flag=news>

Brussels: EU Forum on the Rights of the Child

The Fundamental Rights and Rights of the Child Unit of DG Justice is organising the 5th EU Forum on the Rights of the Child in Brussels on 14 October 2010.

The Forum will raise three issues: child friendly justice, children participation and the EU strategy on the rights of the child.

For more information on the Forum (previous editions):

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/policies/children/forum/policies_children_forum_en.htm

Launching of the European Commission's "Youth on the Move » Initiative"

On the occasion of the launching day of the European Commission's "Youth on the Move » Initiative" on 15 September 2010, a dinner debate on "Future Generations and the EU 2020 – Safeguarding Opportunities for Youth" was organised by the World Future Council in the European Parliament. The main objective of the new Commission's initiative on Youth, one of the seven flagship projects of the Europe 2020 strategy, is to reinvigorate the education system, promote student mobility and to tackle unemployment among young people.

To read more about the Initiative, visit: europa.eu/youthonthemove

UN launches International Year of Youth

On 12th August 2010, the United Nations launched the International Year of Youth in accordance with a resolution adopted by the General Assembly in December 2009.

After a first edition on the theme of Participation, Development and Peace in 1985, the 2010 edition will focus on Dialogue and Mutual Understanding. Many events, conferences and workshops will take place all year long and around the world in order to promote dialogue and exchanges between cultures and generations.

Further information: <http://tdh-childprotection.org/news/ipjj-newsletter-august-september-2010>

Committee on the Rights of the Child Elections at UN General Assembly

In three months' time, UN Member States will gather at the UN General Assembly in New York to elect nine people to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. Those selected will replace outgoing members of the 18-strong Committee whose terms expire on 28 February 2011. CRIN and the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child have joined forces to interview all the candidates seeking election to share a more personal take on who they are, their experience of children's rights and their vision for the Committee. There are 21 candidates in the running. Their full names and CVs are available here:

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/elections13th.htm>

Read more: http://www.crin.org/email/crinmail_detail_popup.asp?crinmailID=3372

CRIN's transparency campaign: "The future of children's rights: in whose hands?":

<http://www.crin.org/resources/infodetail.asp?id=20623>

UNICEF's New Strategy for Child Poverty

According to UNICEF Canada a new strategy for eliminating child poverty and improving child health has been announced at UNICEF. They are now going to focus on helping the poorest of the poor, which has previously been seen as being too difficult for large multilateral organizations, both logistically and financially. New methods are changing this attitude, one the most important one being partnering with local organizations that have an in-depth knowledge of how to get to hard-to-reach rural and slum children. UNICEF calls this approach an "equity-based approach" where the strategy rests on training rural health workers and supporting grassroots and community-based organizations.

World and UN leaders will meet in New York on September 20-22 to discuss the goals at the High-Level Plenary Meeting of the UN General Assembly.

For more information on the study, please visit http://www.unicef.org/media/media_55913.html

West Africa: Youth Forum on Violence Against Children

More than 200 young people from across West Africa will descend on Accra, Ghana, from 30 August – 4 September to follow up the recommendations of the UN Study on Violence against Children.

The goals of the Youth Forum against Violence against Children, organised by Plan and Save the Children West Africa, are to establish a formal mechanism for children's participation in the follow up to the Violence Study and support the development of a network of children and young people involved in bringing an end to violence against children.

Read more: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=23117&flag=event>

Participatory Media Projects in the Favelas of Rio de Janeiro

During the months of June and July 2010, a group of graduate students from the New School University's Graduate Program in International Affairs traveled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to work on media and human rights projects with residents of several different favelas of Rio de Janeiro. Projects were carried out in the communities of Rocinha, Maré, Cantagalo, Bangu, Vila Mimososa and Cidade de Deus.

