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Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

Spread your News: If you have any **information to share** with other EUROCHILD members or the wider public, please let us know and we will disseminate it through our weekly Info-Flash or bi-monthly e-News Bulletin.

We will keep you informed on proceedings of the possible projects here in CRnews. Please feel free to contact us with comments, news, ideas for improvement via the regular e-mail address:

info@enmcr.net

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Rebecca Budde (Editor)

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General News Internal

New primary contact person for all general enquiries to the network

As several of the readers already know, Rebecca Budde is on maternity leave starting now.

For her year of dedication to her child, Ms. Lea Fenner will take on her position as overall contact person for the network, ENMCR.

She will introduce herself to all of you herself in the next CRnews, which is likely to be sent out a bit later than the end of June.

General News External

MA Social Pedagogy- Working with children and young people in or on the edge of care

This MA will introduce you to the continental European tradition of social pedagogy. Social Pedagogy is best translated as 'education in its broadest sense' and refers to a holistic, goal-oriented and relational approach to working with children, including those in difficult circumstances. It is strongly informed by democratic values and inclusionary goals. At a time when the children's sector in the UK is developing within the framework of Every Child Matters, the MA in Social Pedagogy has much to offer professionals working in this sector. It provides an inter-disciplinary programme of lectures and study and the chance to exchange with Danish students.

For an information pack and application form please contact:

Claire Cameron, Programme Leader : c.cameron@ioe.ac.uk

BSA Childhood study group and call for papers

A BSA Childhood Study Group was officially launched at the BSA Conference in Cardiff on 16th April, 2009. The Childhood Study Group details can be accessed via a link from the BSA website www.britsoc.co.uk The first Committee meeting of the Childhood Study Group is currently being arranged and is expected to take place at the end of May. The first Seminar event will take place on 6th July, within the UCB Annual Conference held in central Birmingham. There is no charge for

attendance. In response to this there is a **Call for papers for the Sociology of Childhood panel session** under the following themes: Health, Education, Community, Family. Papers should be about 20mins duration. If you are interested in presenting one of the themed Papers please send an abstract by 1st June, 2009 to c.lancucki@ucb.ac.uk

Panel discussion on making CR constitutional

Date: 16. June, 7pm; Location: Bremen, Germany

UNICEF University group invites to a panel discussion on making CR constitutional.

Despite maltreatment, abuse, neglect and poverty of children being part and parcel of daily press and politics, there are voices out there arguing against making children's rights constitutional in Germany. But why exactly is it so important to protect CR in Germany's constitution? And what do lawyers and politicians have to say to this? The lawyers, professors and politicians on the panel will gladly answer your questions. Please let the organisers know whether and with how many people you would like to attend the event at: hochschulgruppe@unicef.bremen.de

Source: e-mail by group

Launch meeting for a children's rights platform

Date: 2-3 June Location: Strasbourg

The Council of Europe is setting up a platform on children's rights, incl. a network of focal points and representatives of civil society, ombudspersons, intl organisations and experts, and research institutions. Priority item on the agenda - endorse the future guidelines on integrated national strategies for the protection of children against violence. More info and download of the concept paper: http://www.coe.int/t/transversalprojects/children/Events/LaunchMeetingPlatform_en.asp

Children exposed to violence have PTSD symptoms

Among children showing high levels of stress in reaction to exposure to community violence, researchers found stress hormone responses similar to children diagnosed with posttraumatic stress disorder. Read more at <http://thechildrenabout.blogspot.com/>

Source: CR Yahoo group

The Gender Dimension of the Worst Forms of Child Labour (public meeting and round table discussion)

Date: 25 June, 9am-1pm; Location: ParkHotel, The Hague

Organisers: IREWOC, ILO/IPEC, UCW and IISG. A decade has passed since the ILO adopted Convention 182, in which the worst forms are given priority in the struggle against child labour.

Generally, boys are more involved than girls in child labour and hazardous work. Nonetheless, female children run greater risks, are more likely than boys not to be attending school, and the 'invisible' nature of female children make them extremely vulnerable to various forms of exploitation. The public meeting will be held with discussants from The Netherlands, Brazil, India, Ethiopia, Kenya, among others, and with speakers from the ILO, UCW, IREWOC, Plan International etc.

Presentations and speeches will focus on the relevance of C182, stage of implementation, and progress made. The second part of the morning session will be a round table discussion, chaired by Professor Jaap Doek, on the progress and challenges in the fight against (girl) child labour. All interested parties are welcome to attend the public meeting and round table discussion. Please register by sending your name and function/affiliation to seminar@irewoc.nl. IREWOC: www.irewoc.nl

Roma Conference: Removing Barriers and Fostering Inclusion for Roma Children

Date: 2-3 June; Location: Belgrade, Serbia

The overall goal of the conference is to review the results achieved in the improvement in education of Roma during 5 years of the decade for Roma inclusion and to further elaborate the road map for ensuring the fulfilment of the universal right to quality education for Roma children.

