



[European Network of Masters in Children's Rights](http://www.enmcr.net)

CRnews 12/01

Children's Rights Newsletter
December 2010/January 2011

European Network of Masters in Children's Rights
c/o Internationale Akademie an der Freien Universität Berlin
Habelschwerdter Allee 45, D- 14195 Berlin
info@enmcr.net/www.enmcr.net/Fon:+49-(0)30-838-52734

Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

We hope everyone had a great start to the New Year 2011! As every year, we will keep you informed about children's rights issues and events as best as we can.

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)

In this Newsletter you will read:

• General News

Internal:

Upcoming: ENMCR's General Assembly
University of Amsterdam

External:

Second Working Group Meeting on the CRC Complaints Mechanism
CRC Election Results
Children's Institute at the University of Cape Town: Child rights training for health professionals
"Children had their say!" at the Fundamental Rights Conference 2010
European Survey on the Rights of the Child
Separated Children and Guardians speak up
International Children's Peace Prize
Request for Resources on Participation of Indigenous Children and Adolescents
Call for Information from the NGO Advisory Council

• Publications

In French: Enfants, Droits Et Citoyenneté
Journal of Virtual Worlds Research
Issue 2.2 of *Jeunesse* Out Now
German Youth Institute releases annual English edition of their research magazine
Children's Rights Alliance for England launched taster issues of "The Right Stuff"
Report from Save the Children: A Fair Chance at Life
In Spanish: IFEJANT - Revista NATs N° 19
American Academy of Political and Social Science: The Child as Citizen
Council of Europe Publication: Protecting children from sexual violence

- **Funding//Prizes//Research Opportunities**

Call for Abstracts: 'Opportunities and Challenges: Implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child'

Call for Papers: Protected Childhood?

Call for Papers: Children and Youth in Crisis

CfP: Conference - European Sociological Association

Exciting Fellowship Opportunity

Children's Literature Association Grants

Call for Proposals: Erasmus Mundus

- **Upcoming Dates**

Thank you for reading this newsletter.

CRnews is produced with the support of Save the Children, Sweden



Save the Children
Sweden

General News Internal

Upcoming: ENMCR's General Assembly

On the 11 of February the members of the European Network of Masters in Children's Rights will come together for their General Assembly at the University of Minho in Braga, Portugal. Additionally, on the 12 February participants are invited to a workshop on the "Protection and Implementation of the Rights of Children to Non-Discrimination" on the basis of Art. 2 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

University of Amsterdam

From September 2011, the programme Children's Rights will not be offered as a separate programme by the UvA Graduate School of Social Sciences (GSSS). It will therefore not be possible to apply for the separate September 2011, Children's Rights programme.

As an alternative, students can apply for the Master International Development Studies. Within this programme, students can opt for a Children's Rights profile by taking the Children's Rights elective with fieldwork and a thesis on a related topic. In addition, students will be supervised by Children's Rights specialists from the International Development Studies staff.

For more information on the Master International Development Studies, see:

http://www.studeren.uva.nl/msc_international_development_studies

General News External

Second Working Group Meeting on the CRC Complaints Mechanism

The Campaign for a CRC Complaints mechanism reached its next hurdle as formal drafting negotiations on a communications procedure for children's rights began in Geneva. Over a hundred States attended the session, with NGOs, independent experts, and the Committee on the Rights of the Child contributing to the lively debate. While no formal agreements were reached by the end of the meeting, it was felt that discussions were fruitful and had made significant headway in determining the shape of the final text.

Read outcomes: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infodetail.asp?id=23489>

CRC Election Results

Nine new members have been elected to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. The newcomers, who were selected at the thirteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child yesterday in New York, will take office in May 2011.

Further information: http://crin.org/email/crinmail_detail_popup.asp?crinmailID=3372

Children's Institute at the University of Cape Town: Child rights training for health professionals

The Children's Institute has developed a short course on child rights and child law for health professionals in South Africa. The course aims to deepen health professionals' understanding of children's rights in international and national law, and to enable them to apply these rights in their daily practice. It includes up-to-date training on the new Children's Act, in particular consent to medical treatment and the reporting of child abuse.