In Maré, Cantagalo, Cidade de Deus and Bangu, the participants were children and youth from the favelas and the content of the courses included video, photography and sound, all wrapped around the general themes of human rights and child rights. In Maré, the participants learned basic photography skills and went beyond just the act of taking a photo to thinking about repre-

sentation, meaning of images and the possibilities of photography as a tool for advocacy and human rights. In Cantagalo and Cidade de Deus, children and youth were taught basic video skills and interviewing skills, and the end products from these projects include a 30 minute video letter from Cantagalo and a 30 minute documentary about Children's Rights in Cidade de Deus. In Bangu, a group of young musicians were given a whole new perspective into listening music and sounds and interpreting their lives and their community through the sounds they hear every day.

Source: Equity for Children

Training event by Children in Scotland: "Children's Rights: spice them up"

The event is taking place on 8 October 2010, in Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

This one-day special guest workshop for practitioners gives participants a toolbox of training methods for use with children and young people to raise awareness of their rights. The workshop will enable workers to deliver rights through 'doing', and help them work with children and young people to develop their skills at self-advocacy, build their self-esteem and gain the confidence to exercise their rights as defined in the United Nations Convention of the Rights of Children, and in turn give the young people transferable skills that they can use later on in life.

The programme will include:

- an overview of the UNCRC
- participative activities from the new resource, 'Children's Rights: Spice 'em up!'
- strategies for engaging young people
- an opportunity to incorporate the learning into current practice
- and a whole lot of fun!

Find more information on the website: www.childreninscotland.org.uk/spice

P u b l i c a t i o n s

Book: Childhood in a Global Perspective

By Karen Wells

This compelling new book offers a unique global perspective on children's lives throughout the world. It shows how the notion of childhood is being radically re-shaped, in part as a consequence of globalization. Taking an engaging historical and comparative approach, the book discusses wide-ranging issues such as children and war, child labour and young people's activism around the globe. Important themes considered include:

- How children are constituted as raced, classed and gendered subjects;
- How family policy results in some kinds of family being labelled as normal and others as deviant, and how this impacts in children;
- How children's involvement in war is connected to the globalization of capitalism and organised crime;
- How school and work operate as sites for the governing of childhood.

This book will be of great value to students and scholars in the fields of sociology, social policy and development studies. It will also be a valuable companion to practitioners of international development and social work, as well as to anyone interested in childhood in the contemporary world.

Order here: <http://www.polity.co.uk/book.asp?ref=9780745638362>

Collection of Journals on Child Research

The Childwatch International Research Network is a global network of institutions that collaborate in child research for the purpose of promoting child rights and improving children's well-being around the world.

On his website the network provides an excellent list of journals and bulletins on child research: <http://www.childwatch.uio.no/publications/journals-bulletins/>

New Book on Child Well-Being

The book "Child Well-Being: Understanding Children's Lives, edited by Colette McAuley and Wendy Rose, brings together contributions from international experts in order to define child well-being and to further understand how it can improve children's lives.

More information about the book and how to order it can be found on:

http://enews.jkp.com/rp//335/process.clsp?EmailId=72635&Token=2720C128BD59D8601D9BC802569BE5F9D&utm_campaign=McAuley_Child-Well-Being_Aug10_NUC&utm_medium=Email&utm_source=CM_jessica-kingsley-publishers&utm_content=McAuley_Child-Well-Being_Aug10_NUC

New Textbook on Children's Rights for Adult Learners

A new textbook details best practices and policy approaches in the field of children's rights education for adults. The report, by Democracy and Human Rights Education in Europe (DARE) Network, provides educational materials such as ideas for teacher trainings and a toolbox for practitioners. Country reports and case studies include Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands and Slovenia.

