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Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

In Berlin we are starting to get used to the heat. This month we could all follow some interesting events going along with the International Children's Day (1st June) and World Refugee Day (20th June). 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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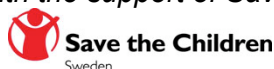
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General News Internal

TEMPUS IV Project "Diploma Public Policy and Child Rights (DPPCR) - Egypt and Jordan"

From the 12th -20th of June a delegation of six people from partner universities in Egypt and Jordan was welcomed at the Free University of Berlin. The partners took part in a four-day e-learning training course (held in cooperation with the Center for Digital Services (CeDiS) at the FU) and following participated in a two-day coordination meeting with partners from UK, Netherlands and Germany. In October 2010 the programme "Diploma in Public Policy and Child Rights" is going to start at the four partner universities in Cairo, Assyut, Amman und Zarqa including the modules "Growing up in the Arab world", "Children and the Law", "Research Methodology" and "Child Rights Advocacy".

Contact: Noëmi Fivat, DPPCR Project Coordination - European Partners

Norwegian Centre for Child Research

The Norwegian Centre for Child Research offers an MPhil Programme in "Childhood Studies": <http://www.ntnu.edu/studies/mpchild>

In addition, they have started to plan an MPhil in "Early Childhood Education and Care in a Comparative Perspective" in cooperation with two University Colleges in Norway.

Workshop at the University of Antwerp

On the 26th -27th of November 2010 a closed expert workshop on "Children and Armed Conflict: the Interface of Different Fields of International Law" will be held at the University of Antwerp.

For further information please contact: wouter.vandenhole@ua.ac.be

Next Steps at Mykolas Romeris University

Our partners at the Mykolas Romeris University are waiting for the approval of the Ministry to be able to offer joint master programmes in the future. We hope to strengthen the partnership and offer another joint European programme. The Free University of Berlin is looking forward to participate as a partner institution.

European Master in Childhood Studies and Children's Rights (EMCR) at the FU Berlin

For the new cycle of the EMCR starting in October 2010 we received 57 applications of which 32 were approved. For the first time the programme will be run in its extended form of 3 semesters. Herewith an important reform is put on the way to be able to offer additional modules and extend the time frame for the master thesis. We are looking forward to our new students!
Contact: Noëmi Fivat, EMCR Program Coordination

General News External

EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child – Public Consultation Process

If it has not already come to your attention, we would like to highlight the public consultation process that the EU recently launched on its forthcoming EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child. The consultation period is open **until 20 August 2010**.

Information on the consultation process and consultation questions can be found here:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/news/consulting_public/news_consulting_0009_en.htm

We would encourage you to respond to the consultation, highlighting key issues for children inside and outside of Europe. While there is a structure to the consultation questionnaire, the consultation also leaves the possibility to highlight other important issues that are not specifically covered in the consultation questionnaire.

Eurochild Event: Child Ambassadors Will Warn the EU About the Danger of Ignoring Child Poverty

Children and Young people met this week in Brussels to discuss child poverty and to present solutions to the European institutions. On 11-16 July, 33 young people from 9 European countries gathered in Brussels to discuss and present how children in their countries experience poverty and social exclusion. Together they will develop some common messages on what can and should be done by decision-makers to ensure that every child has equal chances in life and is not marginalized by social or economic disadvantage.

These messages will be presented to representatives of different EU institutions: members of the European Parliament, the European Commission, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Fundamental Rights Agency. The children will also have the chance to work on the best ways to present and communicate their messages through film, animation or graphic design.

The event is part of the 2010 European Year against poverty and social exclusion. It is organized by Eurochild, an European umbrella network of organizations promoting the rights and welfare of children. The children's delegations come from: Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Portugal and the UK. The results of the event will be presented at the Belgian Presidency conference on child poverty and well-being, which takes place in Marche-en-Famenne 2-3rd September 2010.

Source: eurochild

Globedays 3–4 October : The Future Tree and the Children's Meeting Place

The Globedays are meetings which take place in the fall every year in Stockholm, organised by Globetree, where the entire Globetree network is invited to promote children's participation and intergenerational solidarity. Globetree invites you to join the event.

This year, Globetree will be held in two symbolic places which are milestones for this event: the main market square of Stockholm (Hötorget-Haymarket square), where the Future Tree was planted in 1986 by 600 children and youth, and the Children's Meeting Place which is the old oak tree in the Courtyard of the Stockholm City Hall.