The conference will examine the importance of incl. children early in education; monitoring and ending segregation and sustaining integration; ensuring access and coverage in regular schooling;

classroom and school environment supportive to education quality and changes in financing education system to enable inclusion. There will be the opportunity to learn from the state-of-the-art knowledge and exchange good practices and lessons learnt. Further information can be found soon on www.eurochild.org (calendar)

World Appeal to a New Mobilization for Childhood

a global initiative launched by the Intl Catholic Child Bureau (Bice) in commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the UN CRC. The appeal synthesizes the results of a series of consultations launched by Bice on the status of childhood worldwide, gathering expert groups in Africa, Latin America, Asia and Europe-CIS. We invite you to express your commitment to defend the dignity and rights of the child by signing the World Appeal. A study has been realised on the situation of childhood in the world 20 years after the adoption and ratification of the CRC. This study was the basis for the Appeal that will be officially launched on June 4, 2009 in Geneva by Bice and many of its members and partners. Sign the Appeal at: http://www.biceinternational.org/ewb_pages/s/support-form-join-the-appeal-for-childhood-geneva-june-2009.php

SOS Children's Villages conference „Perspectives on Leaving Care in the Context of Alternative Care for Children“

Date: 25 – 26 June, Location: Prague, Czech Republic

The Association of SOS Children's Villages, the Department of Social Work of the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts, Charles University in Prague and the Civil Association Ělovík hledá ělovíka are inviting to the intl. conference, which is devoted to the issues young people face living in different forms of alternative care and when they make the transition to an independent life. Attention will be focused not only on preparation for leaving care but also on tools and services that support young people in the period after care. Representatives of responsible state offices, organs of social-legal protection of children, employees of facilities for providing alternative care, non-profit organisations working in this sphere, foster parents and, most importantly young people with personal experience of alternative care will participate in the conference.

Find out more: http://sos-vesnicky.cz/ftp/Advocacy/Leaving_Care_Conference/Invitation.pdf

Conference: Easier said than done: 20 years of children's rights between law and practice

Date: 11-12 June; Location: London

Within the field of human rights in general, emphasis has been placed on the legal dimension and the incorporation of intl. conventions into domestic legislation. The CRC and its near global ratification have been seen as true accomplishments in this sense. Yet, despite this recognition and success, the range and severity of problems faced by children at the start of the twenty-first century are persisting, if not increasing. The year 2009 marks the 20th anniversary of the CRC. The occasion provides a timely opportunity to assess the value of the CRC in engaging with dilemmas on the ground, in devising multi-faceted approaches other than a purely legal or technical response, and in evolving to meet new challenges that emerge from its practical implementation.

Find here all the details of the conference organised by the Centre for International Human Rights - Institute of Commonwealth Studies, the Institute of Education and the UCL Centre for International Health and Development - Institute of Child Health.

A new era of EU policies for youth - Commission adopts a new EU strategy for youth

The European Commission adopted the new EU strategy for youth policy for the coming decade on 27 April 2009 entitled "Youth - Investing and Empowering". The new strategy acknowledges that young people are one of the most vulnerable groups in society, especially in the current economic and financial crisis, and in our ageing society, young people are a precious resource. The new strategy is cross-sectoral, with both short- and long-term actions. The actions involve key policy areas that affect Europe's young people, particularly youth education, employment, creativity and entrepreneurship, social inclusion, health and sport, civic participation, and volunteering.

The new strategy also emphasises the importance of youth work and defines reinforced measures for a

better implementation of youth policies at the EU level.

The strategy "Youth: Investing and Empowering", which is a follow-up to the renewed social agenda announced by the European Commission in 2008, has the following goals: to create more opportunities for youth in education and employment; to improve access and full participation of all young people in society; and to foster solidarity between youth and society.

Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/youth/news/news1458_en.htm

US National Children Study: On-going

The ongoing National Children's Study will examine the effects of environmental influences on the health and development of 100,000 children across the United States, following them from before birth until age 21. The goal of the study is to improve the health and well-being of children. To learn more, visit: <http://www.equityforchildren.org/health/index.html&idcontent=130>

Source: newsletter by "equity for children"

NEW! Tools and Resources for Students and Professors

Equity for Children is creating a section of learning tools for teachers and students addressing the needs of children, women and families. These resources will include syllabi, theses, and other tools. To learn more, visit: <http://www.equityforchildren.org/poverty/index.html&idcontent=145>

10th anniversary of the ILO convention 182 (panel discussion in Berlin)

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the ILO convention 182, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development organizes a panel discussion with representatives of the ILO and different social partners. The event will take place on 11 June 2009 10-12 o'clock, Marie-Schlei Saal BMZ Berlin, Stresemannstr. 94, 10963 Berlin. If you would like to attend the meeting, please send an e-mail to petra.hippmann@bmz.bund.de

"A new form of prostitution"- new show on German private TV channel: Being adult on trial

Dschungelcamp for babys? Children's Protectionist want to sue RTL, as the new show „being an adult on trial“ lends young children to teenagers. An example: little Ricardo is screaming and boxing- the camera focusses on him. The boy throws himself to the ground in a tantrum and cries- the cameras takes a close view of his face. The mother cannot cope with the situation, she grabs her son hard and starts screaming herself. The little sister starts crying as well. Cut: the pedagogue Katharina Saalfrank (super nanny) looks understanding and asks: "is it like this with you all the time?" This is one of thousands of scenes of these super nanny formats, where children are exposed to stressful situation in front of cameras- you can see them every day if you zap through the programmes- not only in Germany, but even more so in the USA, UK, Netherlands. Even though many have threatened to launch a lawsuit, RTL has plans to stick to the new show, which is to start on June 3rd. With the record viewing numbers reached in other states with this new show, RTL can easily finance any charges, if charges would at all follow the law suit.

Source: <http://www.sueddeutsche.de/.tt7m1/kultur/359/468920/text/>

Fundamental Human Rights and Safety on the net,

especially for children- a call and information by the European Parliament:

Source: Security and fundamental freedoms on the Internet, www.europarl.europa.eu

eCLAU Online Forum

The eCLAU Youth in Action project, which focuses on raising awareness amongst youth concerning political life of the EU, climate change and the EU Elections, materializes electronic forums once a month on different issues relating to the project. These forums are open to youth across Europe, individuals working in youth organizations, NGOs, to local authorities and other such.

The first electronic forum took place on May 18th and you can access the forum by visiting the eCLAU website: www.e-clau.net and registering as a user on the Forum. You will have the chance to participate in open dialogue with individuals across Europe in a number of different languages. The

first forum related to the EU Elections that will be taking place in June.

Feel free to access the website, send any materials or information you believe concerns the project and the overall EU and contribute with your ideas, comments, suggestions and opinions in the monthly forums, for which you will be informed through the eCLAU website.

Calls for proposals under the Safer Internet Programme.....

have been launched, which choose and provide funding to projects that aim towards the establishment of a more secure and protected internet environment for users, and especially young individuals, which also constitute the largest group of users of the internet and technologies in general. The Safer Internet Programme also materializes events each year, incl. the Safer Internet Day (each year in February in order to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology) and the Safer Internet Forum. Further, Safer Internet Centres have been set up and are working in more than 25 countries in the EU. These centres have hotlines which individuals can call so as to get advice or help on how to access the internet in the most secure and responsible way. The hotlines can be also used to report any misuse or illegal content and to raise awareness in general on the uses of the internet and other such aspects relating to internet technology. You can access the full list of centres in each of the countries by visiting the following website:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/sip/projects/centres/index_en.htm#runningprojects

The Safer Internet Programme is open to a wide range of organizations and institutions and allows for the cooperation between stakeholders in order to make the Internet more secure. Funding is most often provided to NGOs that deal with the well-being of children online, to different law enforcement bodies that deal with the exploitation of the internet and to researchers that conduct research on the use of the internet, risks and other such issues.

Source: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/sip/index_en.htm

Post-Graduate Diploma in Child Rights Law (PGDCRL) offered by NLSIU (Distance Mode).

PGDCRL is a pioneering course that aims at creating a community of learners on the issue of child rights law, sharing knowledge and critical understanding of child rights discourse and its implications in the Indian context and providing an understanding of the policy and legal framework on children and its application in direct work with children. The course (PGDCRL) draws extensively from the experiential insights gained by Centre for Child and the Law (CCL) through field work, research and training on issues related to children. The course is open to graduates from any academic discipline with degree from a recognized University and targets NGO professionals, academics, staff of government bodies, functionaries and others presently working with children or interested in child rights issues. **Admissions are open till June 30th 2009.**

Source: e-mail message by Neetu Sharma- Coordinator - PG Diploma in Child Rights Law (PGDCRL), Centre for Child and the Law (CCL), National Law School of India University (NLSIU), www.nls.ac.in/ccl

Children as Experts in their Own Lives Symposium

The Organizing Committee for the 2nd International Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI 2009) and the *Children as Experts in their Own Lives* Symposium have extended the deadline to submit abstracts until Friday, June 5, 2009.