Download here: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infodetail.asp?id=23147>

In Deutsch: "Vorrang für Kinderrechte"

20 Jahre UN-Kinderrechtskonvention - dies hat die National Coalition zum Anlass genommen, die Kinderrechtskonvention (UN-KRK) auf der Ersten Nationalen Konferenz für die Rechte des Kindes als das erfolgreichste Menschenrechtsabkommen zu feiern und gleichzeitig kritisch Bilanz zu ziehen. Die vorliegende Dokumentation enthält viele Anregungen und Forderungen zur weiteren Verwirklichung von Kinderrechten in Deutschland und stellt durch die Darstellung der Ergebnisse der Konferenz eine Fülle von Ideen und Fragestellungen zur Verfügung, um den weiteren gesellschaftlichen Dialog voran zu treiben.

Bestellung: <http://www.national-coalition.de/index.php?id1=3&id2=3&id3=0>

Council of Europe Publications

The History of Youth Work in Europe – Vol. 2. Relevance for Today's Youth Work Policy

Youth work starts where young people are. It is perhaps this general principle that seems to create a certain 'myopic view' in youth work practice, policy and research. We tend to concentrate on the questions of today and take them as a starting point for our future plans. This sometimes makes youth work an uncertain and fragile practice. The lack of historical consciousness makes youth work vulnerable to instrumentalisation, whether by policymakers or even by young people themselves, claiming youth work should fulfil the needs they define to be urgent and relevant. Youth work is a contingent practice and history will not reveal us its one and only real identity. Knowing where we come from, however, is an important step in establishing a confident, though not arrogant, identity. Youth work is a social and pedagogical practice that must be adapted to very diverse historical, geographic and social contexts, but there are still some underlying, basic assumptions that have structured practices and policies to date and continue to do so. In this light, a cross-cultural and transnational perspective can be most enlightening. This second volume of The history of youth work in Europe, presents the youth work histories of some very different countries: Belgium and its three communities, the Netherlands, Ireland, Wales and Hungary. The reader is also introduced in the history of the relatively young European youth policies, and is even given a glimpse beyond European borders with a history of youth work in South Africa.

Order here:

http://book.coe.int/sysmodules/RBS_page/admin/redirect.php?id=36&lang=EN&produit_aliasid=2539

The CoE and Human Rights - An Introduction to the European Convention on Human Rights (2010)

http://book.coe.int/sysmodules/RBS_page/admin/redirect.php?id=36&lang=EN&produit_aliasid=2507

Funding/Prizes/Research Opportunities

Call for Tender on Educational Support for Newly Arrived Migrant Children

The European Commission has issued a new call for tender for a study on educational support for newly arrived migrant children.

Deadline is 27 September !

For more information: http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/doc2475_en.htm

Click here for terms of reference: http://eurochild.org/index.php?id=486#news_shortcut704

Call for Papers: Conference - Quality in Alternative Care

led by SOS Children's Villages International

Various care systems exist for children living in alternative care, which aim to ensure and improve their chances of development. However, inadequate care can hinder this development and result in children's fundamental rights being violated.

Against this background, SOS Children's Villages, with the support of various partners, is organising the international conference "Quality in Alternative Care".

The conference aims to identify ways to empower children and young people, to promote the implementation of quality care standards, to provide a platform and networking opportunities and to identify changes needed to policy and practice to align them with international frameworks.

Submissions of papers describing the following topics are actively encouraged:

- **Quality management in alternative care** (quality standards, monitoring, evaluation, training courses, staff motivation, looking at the challenges of financial crisis, etc.)
- **Changes in policies and practices in correlation with international documents** (CRC, Guidelines, the CoE Recommendation, Q4C Standards, etc.)*
- **De-institutionalisation processes** (status quo, developments, challenges, etc.)
- **Special quality requirements** (leaving care, care of siblings, child and youth participation, decision-making & admission processes, care of children with special needs, early childhood, emergency relief, etc.)

The Call for Papers includes submission for:

- Paper presentation – 30 minutes
- Workshop – 1 hour and 30 minutes
- Workshop – 3 hours
- Poster at market place

This Call for Papers invites young people with care experience, researchers, policy makers, social welfare representatives (institutions), NGOs, carers, etc. who are interested to take part. If you would like to participate, please submit your abstract (max. 300 words) by 31 October 2010 online via the abstract submission form.