For further information contact Peroy Kirchner: peroy@globetree.org

Young Activists Lobby at Human Rights Council on Youth Justice

In March 2009, five young activists with experience of youth justice systems went to the Human Rights Council in Geneva to lobby decision makers and influence an important UN Resolution

(10/2) on youth justice, which made urgent recommendations to all governments concerning juvenile law.

A year later (June 2010), another group of young activists returned to the UN to report on the progress governments have made in abiding by this Resolution. During the 14th Session of the Human Rights Council, the young activists delivered two oral interventions and hosted a parallel event where they relayed their experiences and offered practical solutions on juvenile justice. They also held meetings with their own national representatives and Ambassadors, and finally met with the offices of the UN Special Rapporteurs on Education, Torture and Extra-judicial killings.

The young people representing a diverse group of countries, including Guatemala, Sierra Leone, England and Ireland, spoke candidly in the interviews about their own experiences of being in conflict with the law and suffering at the hands of juvenile justice systems.

To read the full interviews click on the links below:

Luis from Guatemala: http://www.crin.org/docs/FileManager/Interview_One_revised.pdf

Jade from Ireland: http://www.crin.org/docs/FileManager/Interview_Two.pdf

Daniel from England: http://www.crin.org/docs/FileManager/Interview_Three.pdf

David from Sierra Leone: http://www.crin.org/docs/FileManager/Interview_Four.pdf

Barker from England: http://www.crin.org/docs/FileManager/Interview_Five.pdf

Day of the African Child

June 16th, marks the Day of the African Child. The theme of this year's day is "Planning and Budgeting for the Wellbeing of the Child: A Collective Responsibility". The Day of the African Child is held in June every year to commemorate the Soweto uprisings in South Africa in 1976. More than one hundred black students were killed and more than a thousand were injured in a march to protest against the poor quality of their education and demand the right to be taught in their own language instead of Afrikaans, the language of white settlers.

Source: CRIN

African Committee - Elections

The African Union (AU) has sent out a list of nominees for the six vacant positions with the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC), reports the Civil Society Forum on the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. The elections will take place during the AU summit to be held in Kampala, Uganda from 19-27 July 2010.

Children and Health

A Campaign for sexual & reproductive health for young people was recently launched by Pathfinder International. Entitled '3 Billion Reasons', the campaign calls upon the international donor community and developing country governments to act now to protect and promote the sexual and reproductive rights and health of the world's 3 billion young people.

Later this month, the world's attention should turn to Vienna, as it will be the host of this year's **World AIDS Conference**. The event takes place every two years and is the biggest gathering of scientific, community and government leaders, UN agencies, donors and the general public committed to finding solutions to end the pandemic. Over 25,000 participants from more than 100 countries around the world are expected to attend, many of these will hopefully be young people. Visit the youth website: <http://youthaids2010.tigweb.org/>

Germany: Gute Projekte gesucht!

Sind Ihnen Projekte bekannt, denen es besonders gut gelingt, Kinder und Jugendliche zu gesellschaftlichem Engagement anzuregen? Verfolgen Sie selbst bereits einen erfolgreichen Ansatz und möchten ihn anderen Projektverantwortlichen bekannt machen? Dann melden Sie sich bei uns! Wir bereiten derzeit eine Broschüre vor, in der wirkungsvolle Praxisbeispiele vorgestellt werden sollen. Nach dem Erscheinen des Leitfadens "Ausgezeichnet! Kinder- und Jugendengagement wirksam fördern" http://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/cps/rde/xbcr/SID-53CA0838-E9A6CF0E/bst/xcms_bst_dms_30491_30516_2.pdf möchten wir mit dem Folgebund "Ausgezeichnet! Von guter Praxis lernen" ein breites Themenspektrum von Engagementmöglichkeiten vorstellen: Der Einsatz für andere Kinder und Jugendliche, das Engagement für

ein friedliches Zusammenleben in der interkulturellen Gesellschaft oder Projekte für Menschen in Not werden in unserer Sammlung ebenso einen Platz finden wie Vorhaben zum Umwelt- oder Tierschutz. Folgende Aspekte sind uns bei unserer Auswahl besonders wichtig: . Ist das Projekt gut nachahmbar? . Ist das Projekt innovativ? . Haben Kinder und Jugendliche weitreichende Partizipationsmöglichkeiten bei Planung, Durchführung und Evaluation des Projektes? . Werden insbesondere auch Kinder und Jugendliche angesprochen, die benachteiligt sind und in der Regel wenig Zugang zu Engagementprojekten haben? Wenn Sie Vorhaben kennen, die diese Kriterien erfüllen, berücksichtigen wir gern Ihre Vorschläge. Wir freuen uns auf Ihre Hinweise, die Sie in die Download-Datei eintragen können. Kontakt: Sarah Maria Soldanski (sarahmaria.soldanski@bertelsmann-stiftung.de), 05241-8181379

