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c/o Internationale Akademie an der Freien Universität Berlin Habelschwerdter Allee 45 D-14195 Berlin, Germany Fon:+49-(0)30-838-52734 info@enmcr.net www.enmcr.net Dear ENMCR network members and network interested,

In the context of the International Korczak Year, we would like to draw your attention to the symposium organized by the Free University Berlin as well as to our publications which, in this issue will underline Korczaks literature, life and teachings.

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

Sincerely,

Rita Nunes (Editor)

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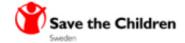
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General News Internal

Conference- Education: the Best Investment (focusing on contemporary Egypt and Britain)

A two day conference (September 18 and 19, 2012) will take place at the Institute of Education, University of London (ENMCR Member). The conference will reflect the wide range of opinion opened up by recent political changes in Egypt. It will engage those hoping to influence education development in Egypt alongside the Egyptian Ministries of Education and Higher Education, as well as UK government representatives, academic bodies leading education reform in the UK, and business and industry in both countries.

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International Symposium: JANUSZ KORCZAK- Children Rights Pioneer

Janusz Korczak (1878 - 1942), the Polish-Jewish pediatric, writer and educator, was a children's rights pioneer.

He not only verbalized and claimed children's rights but also lived and practiced them.

His work remains a challenge to the theory and practice of children's rights in an emancipatory sense.

100 years ago he founded in Warsaw the first orphanage; 70 years ago he was murdered with 200 Jewish children and his collaborators in the Nazi extinction camp Treblinka. In the context of the International Korczak Year, proclaimed by the Polish parliament, the EMCR at the Free University Berlin celebrates an international symposium on October 13, 2012.

Through the symposium the importance of Korczak for the recognition and development of children's rights, this is until today underestimated, will be appreciated. Korczak's educational practice and his theoretical writings, novels and children's books will be analysed by experts from Poland and Germany. The symposium was prepared by a

EMCR student group.
Please register until 30.09.2012
referring your workshop preference
at: info@enmcr.net
For more information, please visit:
http://www.ewipsy.fuberlin.de/einrichtungen/weitere/

news/internationales_Symposium_zu _ Korczak1 .html

EMCR new cycle

For the 6th consecutive year the Free University Berlin will start a new cycle of the EMCR.

The program was offered in previous years at FU Berlin and it proved to be a positive experience for many. This year students from India, Iran, Wales, Germany, England, Bulgaria, the Netherlands, Peru and Paraguay will join the program. Of almost 90 applicants over 20 have been successful.

This year students have different backgrounds and work experience such as Medicine, Law, Social Work, Psychology, Psychotherapy. Many of this year students completed volunteer service and worked as volunteers with disadvantaged children.

Welcome to the new EMCR students! We wish you every success with your studies.

International summer course Human Rights for Development

From 30 July to 24 August 2012, the first edition of the international summer course Human Rights for Development (HR4DEV) took place. HR4DEV builds on the successful international interdisciplinary course Children's Rights in a Globalized World (2008 and 2010).

The summer course mapped the potential and limits of human rights in development and development cooperation, with a specific focus on children's rights. Divided into two parts (a general part – two weeks on human rights and development; and a thematic part – two weeks on children's rights and globalisation), the main themes covered included a

contextualisation of human rights in the development debate, paradigms of human rights and development, critical approaches to children's rights in theory and practice, and global challenges to children's rights. The course targeted 'leaders of the future' in practice, policy and academia. Through lectures, workshops, individual papers, group work and excursions, the programme aimed at promoting knowledge, insight and skills in the field of human rights and children's rights, and at developing young leaders in policy, practice and academia. The course was designed to enable participants to pass on this knowledge and skills in their own context (according to the train-thetrainers model), on the one hand, and to stimulate critical and strategic reflection on the integration of human rights and children's rights in their professional activities, on the other hand.

A total of 56 professionals from NGOs, national human rights organisations, the government, international organisations, academics and doctoral students, as well as grass root workers and policy makers, participated in the course. HR4DEV is a joint initiative of two Flemish interuniversity partnerships: the Flemish Interuniversity Research Network on Law and Development (LAW&DEV) and the Children's Rights Knowledge Centre (KeKi), in cooperation with the Institute of Development Policy and Management (University of Antwerp). Wouter Vandenhole, holder of the UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights at the University of Antwerp, a member of ENMCR, was the local organizer. For more information, please refer to www.hr4dev.be or email hr4dev@keki.be.