The short course will be piloted in Cape Town on 24 – 28 January 2011. There are 10 places left for health professional educators (from universities or colleges) or provincial health managers/policy-makers in Limpopo, North West, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape and Free State provinces. For more information please contact: denise.brown@uct.ac.za. Alternatively, join the mailing list to hear about other future training events.

"Children had their say!" at the Fundamental Rights Conference 2010

This year's Fundamental Rights Conference (7-8 December 2010) organised jointly by the EU Fundamental Rights Agency and the EU Belgian Presidency was focusing on children's rights, in particular the rights of most vulnerable children to access justice. Consistent with the view "nothing about us without us", children and young people spoke first. They gave their key messages to the audience of 200 participants representing policy makers, practitioners and activists, and handed a letter to participants including vice-president of the European Commission, Viviane Reding. <http://amicideibambini.eu/re?l=44wru0lzm4h6ll8>

European Survey on the Rights of the Child

On behalf of the European Commission's Directorate General for Justice, a study has been conducted amongst young people, aged between 15 and 17, in all 27 Member States of the EU. The study consisted of 170 focus groups and looked at the topic of children's rights. The respondents from different socio-economical and ethnic backgrounds discussed the issues they see as most important in terms of their rights and the various obstacles they face in exercising these rights. The report shows that young people do not think much about human rights, although they have highlight the right to education. Beyond education, the right which is felt to be most important is the 'right to be a child'; to have freedom from responsibility and the opportunity to play, grow and develop.

Read survey: http://ec.europa.eu/public_opinion/archives/quali_en.htm

Separated Children and Guardians speak up

Defence for children has produced eight national reports from EU countries as part of their project "Closing a protection gap for separated children in Europe". In the reports separated children and guardians talk about the qualifications and responsibilities of the guardian in relation to reception, return, legal procedures and a durable solution for the child.

In 2011 the input from the national reports will lead to the development of core standards for guardians of separated children in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child, EU Directives and the Quality4Children standards for children in out of home care.

To read more about the project and to access the national reports:

<http://www.defenceforchildren.nl/p/43/522/mo89-mc97/adults-%28eng%29>

International Children's Peace Prize

The International Children's Peace Prize is presented annually to an exceptional child, whose courageous or otherwise remarkable actions and thoughts have made a difference in countering problems, which affect children around the world. The motivation behind the prize is to give

a platform to children to express their thoughts and personal involvement in their children's rights. KidsRights feels that children should be recognized, awarded and motivated in their fierce efforts to improve their own situation and that of the children in their environment and even the world.

The International Children's Peace Prize 2010 was won by Francia Simon, who campaigns for the Right to a Name and Nationality. Francia is 16 years old and lives in the Dominican Republic. She was awarded the prize in the Hague, the Netherlands on 29th November 2010.

<http://amicideibambini.eu/re?l=44wru0lzm4h6ll8>

Request for Resources on Participation of Indigenous Children and Adolescents

Indigenous children and adolescents' being one of the most marginalised groups of children have little opportunities to participate in their daily life, schools and communities. Some challenges hindering participation of indigenous children and adolescents' include limited policy guidance, tools, and capacity on supporting indigenous children and adolescents' participation in programmes, etc. UNICEF upholds the principle of non-discrimination as integral to the human rights based approach to programming and promoting equity amongst children. There is a knowledge gap in well organised resources on promoting participation of indigenous children and adolescents. It is important for us to learn from each other and contribute to collective learning on processes, mechanism, and systems for promoting participation of indigenous children and adolescents. It is with the above context that we propose to prepare an annotated resource directory on promoting participation of indigenous children and adolescent and a complementary discussion paper on the same topic. We request you to send us: Resources for annotated resource directory on promoting participation of indigenous children and adolescent, these may include: Publications, Child and Adolescent Friendly Materials promoting rights of indigenous peoples, Film on participation of indigenous children, Websites, Point us to examples on good practices in strengthening participation of indigenous children and adolescent. Please send information to Yanqi:yanqi.liu09@gmail.com **by 30th January 2011**

