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MASTER OF ADVANCES STUDIES IN CHILDREN'S RIGHTS (MCR)

Application Deadline:
06/01/2013

For further information
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CALLS FOR ABSTRACTS: PROTECTING CHILDREN IN A CHANGING WORLD

Application Deadline
18/01/2013

Further information:
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Dear ENMCR network members and network interested,

This year was full of successes for the ENMCR members. Several members have been awarded with an European grant for the CREAN project, the network is also part of an expert group within Eurochild and the European Parliament has awarded a ENMCR member for scientific field research.

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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General News Internal

ENMCR General Assembly

Seventeen members of the ENMCR network were present at the ENMCR General Assembly which took place on December 5th, 2013 at the Freie Universität Berlin in Berlin, Germany. During the ENMCR General Assembly the following core issues were presented and discussed:

- Report of activities 2012
- Alumni Network
- Membership applications
- Project start of CREAN and strategic repercussions for the ENMCR

This year the ENMCR has been awarded with EU funding for the CREAN Project, has received a grant from the European Parliament for scientific field research and has an expert participating at the Eurochild expert group on participatory methods for inclusion of children who are vulnerable and/or marginalized. The ENMCR General Assembly was followed by the CREAN Kick- Off meeting in Berlin.

The next General Assembly will be held in September 2013 in Spain.

CREAN: Children's Rights Erasmus Academic Network Kick-Off Meeting

The first meeting with the Children's Rights Erasmus Academic Network (CREAN) partners took place on December 6th and 7th, 2012 in Berlin at the Freie Universität Berlin.

The Children's Rights Erasmus Academic Network (CREAN) is a network built onto the existing European Network of Masters in Children's Rights (ENMCR).

Through the involvement of 37 project partners with a high academic background from European and non-European countries, CREAN brings a broad range of multidisciplinary into children's rights.

The major aim of the project includes further enhancement of the academic field of children's rights studies as an interdisciplinary field of studies.

The CREAN Kick-Off Meeting focused on the following central topics:

- Key objectives and components of the project;
- Election of the steering committee

- Substantial elaboration on the different work packages of the project;
 - Development of the regional networks (Mediterranean and Nordic network);
 - Dissemination
- Over the next 34 months this project funded with support from the European Commission will put together:
- Two conferences with different key subjects in the area of children's rights
 - Develop interdisciplinary teaching materials through expert workshops
 - Create a highly visible body of early career researchers, inter alia by awarding a prize to such researchers
 - Exchange teachers across higher education institutions

Save the Children Sweden European Partners Meeting

The ENMCR was present at the Save the Children's Sweden European partners meeting between 12 and 14 of November 2012. In this meeting topics such as Children's Rights and Business, De-institutionalization of children, Bullying Prevention at school and Child Rights and Advocacy were presented and discussed.

The ENMCR also had the opportunity to present the network and its current projects (Tempus and CREAN).

In this meeting the ENMCR met partners from the CREDMOS project and partners from the CREAN project, which has recently started with support from the European Commission.

This meeting was important to reinforce the linkage between the network and SCS and to improve its cooperation.

The organization Child Rights Information Centre in Moldova (CRIC) focused on the topic Children Left Behind in its presentation at the partners meeting. CRIC focus its work on the situation of children being left behind when their parents migrate in search of work to sustain their families. Further about the regional programme for Europe: <http://europe.savethechildren.se/europe>.

Information about CRIC:

<http://childrights.md/>

Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (IUKB): Call for applications

The Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights (MCR) is a part-time two-year postgraduate programme in children's rights, which is jointly organised by the Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (ENMCR Member), associated with the International Institute on children's rights (IDE), both in Sion (Switzerland) and the Law School and the Institute for family research and counseling at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland).

The MCR is an interdisciplinary and international programme which attracts a diverse range of graduate students from all over the world.