Picture: Danielle Verbueken

General News External

Argentina: Proposed law to lower voting age to 16

Argentina is rethinking what it means to be a citizen, proposing radical changes that would have both foreigners and 16-year-olds vote to determine who should run the country.

President Cristina Fernandez's legislative powerbrokers say the proposed electoral laws will enhance democracy and challenge the world to treat voting as a universal human right. With approval likely in a Congress controlled by the president's allies, the laws would expand Argentina's electorate by three million voters, or roughly ten per cent, and make it among the world's most permissive countries in terms of voting rights.

Very few nations [allow] people still in their adolescence to help choose their nation's leaders. Austria, Brazil, Cuba and Nicaragua also start voting at age 16.

Child soldiers in Myanmar

Two ethnic groups in Myanmar recently became the first rebel fighters to sign a "deed commitment" with Swiss-based rights group Geneva Call, pledging to eliminate underage soldiers and protect children in armed conflict.

As signatories the Karenni National Progressive Party/Karenni Army (KNPP/KA) and the New Mon State Party/Mon National Liberation Army (NMSP/MNLA) must ensure that children aged under 18 are not recruited into or used by their armed forces.

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Chile: students as protests

139 protesters were arrested as occupiers were evicted from three different schools. At all three establishments, students refused to voluntarily leave the school premises and had to be dispersed with tear gas and pressurised water hoses early. This latest outpouring of dissent comes after talks between student leaders and Santiago Mayor Pablo Zalaquett failed to bring about an agreement, as students rejected Zalaquett's proposals.

The use of riot police to evict school occupations has been highly controversial in Chile.

More controversial still is the Public Order Control Law, or "Hinzpeter Law" named after Interior Minister Rodrigo Hinzpeter, which proposes increased punishment for

Under the law, the occupation of public property is seen as a crime and could carry a three year jail term.

Italy: Unaccompanied minors

unauthorised protests and

occupations.

The European Commission is looking into allegations Italy is abusing the rights of asylum seekers by sending unaccompanied minors back to Greece. According to a joint-report by the Greek Refugee Council and the German-based Pro Asyl, Italy is returning undocumented migrants and asylum seekers to Greece without any proper checks.

Cyprus: Compasito

A manual on human rights education for children is now on offer to primary school teachers who may incorporate it in the following academic year's curriculum, following an initiative from the Hope for Children Foundation and the NGO support centre.

Compasito is published in the context

of the Council of Europe's youth programme on human rights education.

In Cyprus, the manual was translated to Greek with the support of child commissioner Leda Koursoumba and the education ministry.

Innovative for Children Website

With a view to merging inspiration with technical expertise, UNICEF announced today the launch of its Innovate for Children website.

The site draws attention to health and education challenges faced by children in developing countries – and the potential for innovative product design and inventive use of technology to find solutions.

Visit the website at: http://www.unicefinnovation.org/

European Toy Safety campaign

As part of the on-going European Toy Safety campaign, the European Commission is launching a new video informing consumers how to both buy safe toys and use them safely. The video features CE-E, a singing robot, to introduce children to the idea of toy safety. The video also provides parents with access to toy safety tips on the dedicated campaign website. Video available online:

http://ec.europa.eu/avservices/video/player.cfm?ref=I74133

Appeal from Youth Without Borders, Germany

This appeal is part of the campaign SOS for Human Rights from the refugees initiative "Jugendliche ohne Grenzen" (youth without borders) as well as GRIPS Theater Berlin, Flüchtlingsrat Berlin (refugee council Berlin), Flüchtlingsrat Brandenburg (refugee council Brandenburg), Borderline Europe, PRO ASYL, GEW und WeGe ins Leben e.V. Appeal to EU politicians - in the villages, the cities, the regions and the countries of the European Union and the EU Parliament Support the appeal of Jugendliche ohne Grenzen. Further information: http://www.sos-for-humanrights.eu/images/stories/appell sos e nglisch.pdf

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Funding / Prizes / Research Opportunities

Manuscript submissions for the International Childhood Journal

The World Forum was therefore conceived and has been organized every year for 22 years to provide a non-governmental Global Leadership Summit for Child Welfare, a gathering of equals from every continent including leaders of smaller child welfare NGO's and other, often larger and more established child welfare NGO's.

The forum aimed at building peer relationships, by sharing ideas, challenges, issues, solutions, techniques and approaches, to build organizational capacity and individual leadership skills and better serve the needs of children and their families. Each year the WorldForum brings delegates from all around the world together. The broad theme of WorldForum 2012 is "Family, children and education at the core of the new challenges of social development: global scenarios, migration and active citizenship".