Call for Information from the NGO Advisory Council

International NGO Advisory Council following up the UNSG's Study on violence against children: Call for any recent (since 2006) research evidence of the scale and extent of violence against children **DEADLINE: 31 March 2011**

Please send information to: adcoresearch@crin.org

For more details about the International NGO Advisory Council, click:

<http://www.crin.org/violence/NGOs/index.asp>

For more information about the UNSG's Study on violence against children, see:

www.unviolencestudy.org

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

In French: Enfants, Droits Et Citoyenneté

Faire émerger la perspective des enfants sur leurs droits

Manfred Liebel - En collaboration avec Pierrine Robin et Iven Saadi

Collection: Logiques Juridiques, ISBN : 978-2-296-13625-0

Plus de vingt ans ont passé depuis l'approbation de la Convention des Nations Unies sur les Droits de l'Enfant. Il est temps de concrétiser ces droits et d'évaluer quels sont les bénéfices qu'ils apportent aux enfants eux-mêmes. En effet dans le débat francophone, trop peu d'attention a été portée jusque-là aux droits de l'enfant et très peu d'ouvrages ont été publiés sur ce thème en France. En se basant sur des situations concrètes dans différentes parties du monde, le présent travail analyse comment les enfants « bénéficient » de leurs droits, comment ils en disposent et comment ils en font usage pour leur propre intérêt. L'ouvrage prend comme point de départ l'histoire des différents mouvements des droits des enfants et révèle pour quelles raisons ces droits doivent être compris en prenant en compte les contextes culturels et sociaux spécifiques. Il met l'accent sur ces garçons et ces filles fortement défavorisés qui

voient leurs droits particulièrement violés. Reprenant différents concepts d'action et diverses formes de pratique, ce livre montre comment des filles et des garçons peuvent acquérir la confiance et l'auto-estime nécessaires pour faire front aux injustices qu'ils vivent et pour parvenir à la participation politique et citoyenne. Il s'intéresse aux conditions macro-politiques qui doivent être réunies pour cela. <http://www.editions-harmattan.fr>

Journal of Virtual Worlds Research

Volume 3, Number 2: Virtual Worlds for Kids

The special issue of the Journal of Virtual Worlds Research on "Virtual Worlds for Kids" has been published and can be accessed at <http://jvwresearch.org/page/home>. We hope this volume of scholarship will provide much needed insight into the ever increasing use of virtual worlds by kids (3-14 years old), which represents a significantly larger market share than virtual worlds use by adults.

Issue 2.2 of *Jeunesse* Out Now

The Centre for Research in Young People's Texts and Cultures is pleased to announce that the 2010 Winter Issue of Jeunesse: Young People, Texts, Cultures is now available! Issue 2.2 features the forum entitled "Participatory Ontologies and Youth Cultures." This forum contains pieces from Stuart Poyntz, Zoe Druick, Clare Bradford, and Darin Barney, and it is open access at <http://jeunessejournal.ca>

German Youth Institute releases annual English edition of their research magazine

DJI's research magazine is now available in English. The Bulletin presents current research findings of the DJI, Germany's largest research institute devoted to the study of children, youth and families. This edition focuses on families and on how global change is influencing the everyday life of mother, fathers, and children.

The magazine can be found here: <http://www.dji.de/cgi-bin/bulladmin/panel.php?sprache=E>

Children's Rights Alliance for England launched taster issues of "The Right Stuff"

The Children's Rights Alliance for England (CRAE) has launched a taster issue of "The Right Stuff" – the human rights magazine by and for children and young people.