To learn more, visit: <http://www.equityforchildren.org/home/index.html?idcontent=121>

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

Equity for Children's quarterly e-newsletter

We have incl. above information sent to us through the newsletter of "equity for children". The quarterly e-newsletter highlights the role of new media and technology as tools of empowerment as well as for participatory arts-based research, by showcasing student projects that target child rights at

the New School's Graduate Program in International Affairs (GPIA). The initiators are currently focusing their efforts on consolidating resources to assist teachers, professors, practitioners and students working to address the rights of children, families and various dimensions of poverty. Equity for Children is a web initiative based out of the Graduate Program in International Affairs (GPIA), at the NewSchool in New York City. Students, professors, academics and practitioners are invited to exchange information and disseminate knowledge on child poverty, rights, social and minority disparities, monitoring and evaluation, health, and art & culture projects. You can subscribe and receive this newsletter in the future, by sending an email to equityforchildren@newschool.edu with "SUBSCRIBE NEWSLETTER" in the subject line.

CALL FOR MATERIALS

The website - www.equityforchildren.org - seeks to be a repository for academic work on children's issues. Please share with them your reports, presentations, white papers, working papers, journal articles, videos and more, so that they can disseminate new research and ideas on their website. If you have information that should be shared with the greater EFC community, please e-mail it to: equityforchildren@newschool.edu with "MATERIALS" as the subject.

The Importance of Choice and Definition for Measurement of Child Poverty: The Case of Vietnam, published on-line, January 2009.

Authors: Roelen Keetie, Gassmann Franzisca and de Neubourg Chris

This paper discusses existing child poverty approaches and present develop such approaches. The authors apply it to the case of Vietnam, using household survey data. The paper develops a Vietnam-specific child poverty approach. To learn more, visit:

<http://www.equityforchildren.org/home/index.html&idcontent=149>

March 20, 2009, UNICEF and ODI Seminar, London: Reports and Results

The results and reports from the G-20 seminar in London on March 20, 2009 are now available online: <http://www.equityforchildren.org/home/index.html&idcontent=141>

France. Report: The ethics of the security forces when minors are present (early May)

Juvenile delinquency is currently object of criminal policies which are becoming more and more repressive according to the research carried out by the National French Commission on the Ethics of Security. The report highlights the importance of the security forces considering minors who are offenders or not, as a vulnerable being because their involvement in a police intervention may have serious repercussions on their development.

In spite of the existence of texts on the protection of minors, according to this study it still often occurs that young people still suffer moral or physical damage in confrontations with security forces. This report is aimed at professionals attending to minors and always uses as a reference the minor's best interest.

Source: Newsletter IJJO No. 57 / 2009

Papers, presentations and materials on the conference „Children and the European Union: Legal, Political and Research Perspectives“

held at the University of Liverpool on April 22 can be found on the following website:

<http://www.liv.ac.uk/law/cscfl/children/index.htm>

New child wellbeing league table:

Child Poverty Action Group (UK) has published on 21 April a briefing drawn from a new league table of child wellbeing in European countries. This briefing draws on the results of a new league table of child wellbeing in 29 European countries produced by researchers from the University of York. It includes 43 separate indicators, summarised in seven domains of child wellbeing. The Netherlands comes top of the table, followed by Norway and Sweden.

Find the full CPAG briefing here: <http://www.cpag.org.uk/info/ChildWellbeingandChildPoverty.pdf>

New Publication: "Transformar las víctimas en actores" (transform the victims to actors)

This leaflet, published by Enda with UNICEF, depicts the results of an investigation on activities of the working children and young people in Africa. It also shows the activities which were undertaken by the WCY in their struggle against the trafficking of children in West Africa from June –Oct.2007. You can read the leaflet following this link: http://eja.enda.sn/doc%20pdf/jeuda_119.pdf
source: e-mail newsletter by : capexcom@enda.sn; Site Web : <http://eja.enda.sn/>

CoE Publications

Legal instruments for combating racism on the Internet (21/ 04/ 2009)