The 23rd edition of the International Forum for Child Welfare is open to organisations, networks and research institutes, as well as institutions and individual people operating in the field of child protection and promotion of child rights and migration to participate in the Expert Group of the Forum.

Your organisation, network, research institute, institution can present scientific contributions and good practices inherent to your expertise and daily work by submitting abstract proposals for oral presentation (to be selected as potential workshop leaders) and World Forum digital publication (open to all pertinent contributions).

The WorldForum encourage papers and conference contributions:

- From practitioners and academics in a range of disciplines including economics, social sciences, political sciences, law, pedagogy, psychology, health, mental health, education, social services, youth justice, social policy, children's rights, international cooperation voluntary sector and others as appropriate to the migration theme.
- From young people and students: if

young people are involved in your presentation or it would be of interest to young people, please describe it in your paper.

• Which cover the Conference themes and subthemes identified by the Programme Planning Committee and contained in the Programme, from the point of view of developing countries as well as advanced economies. Please send the full paper by September 25th, 2012 to the e-mail address

secretary.programme@worldforum20 12.org using the template you can download in this webpage (below). Size of paper 6.500 characters, including spaces is welcome.

<u>Call for submissions ahead of day of</u> general discussion: Migrant Children

The Committee on the Rights of the Child is calling for submissions ahead of the Day of General Discussion, which this year takes place on 28 September.

The theme for this year's discussion is "Children in the Context of International Migration"

The purpose of the Days of General Discussion is to foster a deeper understanding of the contents and implications of the Convention as they relate to specific articles or topics.

Representatives of Governments, United Nations human rights mechanisms, United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, nongovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions as well as individual experts and children are welcome to take part.

The overall objective of the 2012 DGD is to promote, at the international and national levels, the rights of all children in the context of international migration.

Specific objectives of the 2012 DGD

- Help identify specific child rights issues in the normative, policy and programme areas in relation to all children in international migration situations, regardless of their status (regular or irregular).
- Identify principles and examples of good policies and practices in relation to children in international migration situations.

- Address international standards protecting the rights of the child in the context of international migration and identify how these international standards take or should take into account the guiding principles in the Convention on the Rights of the Child (non-discrimination, best interests of the child, respect for the views of the child and the right to life, survival and development).
- Provide further substantive information for facilitating the Committee's dialogue with and recommendations to States parties on issues relating to the rights of children in international migration situations.
- Raise awareness and promote exchange of information and collaboration among actors/stakeholders dealing with the rights of children in the context of international migration.

The deadline for making a written submission is September 10, 2012. Submissions should be sent to the CRC Secretariat at crc@ohchr.org.

<u>Call for proposals: Institute for Global</u> <u>Education Diplomacy</u>

The Association for Childhood **Education International invites** proposals for the Institute for Global Education Diplomacy to be presented between April 17 and 20, 2013, in Washington, D.C., on the Georgetown University campus. The Institute seeks presentations on Research, Policy, Practice, and Initiatives that may, for example, involve multi-disciplinary cooperation and partnerships, value sustainability, consider cultural relevance and sensitivities, highlight good practice, explore unique strategies, and address local and global education challenges.

Proposal Submission Deadline: 30 October 2012

Further information under:

www.acei.org.

If you would like to submit online please send an email to: institute@acei.org. In the subject line of the email refer to: 2013 Institute Proposal

Publications

How to Love a Child

In How to Love a Child, Korczak gives his best description of his pedagogical practices at his orphanage in Warsaw, including his famous Children's Court, a system of peer review of infractions by children and staff that included ways for the offender to repair damage to the community.

He also discusses his equally famous Summer Camps, which enabled inner-city children to experience the wonder of nature in a cooperative setting.

Blumkas Diary

Blumka wrote these words in her diary, and if she run out of words, she made a drawing, at least until the day when the war broke out...

From the Blumkas Diary the reader learns not only about life in an orphanage, but also about Janusz Korczak "cheerful teaching". Furthermore one learns how to love a

Iwona Chmielewska guide us through this world on her toes, always careful not to jar it all, what's behind the tiny gestures of everyday life. In pictures and

words she makes use of facts with fiction to give a face to those children whose tragic fate is only remembered by an inscription graved in a block of granite.

ISBN: 978-3981130065

Janusz Korczak - His Legacy and its Relevance for Children's Rights Today

This paper written by Gabriel Eichsteller by aims to give English-speaking readers working in the children's rights sector an insight into Janusz Korczak's extraordinary life for children, into how his pedagogic thoughts and principles relate to newer ideas within the sociology of childhood and children's participation, and into his compelling children's rights advocacy and practice. His innovative ideas, preserved for future generations in his written work

for children and adults, are still inspiring, prompting us to reflect on our own passion for children's rights and are helpful guides for our own practice.