Neu: World Children's Media Foundation

Das kann eines der wohl spannendsten Projekte im Bereich Kinder und Medien weltweit werden: die World Children's Media Foundation! Radijojo-Gründer Thomas Röhlinger hat diese Stiftung ins Leben gerufen und beim World Summit on Media For Children and Youth in Schweden (s.u.) offiziell gestartet: "Die Foundation soll dauerhaft die vielen kleinen, wunderbaren, nicht kommerziellen Kindermedien-Projekte weltweit stärken, mit denen wir heute schon kooperieren. Geben Sie benachteiligten Kindern weltweit eine Stimme, heute und in vielen, vielen Jahren!" Partner beim Aufbau ist der Bundesverband Deutscher Stiftungen, u.a. die UN Alliance for Civilisation in New York hat Unterstützung angeboten. Spenden und Zustiftungen willkommen!

Publications

New Book: Why Care? Children's Rights and Child Poverty

Wouter Vandenhoe, Jan Vranken and Katrien De Boyser (eds.)

This book is a collaborative project of Centrum OASeS and the UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights, both located at the University of Antwerp.

Over the past decade, EU and national policy-makers alike have paid more attention to childhood poverty and children's rights. Whether this has led to better policies, and whether these policies have in turn resulted in less childhood poverty and more human dignity, remains debatable. A better understanding of both child poverty and children's rights could help.

This book introduces several approaches in the field of child poverty and children's rights studies, and identifies intersections between different theoretical approaches from both domains. This is a fruitful exercise for the academic disciplines involved, for policy-makers and for anyone taking an interest in these challenging subjects.

Children's rights may provide some common ground for the different perspectives on the causes of poverty. They also introduce specific process requirements, in particular the participation of the poor. At the same time, children's rights may gain from an encounter with child poverty studies, not least in grasping the complexity of child poverty and in making a realistic assessment of their own potential for addressing child poverty.

For more information and the complete table of contents, click here: [http://www.intersentia.com/ISBN 978-94-000-0025-4](http://www.intersentia.com/ISBN%20978-94-000-0025-4)

New publications from Norway

- Kjørholt, Anne Trine (red.) 2010. *Barn som samfunnsborgere : til barnets beste?* Universitetsforlaget

- Håvard Bjerke (forthcoming). *Children's Perspectives on Citizenship and Nation-building in a Comparative Perspective*. PhD thesis

ADVOCACY TOOLKIT: Campaign for a new Optional Protocol to the CRC establishing a communications procedure (June 2010)

NGO Group for the CRC, For activities targeting the Open-ended Working Group to elaborate a new OP to the CRC (December 2010 – February 2011) and the Human Rights Council June 2011 session

Download: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infodetail.asp?id=22750>

In Spanish: Revista Rayuela n. 2

La convocatoria que **ednica IAP** lanzó para la formación del segundo número de *RINJLD*, su trabajo: **El trabajo de crecer. Buenas prácticas de aplicación de los derechos de los niños, niñas y adolescentes en Latinoamérica en el 20 aniversario de la CDN** fue seleccionado para integrar la sección de **Dossier**.

La culminación de este segundo número representa un paso importante para fortalecer esta iniciativa Iberoamericana. La generación de conocimiento, el debate y el intercambio de ideas y experiencias que se desprendan de los textos y autores, harán de un espacio permanente para actuar a favor de la niñez, adolescencia y juventud que es vulnerada en sus derechos día con día. Contacto: buzon@ednica.org.mx página web: <http://www.ednica.org.mx/>

GTZ: Get youth on board! A toolkit for stakeholder collaboration and youth promotion

Download here:

<http://www2.gtz.de/publikationen/isissearch/publikationen/details.aspx?RecID=BIB-GTZ072669>

SCS: SOUTH ASIA/ LATIN AMERICA: Children's Participation in Corporate Social Responsibility

Download here: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infodetail.asp?id=22873>