The programme is designed for professionals who work with children's rights issues, these may include; lawyers, psychologists, sociologists, judges, social workers, government officials, staff from non-governmental organisations, academics and journalists.

It takes place over a two-year period and requires participants to attend seven compulsory week-long modules over the two years (4 modules during the first year and 3 during the second year). In addition to these residential modules and the completion of exercises and examinations based on the required course reading materials, students are also expected to devise an individual training programme which consists of two obligatory assignments: the submission of a report on conferences or meetings attended and the completion of a research paper (Master's thesis), and of one optional task: a segment of practical experience (2 weeks) and an internship report.

Deadline for application: January 6, 2013.

For further information on the Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights, please see the information provided on the website www.iukb.ch/mcr, or e-mail: mcr@iukb.ch.

General News External

EU Children of Peace initiative

The European Union's Nobel Peace prize money will fund four projects under the EU Children of Peace initiative and details of the projects were announced today by Jose Manuel Barroso, the President of the European Commission. Together the projects will benefit from €2 million (which includes additional EU funding).

They will reach out to over 23,000 conflict-affected children worldwide and will provide access to basic education and child-friendly spaces:

- Around 4,000 Syrian refugee children in camps at the border between Iraq and Syria;
- More than 5,000 Colombian children, most of them refugees in Ecuador;
- 11,000 Congolese children displaced in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo and refugees in Ethiopia;
- And 3,000 Pakistani children in the conflict-affected north of the country.

UNICEF will implement the project in Pakistan, Save the Children and the Norwegian Refugee Council will work with children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Ethiopia, UNHCR will deliver assistance in Colombia and Ecuador, and ACTED from France is going to work in the Domiz Refugee camp in Northern Iraq with Syrian children.

All these organisations are among the best renowned humanitarian partners of the European Commission.

The projects to be supported through the Children for Peace Initiative fall in the scope of responsibility of the EU Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response, Kristalina Georgieva.

The EU Children of Peace Initiative will not be a one-off action: new funding will be made available next year for more projects in support of children in conflict.

International Migrants Day

The United Nations' (UN) International Migrants Day is annually held on December 18 to recognize the efforts, contributions and rights of

migrants worldwide. Child migration occurs all over the world and each region has its own particular patterns and context. Thousands of children are affected.

Mobility can be empowering when it enables access to education, training, income, skills, networks and increased status but it can also carry huge risks, such as exploitation, abuse, lack of family support, problems with authorities, accidents and illness.

Girls and women make up a large portion of the migrant population and are particularly vulnerable to sexual violence and exploitation during the entire migration process.

Addressing child migration requires appropriate means of protection and support for children at all stages of the process – even before they start moving.

However, prevention and response efforts are challenged by a lack of systematic data collection.

This is especially the case with illegal and undocumented migration, which is common and includes significant numbers of unaccompanied children crossing borders.

Ukraine: Action plan to improve children's rights

Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich announced an action plan to develop child-focused policy and to boost children's rights protection. Decent and affordable healthcare plays a key role in the country's overall strategy for the protection of children, Yanukovich said, adding that the state will provide funding for treatment of kids and young people with cancer and other serious illnesses.

Yanukovich expressed concern about the high level of juvenile crime in Ukraine, saying that the authorities have found options to reduce it.

Global Alliance against Child Sexual Abuse Online

On 5 December, 2012, the EU Commissioner for Home Affairs together with US Attorney General Eric Holder launched a Global

Alliance against Child Sexual Abuse Online. The initiative aimed to unite decision-makers all around the world to better identify and assist victims and to prosecute the perpetrators. Participants at the launch included Ministers and high-level officials from 27 EU Member States, who were also joined by 21 countries outside the EU. The countries of the alliance were committing themselves to a number of policy targets and goals.