DOI: 10.1163/157181808X334038 In: International Journal of Children's Rights 17 (2009) 377–391

<u>Janusz Korczak and the problem(s)</u> of childhood

This paper authored by Flanagan is a first step in a process of making Korczak's life and work accessible to a wider audience.

It outlines the main strands of Korczak's character and life's work and links these to some of the issues regarding children's rights which are still problematic in a contemporary context.

DOI: 10.1080/0332331020210107

The Child's Right to Respect: Janusz Korczak's legacy - Lectures on today's challenges for children

Korczak's message was about respect for children, respect for their inherent value as human beings but also for their capacity and competence.

Though continuously practicing as a medical doctor and assisting in orphanages, he was also a writer. His essay *The Child's Right to Respect* in which he analyses the role of adults and the place of children in society is published in this volume.

This book conveys the deeper meaning and importance of the rights of children.

ISBN: 978-92-871-6675-3

King of Children: A Biography of Janusz Korczak

This was the first English biography of Janusz Korczak, a Polish-Jewish doctor, writer and educator. Korczak was one of the first advocates of children's rights. He pioneered progressive orphanages, founded a children's newspaper and testified for children

in juvenile courts.

For this work Betty Jean Lifton has drawn on Korczak's writings and on interviews with orphans he raised and trained.

ISBN: 978-0374181246

<u>Janusz Korczak - Themen seines</u> <u>Lebens. Eine Werkbiographie</u>

Prof. Beiner zeichnet nach, in welchen Lebensabschnitten und unter welchen Eindrücken Korczak seine Themen entwickelte. In der Entfaltung der Lebensthemen Korczaks entstand so eine Werk-Biografie, die einen einzigartigen Verständnisschlüssel für das Werk Janusz Korczaks darstellt. Sie reicht von den Erinnerungen Korczaks an seine Kinder- und Jugendzeit bis zum Tagebuch aus dem Warschauer Ghetto, das Korczak am 4. August 1942 abbrechen musste, weil die Nazi-Schergen ihn und seine Kinder in die Todeswaggons nach Treblinka trieben. ISBN: 978-3-579-06561-8

Die Menschenrechte des Kindes

Bei *Die Menschenrechte des Kindes* von Waltraut Kerber-Ganse handelt es sich um ein bemerkens- und lesenswertes Buch, in dem sich die Autorin eine bisher noch nicht vorgenommene Perspektivenverschränkung zum Ziel

gesetzt hat: Zum einen wird die UN-

Kinderrechtskonvention präsentiert, zum anderen die Pädagogik von Janusz Korczak vorgestellt.
Schließlich unternimmt die Autorin den Versuch, beide Konzepte miteinander zu verbinden.
Zu beiden Themenbereichen existiert zwar Literatur, die hier angepeilte Perspektivenverschränkung ist jedoch ein neuer und bisher einzigartiger Versuch, der bereits vorneweg sehr positiv hervorzuheben

ISBN: 978-3-86649-259-2

Upcoming Dates



5th World Congress on Children's and Adolescents' Rights. From October 15 to 19, 2012. San Juan de Puerto Rico, Argentina



1st International Early Childhood Intervention Conference and EURYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2012. September 13 and 14, 2012, University of Minho, Braga, Portugal.

SEPTEMBER 2012

01/09 to 07/09: Sixth World Urban Forum - Theme: The Urban Future, Naples, Italy

03/09 to 14/09: Child-to-Child and Disaster Risk Reduction International Training Course,

Malawi Institute of Management (MIM), Lilongwe, Malawi

4/09 to 07/09: 12th International EUSARF Conference, Glasgow, Scotland.

05/09: Global Conversations: An International Gathering of Children and Young People, Preston, UK

05/09 to 07/09: Children, Young People and Adults: Extending the Conversation, University of Central Lancashire, UK.

06/09: Demokratie macht Stadt jung -Mitbestimmung von jungen Menschen in der Stadtentwicklung, Berlin, Germany

13/09 to 14/09: Twenty-first Century Childhood and Youth: Interdisciplinary Debates and Challenges. Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, UK.

13/09 to 14/09: 1st International Early Childhood Intervention Conference and Euryland Annual Conference 2012, Universidade do Minho, Portugal.