Please note that the conference language will be English, but key speeches will be translated simultaneously into Czech. Participants who want to contribute in Czech may submit abstracts in Czech.

Important Dates:

- 10 September 2010 - Registration starts
- 31 October 2010 - Deadline for submission
- 20 December 2010 - Notification of acceptance
- 20 February 2011 - Early bird ends
- 4 March 2011 - Registration ends

If you want to submit an abstract please read through the abstract submission guidelines and use the online abstract submission form to hand in your paper. You will find further information on how to register for the conference and on the conference fees under Information on registration and payment. <http://www.quality-care-conference.org/Pages/default.aspx>

CfP: IFCO 2011 Conference "Fostering Hope – Together We Can Make a Difference"

Apply online by 31 January 2011 <http://www.ifco2011.com/call-for-papers/>

In Spanish: Save the Children Canada - Bases des Concurso Ensayos de Investigación Social 2010 - "Relaciones socio pedagógicas entre la Escuela y la Niñez trabajadora"

1.- Save the Children Canadá (SCC) convoca al concurso ensayos de investigación social 2010 sobre: "Relaciones socio pedagógicas: Escuela y niñez trabajadora"

2.- SCC realiza esta segunda convocatoria con el propósito de promover el análisis, debate, las tendencias actuales y la prospectiva sobre la relación entre Escuela y el trabajo de niños y adolescentes, teniendo en cuenta que dicha relación probablemente se transforme, en el sentido de que, la escuela enseñe y aprenda a trabajar y el trabajo eduque.

3.- Podrán participar en la presente convocatoria los alumnos, egresados y graduados de las Universidades de la Red Latinoamericana de Maestrías y de la Red Europea de Maestrías*. Las Maestrías de América Latina hábiles para esta convocatoria se encuentran académicamente ubicadas en: Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Universidad Politécnica Salesiana de Quito, Universidad del Externado de Bogotá, Universidad Mayor de San Simón de Cochabamba, Universidad Centroamericana UCA de Managua, Universidad de Chile, Universidad Columbia del Paraguay, Universidad Landívar de Guatemala, Universidad del Centro de Junín, Perú.

4.- Los ensayos deberán ser inéditos, en idioma español, en versión electrónica, escrita en documento PDF, letra Arial tamaño 12, entre 20 y 25 páginas.

5.- Los autores de los tres mejores ensayos de investigación social participarán en un seminario internacional en el mes de Diciembre en la ciudad de Lima cuyos gastos serán asumidos por SCC. Adicionalmente se reconocerán entre los mejores ensayos dos menciones honrosas. Los tres ensayos ganadores del concurso y las dos menciones honrosas serán publicadas electrónicamente en la web institucional de Save the Children Canadá.

6.- El jurado del concurso estará integrado por: Un representante de la Red Latinoamericana de Maestrías, un docente de la Maestría Políticas Sociales Promoción de la Infancia de la Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, y un representante de Save the Children Canadá. Su dictamen será inapelable.

7.- El cronograma del concurso de ensayo es el siguiente: El 29 de Octubre los concursantes presentarán sus ensayos en las direcciones electrónicas siguientes: jbazan@scsur.org / scbo@scsur.org

El 15 de Noviembre el jurado emitirá su dictamen y lo publicará en <http://www.scsur.org/>

En el mes de Diciembre, en fecha por determinar oportunamente, los ganadores viajarán a Lima a exponer su ensayo en un seminario especialmente organizado para el concurso.

8.- Los concursantes deberán consignar todos sus datos personales en una hoja antes de la carátula del estudio y deberán adjuntar escaneada una constancia universitaria indicando que se encuentran en situación de alumno, egresado o graduado.