Civil aspects of international child abduction

The European Parliament approved a resolution calling on the Council of the EU to adopt the decision on the declaration of acceptance of eight countries (namely, Gabon, Andorra, the Seychelles, the Russian Federation, Albania, Singapore, Morocco and Armenia) joining the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

The European Parliament urges the Council to proceed immediately with the procedure for the adoption of the proposed decisions. The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, adopted 25 October 1980, establishes a system allowing participating states to cooperate in order to find a solution to international child abductions, by determining which courts are competent and which law is applicable when deciding where the child should reside.

New members elected: Committee on the Rights of the Child

On December 18, 2012 States met in New York to elect nine members to serve on the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child. The successful candidates will replace those whose term will expire on 28 February 2013.

The nine candidates elected to the CRC are from: Austria, Bahrain, Brazil, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Italy, Malaysia, Russia, and Slovakia.

Funding / Prizes / Research Opportunities

Calls for Abstracts: Protecting children in a changing world

Thirteenth European Regional Conference on Child Abuse. Abstract submission system is now open.

Topics to be addressed include:

- Prevention of child abuse and neglect through early and sustained involvement
- Interventions and programmes for children and families experiencing adversity
- Addressing children's rights and participation
- Reforms in child protection and welfare policy
- Children in out-of-home care
- Building an evidence base
- Contemporary issue

All abstracts will be peer reviewed by the Conference Scientific Committee. The official conference language is English. However, abstracts can also be submitted in French or Spanish. Presentation Formats:

•Interactive Poster

A display area will be provided. It is expected that the author will be present at the poster location during the specified presentation time(s) to discuss the contents with the conference participants.

•Free Paper (Oral)

The time allocated for oral presentations is 20 minutes (15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for discussion and questions). Free papers will be grouped together in a chaired session.

•Workshop

The length of a workshop is 90 minutes. A workshop is a session involving interactive learning and the dissemination of training and/or skills. Abstracts intended for workshops should indicate how interactive learning will be incorporated into the presentation.

•Symposium

A symposium is a session lasting 90 minutes that includes four or five papers that address a common theme. Each symposium has a named chair/convener, who is responsible for identifying the contributors to the symposium, ensuring they submit abstracts and that they attend the conference. The chair/convener may

also contribute a paper to the symposium. The chair/convener is required to provide an overview abstract for the symposium but individual contributors submit their own abstracts, which should have been agreed with the chair/convener beforehand. Individual authors are required to indicate clearly on their abstract the title of the symposium, in addition to the title of the individual paper. The Conference Scientific Committee will communicate with the symposium chair/convener, who is responsible for communication with the other contributors.

Abstracts should not exceed 300 words. All submissions should be in Times New Roman font size 12 and should include objectives, method, results and conclusions.

Abstract Submission Deadline:

January, 18th, 2013.

Further information:

<http://www.ispcan.org/event/Dublin2013>

Calls for Papers: Inequalities in Children's Outcomes in Developing Countries

The conference organising committee invites submissions of high-quality research papers addressing these and other questions relating to child well-being and development in developing countries. Submissions using the Young Lives data are encouraged, although consideration will also be given to papers using other developing country panel data-sets that address related issues. Potential topics of interest include:

What is the extent of inequalities in key indicators of children's human capital and well-being over the child's life-course across, gender, socio-economic status, ethnic group, rural-urban residence, and other dimensions?

How do inequalities evolve and change over the child's life-course? What are the factors that mitigate/reinforce early inequalities and explain the evolution of inequalities over time?

If you would like to submit a paper (full papers only; abstracts only will

not be considered), please e-mail younglives@younglives.org.uk. In the subject header please put:

Submission Young Lives Child Inequalities Conference. If the paper is multiple-authored, please indicate who will present and whether the presenter would be willing to act as a discussant. Submission deadline: 1 April 2013.

For up-to-date information regarding this conference, please visit the Young Lives website at

<http://www.younglives.org.uk/what-we-do/news-and-events/news-archive/Inequalities-in-Childrens-Outcomes>.

