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## Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

We hope you all enjoyed some peaceful Easter Holidays and were able to gather energy and strength to continue your work for the realization of children's rights across the globe. Members of the Network have been busy preparing several grant applications to become active in research, campaigning and to extend the scope of Masters programmes on Children's Rights also beyond the borders of the European Union and the European continent. 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](mailto:info@enmcr.net)  
Looking forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Budde (Editor)

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### **General Assembly ENMCR**

**Date: 10-11 November 2009; Location: Berlin, Germany**

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are planning to hold our annual General Assembly in the month of November in Berlin. It is foreseen to elect a new coordinating institution and so far 1 member has voiced her interest to present her candidature. Please let us know whether you would like to present your candidature or if you would like to suggest another member as coordinator by sending us a letter (via e-mail is perfectly fine) naming your or the preferred institution and a short explanation for your proposal. This should include issues such as: motivation, capacities to perform as coordinator and other arguments in support of the candidature.

Please submit your proposals by July 15, 2009 to: [info@enmcr.net](mailto:info@enmcr.net) or via regular snail mail to the address above. Thank you!

### **International interdisciplinary conference: Rehabilitation and Reintegration of War-Affected Children (RRWAC) Call for papers**

**Date: 22-23 October 2009; Location: Brussels - Belgium**

Two perspectives are central to the conference: the more individual oriented psychosocial support to war-affected children and the more society oriented transitional justice perspective. Children's rights offer the overarching framework. Key questions are how to bridge the gaps between different perspectives (rights, transitional justice, care and aid), and different phases (emergency relief, development aid) regarding the needs of war-affected children. Geographically, the focus will be on the Great Lakes region in Africa and on South America.

This is an excellent opportunity to discuss experiences, challenges and achievements with people and organizations interested in working with war-affected children from different perspectives and in different countries, including service providers, researchers, policy makers, community workers, teachers,...

### **Call for Papers**

Three time slots have been dedicated to paper presentations. Papers are welcomed on all issues related to the overall theme of the conference. Priority themes are:

- Case-studies, in particular on the Great Lakes Region (Africa) and on South-America
- Appropriate methods of rehabilitation, including culture and tradition based therapy,

ecological approaches

- Interaction and integration of emergency relief and development cooperation, including critical perspectives, operational perspectives, case studies, peace and human rights education

**The call for papers closes on 30 April 2009.** Abstracts for papers should be uploaded online at <http://www.rrwac.be/main.aspx?c=.RRWAC&n=73254>.

Subject to acceptance after editorial and peer review, papers will be included in a book publication. Therefore, all contributors to this conference are requested to upload their final paper in a written format by **15 August 2009** to the conference organising committee.

Please visit the website ([www.rrwac.be](http://www.rrwac.be)) to learn more about the conference theme, the programme, registration, travel instructions and accommodation.

Organising Committee:

- Ilse Derluyn, Department of Orthopedagogics, Ghent University & Centre for Children in Vulnerable Situations
- Stephan Parmentier, Leuven Institute of Criminology, Faculty of Law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- Wouter Vandenhoele, UNICEF Chair in Children's rights, Faculty of Law, University of Antwerp
- Cindy Mels, Department of Orthopedagogics, Ghent University & Centre for Children in Vulnerable Situations
- Julie Ryngaert, Faculty of Law, University of Antwerp
- Sofie Vindevogel, Department of Orthopedagogics, Ghent University & Centre for Children in Vulnerable Situations

### **Reminder: Call for applications for the European Master in Childhood Studies and Children's Rights at the Freie Universität Berlin**

For the third time, the Freie Universität Berlin is offering the 1 year, 60 ECTS Master study programme which is mainly directed to professionals working with and/or for children and young people and to those who would like to start working in the field. Applications can be submitted until April 30<sup>th</sup>, to commence studying in early October 2009.

In the course, skills and knowledge to work in childhood and children's rights relevant institutions and organisations are imparted by highly qualified teachers. The course has been taken by a variety of students so far, ranging from disciplines such as: Social Workers, Politicians to Lawyers and economists. The EMCR is organised mainly in weekend blocks in order to enable professionals to work alongside studying. However, we recommend not to work more than half time, as the programme is quite intense. The programme is offered mainly in English, yet materials and readings in German are also discussed, therefore a minimum knowledge of German is required.

Please visit: [www.fu-berlin.de/emcr](http://www.fu-berlin.de/emcr) for further, more detailed information, application forms etc.

You may also contact Rebecca Budde or Daphne Gross directly at: [enmcrd@zedat.fu-berlin.de](mailto:enmcrd@zedat.fu-berlin.de)

### **Eurochild news:**

#### **Eurochild is disappointed about European Summit**

Eurochild is disappointed in the outcome of the European Summit held in Brussels on 19/20 March. The final 'Presidency Conclusions' focus entirely on financial and economic aspects. There is one short paragraph referring to the importance of social security systems, which also states that "particular attention should be given to the most vulnerable and to new risks of exclusion".