9.- Los concursantes, por el solo hecho de participar, aceptan irrestrictamente las condiciones de las bases del concurso, y ceden a favor de Save the Children Canadá la facultad de publicar y distribuir por vía electrónica o física los ensayos.

10.- Las consultas pueden ser dirigidas a Juan Enrique Bazán jbazan@scsur.org

Información actualizada sobre el concurso puede verse en <http://www.scsur.org>

*La Oficina para América Latina de SCC, en principio solo se compromete a sufragar los gastos para el seminario en mención a los 3 participantes ganadores de la Red de Maestrías de América Latina. Si hubiera entre los 3 ganadores del concurso, estudiantes de la Red Europea de Maestrías, SCC solo podría auspiciar dichos gastos si su disponibilidad financiera se lo permite. SCC 19 Agosto del 2010

Open Call: ESN Conference on an Active and Caring Society in Warsaw 2011

The European Social Network (ESN) will be organising its 19th annual conference next year in Warsaw, 4-6 July 2011, in partnership with the Polish Presidency of the European Union. The theme of the conference will be "Building an Active and Caring Society: Innovation, Participation, Community". In preparation for this important event, they are issuing an **open call for workshops**.

Deadline for receipt of proposals written in English: **30 November 2010**

For more information, visit the ESN website: www.esn-eu.org

Upcoming Dates

- **September 22-24, 2010:** Primer Congreso Nacional De Antropología Social Y Etnología, Ciudad De México
- **September 26-29, 2010:** XVIII ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA
- **September 28-29, 2010:** Conference - Keeping Children and Young People Safe Online, Warsaw, Poland
- **September 30- October 1, 2010:** Conference on Precarious situations and protection of children's rights, Paris, France
- **September 30 – October 1, 2010:** The Doors of Perception: Viewing Anthropology through the eyes of children, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- **September 30 - October 2, 2010:** International multidisciplinary conference: Children and War: Past and Present, Salzburg, Austria
- **October 10-13, 2010:** 16th National Symposium on Juvenile Services, San Antonio, Texas, United States
- **October 13-16, 2010:** 3rd International Alliance for Childhood Conference, Budapest, Hungary
- **October 20-22, 2010:** 6° NGO Forum for National Child Rights Coalitions in Europe, Florence, Italy
- **October 21-23, 2010:** 10 Jahre Internationales Symposium Kindheit und Gesellschaft. Lernkreisläufe gestalten für nachhaltige Entwicklungen. Bregenz, Austria
- **October 27-29, 2010:** 5th Child in the City Conference, Florence, Italy
- **November 3-5, 2010:** Eurochild's 7th Annual Conference: Brighter futures - Building effective partnerships to end child poverty, Örebro, Sweden
- **November 9-10, 2010:** 4th IJJO International Conference: Building integrative juvenile justice systems: Approaches and methodologies regarding mental disorders and drugs misuse, Rome, Italy
- **November 15-16, 2010:** "Europe de l'Enfance": Ministers meeting/ Réunion Européenne des Ministres de l'Enfance (REME), Brussels, Belgium
- **November 15-18, 2010:** IV World Congress on Child and Adolescent Rights - The best interest of children and adolescents: Well-being and development in the new world economic order, Puerto Rico
- **December 2-4, 2010:** International Conference: Children and Youth in Changing Societies, Thessaloniki, Greece

- **December 2-5, 2010:** International Conference on Education and Educational Psychology, Kyrenia, Cyprus
- **March 9-11, 2011:** Towards an Anthropology of Childhood and Children. Ethnographic Fieldwork Diversity and Construction of a Field. University of Liege, Belgium
- **April 4-6, 2011:** Conference - Quality in Alternative Care, Prague
- **July 4-7, 2011:** Playing into the Future - surviving and thriving, Cardiff , Wales
- **July 10-15, 2011:** IFCO 2011 Conference "Fostering Hope – Together We Can Make a Difference", British Columbia, Canada