You can read the magazine here: http://issuu.com/krishnacrae/docs/the_right_stuff_magazine
Funded by Mediabox, the magazine features stories of children who have suffered rights violations, as well as inspirational accounts of children taking action, interviews with human rights activists and a dedicated under 10s section. The Right Stuff magazine was designed and written by more than 30 under 18 year-olds from across England, with the aim of promoting young people's interest in children's human rights and encouraging them to take action to achieve change for children.

The magazine is available to download at www.crae.org.uk. Enquiries concerning the Right Stuff can be sent to Krishna Maroo at kmaroo@crae.org.uk

Report from Save the Children: A Fair Chance at Life

Save the Children's report, "A Fair Chance at Life", takes a look at one of the most pressing development challenges of our age - the toll of preventable child deaths in the world's poorest countries, which in 2008 claimed nearly 9 million lives. This is a scandalous waste of human potential, and a cause of enormous suffering to the families and communities that are affected. Read: http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/en/54_12454.htm

In Spanish: IFEJANT - Revista NATs Nº 19

Los temas se encuentran en torno a: Una Mirada Otra sobre "Trabajo Infantil", América Latina: la Organización Internacional del Trabajo y el misterio del "trabajo infantil indígena", El Informe Global OIT del 2010: El Triunfo de la Razón Metonímica. ¿Erradicación del trabajo infantil o trabajo digno para niños trabajadores? - Anotaciones al nuevo Informe Global sobre trabajo infantil de la Organización Internacional del Trabajo. "Hacia un mundo con trabajo digno para los niños y niñas y adolescentes: pasos al 2016". <http://www.ifejants.org/>

American Academy of Political and Social Science: The Child as Citizen

The American Academy of Political and Social Science has decided to open online during January free access to its January 2011 issue of The ANNALS, "The Child as Citizen." This covers the XXth Anniversary of the CRC. The volume, edited by Felton Earls--a professor of social medicine at Harvard Medical School and a professor of human behavior and development at Harvard School of Public Health-- (to which I myself contributed) will be open for free downloads through the end of January, meaning that individuals and institutions do NOT need to have a subscription to the journal to access and download the full-text articles. You can access SAGE's ANNALS Web page here: <http://ann.sagepub.com/content/633/1.tocwhich>

Council of Europe Publication: Protecting children from sexual violence

Protecting children from sexual violence - A comprehensive approach is a collection of highly readable expert papers for both child professionals and the general public. It is divided into five parts, presenting a European overview and covering the existing legal frameworks; abuse prevention and reporting; rehabilitation and social reintegration of victims; sexual violence on the Internet; and public and private partnerships against abuse. It also sheds light on the little-known problem of children who are sexually abusing other children. In addition to providing thorough information on the many facets of this complex subject, this publication also highlights new concepts, facts and recommendations. Foremost is the significant lack of data on the prevalence and nature of sexual violence in Europe, underscoring the need for co-ordinated pan-European research and information gathering, which are vital to effective policy making and programme design. It also sounds the alarm for urgent co-ordinated action in various fields to drastically improve child protection through awareness raising; targeted and specialised training, intervention and therapy programmes; sex education in schools; responsible family attitudes; and justice systems with tighter abuse laws and which take account of children's special needs as reliable witnesses. Protecting children from sexual violence is published as part of the Council of Europe campaign to stop sexual violence against children. The hope is that this publication will inspire judges, the police, educators, governments, the media and legislatures to join the campaign and expose, demythify and take concerted action to combat sexual violence against children, a phenomenon that affects as many as 20% of children in Europe.