MSF: Migrants in Detention - Lives on Hold

ATHENS, 17 June 2010 - Ahead of World Refugee Day on June 20, the international medical humanitarian organisation Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has released a report documenting the impact of detention on the wellbeing and mental health of migrants and asylum seekers in detention centres in Greece. MSF urges Greek authorities to ensure humane living conditions for detained migrants, and to consider alternatives to their detention. Download here: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infodetail.asp?id=22781>

CRIN Website: Children and Violence

<http://www.crin.org/violence/>

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Education of Roma and Travellers in Europe - Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)4 and explanatory memorandum (2010)

Click here for more information on this publication:

http://book.coe.int/EN/ficheouvrage.php?PAGEID=36&lang=EN&produit_aliasid=2505

Funding/Prizes/Research Opportunities

CFP: Workshop - Transnational family making: children, young people and migration

European University Institute; Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies is inviting papers for its 12th Mediterranean Research Meeting: 6 - 9 April 2011, Florence.

The workshop welcomes presentations that explore children, young people and parents; own experiences of migration, but also papers that critically examine the policy provisions and social interventions aimed at children, young people and parents in the home and host countries.

Deadline for online applications: **15 July 2010.**

The deadline is has passed, but you may contact the organizers directly:

Maria-Carmen Pantea, 'Babes Bolyai' University, Romania, pantea@policy.hu

More information at:

<http://www.eui.eu/DepartmentsAndCentres/RobertSchumanCentre/Research/InternationalTransnationalRelations/MediterraneanProgramme/MRM/MRM2011/ws12.aspx>

CFP: Multiple Childhoods/Multidisciplinary Perspectives: Interrogating Normativity in Childhood Studies

Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, Camden, New Jersey, USA

May 20-21, 2011

We invite submissions for participation in a conference hosted by the Department of Childhood Studies of Rutgers University in Camden, New Jersey, USA on *Multiple Childhoods/Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. As a field, childhood studies has flourished in large part because scholars have recognized the necessity of moving between and beyond traditional academic disciplines and have resisted the idea that there exists one, normative version of childhood common to all. Indeed, *Multiple Childhoods/Multidisciplinary Perspectives* seeks participation from those who work to counter the presumption or invocation of an unproblematically normative childhood by making visible how varied material and institutional circumstances, ideologies and beliefs and daily practices serve to shape the unfolding lives and experiences of children.

In this spirit, participants are encouraged to interrogate practices and discourses surrounding childhood and childhood studies, asking, for instance: What forms do childhoods take in various social arrangements? How do the dynamics of social class, ethnicity, race, nationality, gender, sexuality, sexual orientation and religion configure notions of "appropriate" and "inappropriate" childhoods? How do children understand various kinds of social difference and inequalities? What about the understandings of researchers, and those who care for or otherwise attend to children? In what ways do conceptualizations of "the child" and of presumed normative childhoods—in research, in the commercial world, in institutional and everyday settings, in literature and discourse—inform the kinds of actions undertaken by and on behalf of children?

Papers may be on any topic or subject that takes children and youth as a central theme and addresses ideas or invocations of normative childhood(s) Examples include, but are not limited to:

- racialized, ethnic, gender and class positioning/identities and the valuation of particular childhoods as "good," "bad" or "different"
- socially and economically disadvantaged childhoods in Global South as well as Global North contexts
- queer/sexually questioning children and youth CS Doctoral Advising, Hearing and Proposal Guidelines February 9, 2009
- children (and their families) facing physical, developmental and/or emotional challenges and disabilities
- children's rights and forms of public and civic participation
- historical assumptions about normative versions of children and childhoods
- representations of children, youth and childhoods in literature, popular discourse and-popular culture (political and commercial speech, advertising, film and television)
- the various childhoods emergent through consumer-media culture
- conceptualizations of normative/non-normative childhoods as codified in law, policy, governance and schools
- methodological and theoretical interventions addressing multiple childhoods

Deadlines

Submission and registration deadlines, fees, conference website and logistical information will be posted in the summer of 2010. Look for announcements or visit

<http://childhood.camden.rutgers.edu>

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Call for Abstracts: IPA World Conference 2011

How do we create a future where playing is valued and where every country and neighbourhood upholds all children's right to time, freedom and a safe enough environment for playing in their own way?

The 18th conference of the International Play Association, "Playing into the Future - surviving and thriving", offers four days to share evidence, experience and examples of good practice with colleagues from around the world. The conference is taking place in Cardiff, from 4 to 7 July 2011. Contributions are welcomed from disciplines and policy backgrounds that have an interest in, or an impact on, playing children and young people - for example, education, health, play provision, youth provision, play therapy, urban and landscape design and planning.