Call for Papers: Researching Children's Lives: Questions of Practice & Methods

The British Early Childhood Education Research Association (BECERA) is a new initiative established in 2010 as an independent organisation focusing on research and current practice in early childhood throughout Britain.

The BECERA conference is celebrating its 3rd anniversary. The general feeling from the last two conferences was one of community and excitement.

BECERA envisages providing a space for early years practitioners and researchers to come together and share their findings and knowledge. BECERA aims to stimulate, support, create and disseminate rigorous, grounded and conceptual knowledge and its applications to our early childhood services.

This year's theme is *Researching Children's Lives: Questions of Practice & Methods* and delegates are invited to submit an individual paper presentation or poster presentation. Papers will be clustered in two (sometimes three) and it will be allocated a time slot for presentation. All accepted papers will be included in the BECERA online database that is free to access to all registered users.

Call for papers now open, further information: www.becera.org.uk

Publications

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in Wales

This edited collection tells the story behind a ground-breaking Welsh law which reinforces the human rights of children and young people in Welsh devolved government, examining the impact of this law in selected policy areas and shows why the Welsh approach is attracting worldwide interest.

ISBN: 9780708325629

Chronic Poverty Amid Growth: Insights from Long-Term Poverty Trajectories

There has been growing interest in researching the dynamics of poverty, including poverty mobility. Looking at change over time and what caused this change can provide useful information for policymakers and those who seek to influence them. Young Lives makes use of the three rounds of survey data and of qualitative data from sub-sample children. The focus in this paper is tribal households not conforming to the general trend of upward mobility. It locates these households, analyses their characteristics, and identifies the factors that cause the downward mobility of certain households. Available online: <http://www.younglives.org.uk/files/working-papers/wp84-chronic-poverty-amid-growth>

Mobile Technology in Emergencies

The explosive growth in access to mobile phones across the developing world provides a unique opportunity for the humanitarian sector. But the full potential of mobile phones to work as transformative tools in emergency response has not yet been realised.

Mobile Technology in Emergencies draws on interviews with emergency response staff in six countries to identify three key themes that should be addressed in order to change this situation: increasing accountability, building preparedness and prioritising collaboration. In addition, the report looks in more

detail at mobile cash transfers, which have been a leading context for the use of mobiles in emergencies and have important lessons for the wider use of mobile technology.

The report makes a series of recommendations – to international non-governmental organisations, mobile network operators and governments.

Available online:

http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/images/Mobile_Technology.pdf

Challenging 12 Myths and Stereotypes about Low-Income Families and Social Security Spending

This briefing dispels common myths about families in living poverty in the UK. It's crucial that the debate about social security spending and tackling child poverty is based on the facts. This debate needs to be framed in a responsible way that ensures policymakers focus on those challenges most common to those living in poverty.

This briefing sets out some of the key facts. And it addresses common myths and misunderstandings about social security spending and poverty amongst low-income families.

Available online:

http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/images/Challenging_12_myths_and_stereotypes.pdf

Ending legalised violence against children: Prohibiting and eliminating corporal punishment in all alternative care and day care settings

Ending legalised violence against children: Global report 2012 – the seventh report following up the UN Study on Violence against Children – reviews the progress and delays in prohibiting corporal punishment of children throughout the world, with examples of regional and national developments. It shows how prohibiting corporal punishment is not only a child rights issue but is closely linked with the rights of women, the rights of persons with disabilities, and the right to health.

Available online:

<http://www.endcorporalpunishment.org/pages/pdfs/GI%20Alternative%20Care%20and%20Day%20Care%20Report%202012.pdf>

Measuring Household Welfare: Short versus long consumption modules

The literature review mainly focuses on studies from the 1990s on developing countries. Available evidence seems to indicate that short modules underestimate consumption with respect to longer ones resulting in lower levels of recorded consumption and therefore less accurate estimates and higher poverty rates.