Order: http://book.coe.int/EN/ficheouvrage.php?PAGEID=36&lang=EN&produit_aliasid=2567

Funding/Prizes/Research Opportunities

Call for Abstracts: 'Opportunities and Challenges: Implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child'

The Research Forum for the Child at Queen's University Belfast is holding its annual seminar on the theme of 'Implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child' at Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland on 1st and 2nd June 2011. The opening address will be given by Professor Michael Freeman, Professor of English Law at University College London and Founding Editor of the International Journal on Children's Rights. Guest speakers also include Professor David Archard, Professor of Philosophy and Public Policy at the University of Lancaster; Dr Asher Ben-Arieh, from Hebrew University, Jerusalem, an international expert on social indicators; Dr Ursula Kilkelly, expert on children's rights litigation and Director of the Child Law Clinic, University College Cork; Gerison Lansdown, International Children's Rights Consultant and a Forum visiting scholar in 2011; and Professor Audrey Osler, University of Leeds, a leading expert on children's rights education.

The Research Forum for the Child welcomes the submission of abstracts for this event. Scholars from any discipline whose work relates to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and/or children's rights generally are warmly welcomed. Please see attached Call for Abstracts for further information. Please note that the **deadline** for submission of abstracts is **1 March 2011**. For further information see the Research Forum for the Child [website](#) or contact Dr Bronagh Byrne, b.byrne@qub.ac.uk

Call For Papers: Protected Childhood?

The 4th Finnish Childhood Studies Conference House of Science and Letters, Helsinki, June 6-8, 2011 The 'Protected childhood?' conference is aimed at childhood researchers and other interested parties. The theme of the conference operates as a prism through which to interpret the varying viewpoints and approaches to childhood, taking into account its history, as well as looking at the current and future prospects. The conference asks how the framework of protection opens up questions and viewpoints on children and childhood in the different scientific disciplines. Key note speakers are: Professor Allison James, Director of Centre for the Study of Childhood and Youth, University of Sheffield, UK Associate professor Thomas Gitz-Johansen, Roskilde University, Denmark Academy Research Fellow Hille Koskela, University of Helsinki, Department of Social Research Research professor Marjatta Bardy, National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Helsinki

Abstracts related to the theme of the conference are invited. We welcome papers and posters on a range of topics across scientific fields. Papers can be presented in English, Finnish and Swedish, and paper sessions can be arranged in these languages. Abstracts should be submitted to <http://blogs.helsinki.fi/protectedchildhood/> The abstract length should be maximum 250 words. The **deadline** for submission of abstracts is **February 28, 2011**.

For more information: <http://blogs.helsinki.fi/protectedchildhood/>

Call for Papers: Children and Youth in Crisis

We are delighted to invite you to submit papers to the Children and Youth in Crisis Conference co-hosted by the World Bank's Human Development Network and the Jacobs Foundation. The conference will bring together researchers, policymakers and practitioners to amass their expertise on the impact of crises on the human capital development process of children and youth. Participants will include academics engaged in research in the areas of health, education, labor (including child labor), social protection, and human development and welfare more generally; World Bank staff from Washington and country offices; and policymakers involved in the development and implementation of social safety net programs and other responses to the crisis targeted at shielding children and youth from negative impacts. The particular focus is on developing countries. The conference will be structured in order to encourage active participation and a stimulated and effective exchange of ideas among participants to ensure high quality results.

Through this call for papers we seek high quality research analyzing the areas of health, education, youth employment/school-to-work transition, and child labor, which will deepen our understanding of:

- the impacts of financial crises (past and present) on the development of children and youth, and
- what policies best address these risks in order to avoid long-term negative effects expressed, for example, in lower levels of education, higher rates and longer spells of unemployment, life-long lower income earning potential, and lower life expectancy.

The focus is on developing countries; developed country studies will be considered; studies focusing on low income countries, in particular Sub-Saharan Africa are encouraged and will be given special consideration. Studies using data from the current global crisis are encouraged. Other outcomes, such as risky behavior, teenage pregnancy etc., will be given equal consideration.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:

Researchers interested in participating should submit a paper or extended abstract (including results) by **February 15, 2011** at:

<http://hq.ssrn.com/conference=Children-Youth-in-Crisis>

Only papers and/or extended abstracts/executive summaries including results will be accepted.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

For information regarding submission to the conference, please contact:

CONTACT: Alice J. Wuermli Children and Youth Unit Human Development Network, World Bank Email: awuermli@worldbank.org

CONTACT: Kamola Khusnutdinova World Bank Email: kkhusnutdinova@worldbank.org

CfP: Conference - European Sociological Association

Please note that abstract submission for this conference is now open at

<http://www.esa10thconference.com/>

As usual there will be a full stream on Sociology of Children and Childhood details are all there. Please note that abstracts must be **submitted by 25 February**, using the online system.