18/09: Nature Kindergartens - Making a Start, Edinburgh, Scotland

20/09: Children have rights, Potsdam, Germany

24/09 to 29/09: Gender Normativity and its Effects on Childhood and Adolescence, Luxembourg

25/09: SPEAK UP! Giving a voice to European children in vulnerable situations, Brussels, Belgium

26/09 to 29/09: Child in the City 2012, Zagreb, Croatia

26/09 to 29/09: Families in a Changing Europe: Challenges, Conflict and Intervention, Lillehammer, Norway

27/09 to 28/09: International conference: Men in Early Childhood Education and Care: Strategies, experiences and perspectives, Berlin, Germany.

27/09 to 29/09: European Sociology: New Challenges and Opportunities, Oradea, Romania 28/09: Children's, human rights and migration: tensions and potential, University of

Antwerp, Belgium

30/09 to 02/10: Law, Genital Autonomy and Children's Rights, Helsinki, Finland

OCTOBER 2012

01/10 to 05/10: Child labour: Training course on Achieving education for all and eliminating child labour, Turin, Italy

08/10 to 19/10: Child-to-Child and Disaster Risk Reduction: What Children Can Do to Keep Themselves and Others Safe, Kisumu, Kenya.

10/10 to 12/10: Think Parents! - European conference on parenting support, The Hague, Netherlands.

10/10 to 12/10: Juvenile Delinquency-Child Friendly Justice Structures and Processes for the Prevention and Rehabilitation, Nicosia, Cyprus.

13/10: International Symposium: JANUSZ KORCZAK- Children Rights Pioneer, Berlin, Germany

14/10 to 17/10: Social Work: Towards inclusion, social justice and human rights, White River, South Africa.

15/10 to 19/10: Child participation in child safeguarding, Delhi, India

15/10 to 19/10: 5th World Congress on Children's and Adolescents' Rights, San Juan, Argentine.

21/10 to 24/10: IFCO regional training Conference, Sofia, Bulgaria

24/10 to 26/10: Promoting the rights of children in alternative care across Europe, Sofia, Bulgaria

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Upcoming Dates & ENMCR

DEAR NETWORK MEMBERS,

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

NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER:

· Children have rights

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

NOVEMBER 2012

05/11 to 07/11: Criminality or Social Exclusion? Justice for Children in a Divided World, London, UK.

09/11: Eradicating Child Maltreatment Interventions with Children and Families - Policy and Practice, London, UK.

16/11 to 17/11: Honoring the Child, Honoring Equity: 12 Troubling truths - bridging divides for equity, Victoria, Australia

26/11 to 30/11: IUAES 2012 Inter-congress – Children and Youth in a Changing World, Bhubaneswar, India.

27/11 to 29/11: Policy Round Table on Early Childhood Education and Care, Leiden, Netherlands

DECEMBER 2012

06/12 to 10/12: Third International Conference on Human Rights Education: Promoting Change in Times of Transition and Crisis, Poland.

12/12 to 14/12: Child and Teen Consumption 2012: "Food Consumption, Communication, Life Styles and Fashion". 5th International Conference on Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Child and Teen Consumption. IULM University, Milan, Italy.

17/12 to 18/12: Knowing and Not Knowing: Thinking psychosocially about learning and resistance to learning, London, UK.

How to join ENMCR

It is possible to join ENMCR as a member at any time.

The European Network of Masters in Children's Rights was established with the support of Save the Children Sweden (SCS). SCS has also been actively supporting and fostering the Latin American Network of Masters in Children's Rights, which currently comprises nine universities in eight Latin American countries.

Why is it worthwhile joining our network?

We have been cooperating as a network for more than six years and have longstanding experience of loosely cooperating - you will work with children's rights experts from all over Europe (and Latin America). You will get an insight into children's rights from a variety of perspectives and will be able to build on longstanding experience of the members. We offer a joint European Master in Children's Rights at leading universities in Europe - you will have access to knowledge on how to build up and offer a joint European Master study programme and will have access to training. We organize conferences and workshops on children's rights themes in Europe and in the world; you will have the chance to meet other children's rights experts, activists, share ideas and thoughts and gain new perspectives. You will receive copies of all materials published in the frame of ENMCR, such as the monthly electronic newsletter Children's Rights news (CRnews), reports from projects, materials from conferences and workshops, etc.

To become a member of ENMCR, simply send us a letter of intent, in which you should name what you believe you or your institution can contribute to and gain from our network. In addition, please include an outline of your child rights related programme and/or courses. It is important that you name a contact person at your institution for correspondence purposes.

Please send the letter to:

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