The **deadline** for abstracts and proposals is **10 November 2010**. Successful submissions will be notified in January 2011.

More details on the call for abstracts and proposals here:

<http://www.ipa2011.org/index.php?id=5>

Call for Submissions: The European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC)

is looking for original articles and other submissions (book reviews, interviews with key figures and conference reports) from a broad range of disciplines addressing the top "Funding Roma Rights: Structures, Practices, Challenges and Prospects." **Deadline: 1 September 2010.**

<http://www.errc.org/cikk.php?cikk=3594>

Social Experimentation Call Now Open

The Social Experimentation call is now open with **deadline** set on **31 August 2010**. This call is for transnational projects that promote social innovation. A special focus of the call is on deinstitutionalization. "Particular attention will be paid to projects on social inclusion of young people. The Commission would also welcome innovative projects related to the transition from institutional care to community-based alternatives in respect of the elderly, children and persons with disabilities, including persons with mental health problems". You can find details on the DG EMPL's website

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=263&furtherCalls=yes>

Call for Proposals - Action 4.5 Support to information activities for young people and those active in youth work and youth organisations

See: <http://euroalert.net/en/calls.aspx?idc=1930>

The purpose of this call for proposals is to support projects, which promote information and communication actions with a European dimension that are aimed at young people and youth leaders. The projects proposed must enhance the dissemination of quality information and increase young people's access to information and to various channels of communication at both national and European levels. The projects will aim in the long term to encourage the participation of young people in public life and to facilitate the achievement of their potential as active, responsible European citizens.

Preference will be given to those projects which best reflect the permanent priorities of the 'Youth in action' programme:

- o Participation of young people
- o Cultural diversity
- o European citizenship
- o Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

Preference will also be given to projects reflecting the following annual priorities of the call:

- o Media literacy
- o Global issues affecting young people, such as climate change, sustainable development, migrations, and the Millennium Development Goals.

The **deadline** for submitting proposals is **10 September 2010**.

Call for Proposals: EU Programme "Criminal Justice"

This call for proposals aims at selecting proposals of Union interest to be co-funded by the European Commission within the framework of the Specific Programme "Criminal Justice". It might be particularly interesting for organisations dealing with juvenile justice and youth crime prevention on a transnational basis.

The **deadline** for applications is **15 September 2010**. In 2010, the indicative budget available for this call is EUR 10.000.000.

More information here: <http://www.enar-eu.org/Page.asp?docid=24717&langue=EN>

Joseph Rowntree Foundation Call for Proposals

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) is committed to working towards better outcomes for people and places that experience poverty and social disadvantage. They are concerned that the current economic, social and environmental context - coupled with a long-term reduction in public spending - presents a real threat to these communities.

That is why they are seeking proposals for projects that help understand the future we are facing, and make concrete suggestions for ways in which disadvantaged communities can be protected, or even supported to thrive.

Proposals must have relevance to JRF mission to search out underlying causes, demonstrate solutions and influence lasting change in one or more of the following overarching themes: poverty, place and empowerment.

Funds are available for a range of projects, including theoretical work or deliberative processes, as well as research projects. Ongoing service delivery will not be funded, but funding projects that draw on practice to demonstrate solutions to the challenges we face might be considered.

Click here for further information and to download all the relevant documents:

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/funding/new->

[in-](http://www.jrf.org.uk/funding/new-)

[sights2010?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Emailmarketingsoftware&utm_content=707879456&utm_campaign=JRFCallforProposalsNewInsights&utm_term=NewInsights](http://www.jrf.org.uk/funding/new-insights2010?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Emailmarketingsoftware&utm_content=707879456&utm_campaign=JRFCallforProposalsNewInsights&utm_term=NewInsights)

Upcoming Dates

- **July 11-17, 2010:** XVII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Sweden
- **July 12-22, 2010:** Utrecht Summerschool – International Juvenile Justice
- **September 6-8, 2010:** Europe at a Crossroads, Bruges, Belgium.
www.uaces.org/bruges
- **September 9, 2010:** Kinderrechte in Deutschland: Worten folgen Taten, 15. Offenes Forum der National Coalition, Berlin, Germany
- **September 8-10, 2010:** Experts Conference "Europe de l'Enfance", Antwerp
- **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 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 20-22, 2010:** 6° NGO Forum for National Child Rights Coalitions in Europe, Florence, Italy
- **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
- **July 4-7, 2011:** Playing into the Future - surviving and thriving, Cardiff , Wales