Exciting Fellowship Opportunity

The Dekeyser&Friends Foundation is offering two exciting new projects with fully funded Fellowships, which are a great opportunity for the members of your network. The Fellowships is aimed at young people world wide, aged 21-28 and cover all Project costs including travel to the Project. The Culinary Project will allow 5 Fellows to join famous chef Tim Mälzer for three months in his restaurant Bullerei in Hamburg, Germany. The Teaching Project provides an exciting opportunity for Fellows to learn hands-on from Dr Samuel Ross in his school Green Chimneys in Brewster, New York about teaching children with special needs with the help of animal assisted therapy. We hope you will forward the information about this unique opportunity to potential applicants in your network. If you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact us! www.dekeyserandfriends.org

Children's Literature Association Grants

Each year the Children's Literature Association provides grants in two categories--Faculty Research and Graduate Student Research. These are competitive grants that vary in award amount from \$500 to \$1500, based on the number and needs of the winning applicants. Up to \$5,000 is available to be awarded in each category.

Faculty Research Grants can be found at: http://www.childlitassn.org/faculty_grant.html

Further details about criteria and application procedure for the Hannah Beiter Graduate Student Research Grants can be found at: http://www.childlitassn.org/beiter_grant.html

Applications will be accepted from now through **February 1, 2011**. Any questions about eligibility of projects or other matters relating to the grants should be directed to the Grants Committee Chair, Susan Stan, at stan1sm@cmich.edu or to the ChLA Administrator, Kathy Kiessling, at kkieessling@childlitassn.org.

Call for Proposals: Erasmus Mundus

Erasmus Mundus is a cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education that aims to enhance the quality of European higher education and to promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with third countries. In addition, it contributes to the development of human resources and the international cooperation capacity of Higher education institutions in third countries by increasing mobility between the European Union and these countries.

This Call for Proposals aims to support projects under all three Actions of the programme.

Deadline for submission of applications under all three Actions is **29 April 2011**.

For more information:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/2011/call_eacea_41_10_en.php

U p c o m i n g D a t e s

- **February 2-3, 2011:** Seminar-School Design Futures, University of Loughborough, UK
- **February 17-19, 2011:** Conference - Enduring Trifles: Writing the History of Childhood with Ephemera, Princeton University, USA
- **March 9-11, 2011:** Towards an Anthropology of Childhood and Children. Ethnographic Fieldwork Diversity and Construction of a Field. University of Liege, Belgium

- **March 20-25, 2011:** International Academy on Remembrance and Human Rights, Berlin, Germany
- **April 4-6, 2011:** Conference - Quality in Alternative Care, Prague
- **April 7-8, 2011:** International Conference: Early Childhood in Developing World Contexts, Cork, Ireland
- **June 1-2, 2011:** Seminar - Opportunities and Challenges: Implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Belfast, Northern Ireland
- **June 6-8, 2011:** Conference – Protected Childhood? , Helsinki, Finland
- **June 7-9, 2011:** 14. Kinder- und Jugendhilfetag: Kinder. Jugend. Zukunft: Perspektiven entwickeln – Potentiale fördern! Stuttgart, Germany
- **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
- **July 27-29, 2011:** 3rd International Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators Children's Well-Being: The Research and Policy Challenges, NY, USA
- **September 7-10, 2011:** 10th Conference of the European Sociological Association – Social Relations in Turbulent Times, Geneva, Switzerland