Various national and international legal instruments punish hate speech. However, the specific nature of the Internet calls for the adoption of new strategies to combat hate speech promoting racism and violence, which is widely and swiftly disseminated on the web. As the Internet ignores territories and has no boundaries, states cannot control it effectively by unilateral national regulation: so what is needed is increased international co-operation. Efforts to harmonise national legislation - including the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime - have come up against a series of difficulties. One of these is the fact that there is no universally accepted definition of the illegal nature of racist speech, which can be protected by the right to freedom of expression. This book describes the situation in ten Council of Europe member and observer, states and discusses the problems faced and solutions introduced by these countries and by European and international organisations and civil society. To place an order directly:

http://book.coe.int/sysmodules/RBS_page/admin/redirect.php?id=36&lang=EN&produit_aliasid=2394

Council of Europe - Activity report 2008 (23/ 04/ 2009)

The year 2008 was very busy and eventful for the Council of Europe with, among other things, Kosovo's unilateral declaration of independence in February and the conflict that erupted during the summer between Georgia and Russia, two of the Organisation's member states. It also saw the adoption of the "White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue" and the gradual incorporation of its principles into the Organisation's activities. The public information campaign "Speak out against Discrimination" was launched in partnership with the media. There were also campaigns focusing on the death penalty, violence against women, Roma and children's rights. Another significant development was the entry into force of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings. These are among the points dealt with in this report, which also covers the entire range of work carried out by the Organisation's different bodies in all its sectors of activity. To place an order directly

http://book.coe.int/sysmodules/RBS_page/admin/redirect.php?id=36&lang=EN&produit_aliasid=2400

European Convention on the Adoption of Children (revised) and explanatory report, 27.XI.2008, CETS No. 202 (16/ 03/ 2009)

The aim of the European Convention on the Adoption of Children (revised) (CETS No. 202) is to set out a collection of legal rules aimed at harmonising the adoption of children in Europe according to the core principles of the Council of Europe. The convention takes account of the social and legal developments of recent years as well as the case law of the European Court of Human Rights. It underlines that the best interests of the child must always take precedence over any other considerations. To place an order directly

http://book.coe.int/sysmodules/RBS_page/admin/redirect.php?id=36&lang=EN&produit_aliasid=2398

Funding Possibilities/ Research Opportunities

Call for proposals for the pilot project "Child Abduction Alert"

The EU has launched a new call in its Fundamental Rights and Citizenship programme open to: National law enforcement/judicial authorities; Non-governmental organisations with an agreement with the above national authorities to handle cases of child abductions; Public or private entities with an agreement with the above national authorities to disseminate the alerts. **Proposals from ALL other applicants will be REJECTED automatically.**

The deadline for submission of applications is **17 June 2009 24:00 CET**.

The specific objectives of the project are:

- a) To set up child alert mechanisms in the Member States,
- b) To increase the compatibility and coordination of child alert schemes between the Member States,
- c) To develop structures and procedures, with the aim of resolving cross-border cases of child abduction more efficiently. Find more information at the [DG JLS website](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/rights/funding_rights_en.htm):

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/rights/funding_rights_en.htm

Upcoming Dates

June 2009: Next European Forum on the Rights of the Child

June 2009: 5th session of the Seminar for Advanced Studies in Private and Public International Law

June 11-12 2009: Easier Said Than Done: 20 years of children's rights between law and practice (London, UK)

June 15 2009: Deadlines for submission of ideas for themes Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF) 2010

June 23-24: Eurochild seminar on children without parental care – Prague

June 26-27 2009: Seminar "ILO 182 and Girl Child Labour" The Hague, Netherlands

June 29-30 2009:(ICOSS) Summer School (University of Sheffield, Centre for Childhood Studies)

July 4-11, 2009: Summer School on Crime, Law and Psychology 2009 (CLP2009)

July 6-7: NGO Forum in Stockholm on Violence against children.

July 6-31, 2009: Summer School UCM: Estudios de Infancia y Adolescencia: Teoría y Práctica desde un enfoque de Derechos y Participación.

July 16-18 2009: 2nd Intl. Conference on Geographies of Children, Youth And Families: 'Diverse childhoods in international contexts: gender and other social and cultural differences' Barcelona, Spain

July 19–23, 2009: International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies Conference Florence

August 31 to October 22, 2009: International exchange seminars in Germany, Berlin

September 2-5 2009: 9th European Sociological Association Conference Lisbon, Portugal

October 22-23 2009: International interdisciplinary conference: Rehabilitation and Reintegration of War-Affected Children (RRWAC) (Brussels, Belgium)

November 4-5 2009: ISCI (International Society for Child Indicators) Conference

November 10-11 2009: ENMCR General Assembly

November 18 - 21, 2009: International Congress Architecture and Children (Ankara Turkey)

November 19: World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse

November 30 –December 2, 2009: Global Conference on Child Rights and Research 2009

www.childwatch.uio.no; info: info@crcanniversary.org

July 2- 7 2010: Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF) 2010