Available online: http://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/pdf/iwp_2012_04.pdf

Committing to Child Survival: A Promise Renewed – Progress Report 2012

Committing to Child Survival: A Promise Renewed – Progress Report 2012 examines trends in child mortality since 1990, analyses the causes of preventable child death, and outlines strategies to accelerate progress. Child deaths fell from nearly 12 million in 1990 to an estimated 6.9 million in 2011, with reductions in all regions. But reducing that number further will require determined action on the part of governments and partners.

Available online:

http://www.unicef.org/videoaudio/PDFs/APR_Progress_Report_2012_final.pdf

Untapped Skills - Realising the Potential of Immigrant Students

This report reviews recent trends in international migration, describing the size of current foreign-born populations across countries and analysing factors associated to the size and nature of these populations, reviews a set of important differences and similarities across educational systems and gives a brief description of population sizes across countries. ISBN: 9789264172296

Upcoming Dates

JANUARY 2013

09/01: Children and their connection with nature: why it is important and how can it be stimulated? European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium.

26/01 to 31/01: 27th annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, California, United States.

FEBRUARY 2013

04/02: Children and Youth in Crisis: Protecting and Promoting Human Development in Times of Economic Shocks, Brussels, Belgium.

04/02 to 06/02: European Youth Foundation reloaded – it all starts with You(th), Strasbourg, France

15/02 to 17/02: Education: International Conference on Inclusive Education, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

20/02 to 21/02: Researching Children's Lives: Questions of Practice & Methods, Birmingham, UK.

21/02 to 22/02: Religion, Poverty and Politics, Bergen, Norway.

21/02 to 22/02: Researching Children's Lives: Questions of Practice & Methods, Birmingham, UK.

MARCH 2013

10/03 to 14/03: 20th Annual International Conference on Childhood Education, Oxford, UK.

17/03 to 20/03: Building Bridges - From Principle to Reality: The 6th World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights, Sydney, Australia.

21/03: A call to adventure: vision, community and curriculum for 21st Century primary schools, London, UK.

APRIL 2013

18/04 to 19/04: Building blocks for an inclusive society: empirical evidence from social policy research, Luxembourg, Luxembourg.

22/04 to 24/04: Moving Targets: Children and the Media, Geneva, Switzerland.

27/04: Children's World of Play, Cork, Ireland

MAY 2013

29/05 to 31/05: Child Indicators in a Globalized World: Implications for research, practice, and policy, ISCI Conference 2013, Seoul, Korea.

JUNE 2013

12/06 to 15/06: 24th Annual Meeting of the European Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care, Rotterdam, Netherlands

17/06 to 19/06: 21st European Social Services Conference, Dublin, Ireland.

JULY 2013

01/07 to 03/07: Early Intervention to Promote Child Development and Mental Health: From Institutional Care to Family Environment, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation

08/07 to 09/07: Inequalities in Children's Outcomes in Developing Countries, Oxford, UK.



21st European Social Services Conference

17/06/2013 to 19/12/2013

Dublin, Ireland



Child Indicators in a Globalized World: Implications for Research, Practice and Policy
May 29-31, 2013,
Seoul National University,
Korea.

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:

- ENMCR award for scientific field research

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AUGUST 2013

- 13/09: 23rd European Early Childhood Education Research Association (EECERA), Tallin, Estonia
24/08 to 29/08: International Congress of pediatrics 2013, Melbourne, Australia.

SEPTEMBER 2013

- 09/09 to 10/09: II Congreso Latinoamericano de Uni-Com: Calidad de Vida en América Latina y el Caribe, IX Conferencia Internacional de la Red Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Childwatch International Research Network, IV Jornada del Programa de Investigación en Calidad de Vida, Argentina.
15/09 to 18/09: 13th ISPCAN European Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Dublin, Ireland
28/09: 2013 Conference on Child Rights & Sight, Connecticut, USA

OCTOBER 2013

- 10/10 to 12/10: European Academy of Childhood Disability Annual Meeting, Newcastle, 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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