Concrete resolutions or other social aspects are missing. The fight against poverty or the role of the social pillar in the post-Lisbon era is not mentioned at all.

**Are you contributing to the debate on the economic recovery package in your country? What are your key messages?** Please do keep us (Eurochild) informed about the impact of the financial crisis on children & young people in your region & any work you are doing in this arena. ([info@eurochild.org](mailto:info@eurochild.org))

## General News External

### **Next European Forum on the Rights of the Child in June 2009**

The European Forum on the Rights of the Child is a permanent group for the promotion of children's rights, in internal and external action, and should meet in plenary at least twice a year. The role of the Forum is to advise and assist the Commission and other European Institutions, in particular as regards mainstreaming of children's rights, and exchange information and good practice. The Forum aims to be a place allowing for children's opinions to be heard and taken into account.

Members of the Forum are Member States representatives, Ombudspersons for children, representatives of the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Council of Europe, UNICEF and NGOs.

The **next European Forum on the Rights of the Child** is foreseen to take place in **June 2009**.

**"Child labour"** will be the theme of the forum. Five seats are available for civil society experts. If you are interested to participate send an e-mail to [mafalda.leal@eurochild.org](mailto:mafalda.leal@eurochild.org)

Find more information about the European Forum on the Rights of the Child at the website of the *DG Freedom, Security and Justice*.

### **EU Commission plans to crack down on modern slavery and child sexual abuse**

On 25 March, the European Commission adopted two proposals for new rules to step up the fight against trafficking in human beings and child sexual abuse, sexual exploitation and child pornography. These new proposals replace existing legislation which has been in place since respectively 2002 and 2004. The new proposals will guarantee full alignment with the highest European standards, provide better assistance for victims and tougher action against criminals responsible for child sexual abuse and trafficking. The proposals also deal with the rapidly changing technologies in the cyberspace.

Find here the publication by the European Commission (all EU languages):

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/09/472&type=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

### **European Parliament calls for support to children left behind by migrant parents**

The European Parliament adopted on 12 March a resolution which aim is to give support to the children left in their country of origin by parents working abroad. The resolution calls the Commission to undertake a study on the extent of the phenomenon, to involve the social partners and NGOs in actions aiming to improve the situation of migrants' children, and to propose the adequate application of the already existing means to all interested parties. The resolution also calls the Member States to act in order to ensure the normal education and social development of the children.

Read more here: Terre des Hommes (Source) <http://tdh-childprotection.org/content/view/1093/1/>

European Parliament resolution: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P6-TA-2009-0132+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN> , Publication:

The Effects of Migration: The Children Left Behind (2009): [http://tdh-childprotection.org/component/option,com\\_doclib/task,showdoc/docid,741](http://tdh-childprotection.org/component/option,com_doclib/task,showdoc/docid,741)

### **Community programme on protecting children using the Internet and other communication technologies - "Safer Internet"**

The Programme "Safer Internet" has the overall aim to promote safer use of the Internet and other communication technologies, especially by children, promote the development of a safe online environment, reduce the amount of illegal content disseminated online, tackle potentially harmful conduct online (including the psychological manipulation of children with a view to sexual abuse and 'grooming', which is the process by which an adult befriends a child with the intention of committing sexual abuse, electronic harassment and electronic files showing physical and/or psychological aggression) and ensure public awareness of online risks and precautions, as well as to develop pedagogical tools on the basis of sound practices.

To achieve this objective, the Programme will focus on practical help for the end-user, particularly children, parents, carers, teachers and educators, by encouraging multi-stakeholder partnerships.

The Programme will be implemented through four general action lines:

1. Ensuring public awareness.
2. Fighting against illegal content and harmful conduct online.
3. Promoting a safer online environment.
4. Establishing a knowledge base.

If you want to find out more about this programme and the ways to get involved check the Euroalert website.: <http://euroalert.net/en/ueprogrammes.aspx?idp=634>

### **First International Congress of Young Global Leaders for Peace:**

**Date: 14- 15 May, 2009 Location: Castellon, Spain**

organized by the *Fundación Tierra de Hombres* (Delegación Comunitat Valenciana) together with the *Fundación por la Cooperación con Benín* and *Fundación por la Justicia*.

The aim of the conference is to promote, inform and educate youth on the present situation of constant child rights violations everywhere in this world, and possible ways to change this situation. At the same time we intend to put in practice in our congress “the children’s right of participation”, taken down in the UN-CRC, as teenagers and young adults will have the opportunity to give their opinion and discuss about critical problems like child soldiers, child labour exploitation or child prostitution. It will draw together young practitioners, representatives from NGOs and academics at international level. Twelve young people with deep-rooted positive values, who already act as global leaders, will pass on their vital experience to the 200 participants, and will share how they themselves decided to change this situation of injustice. They will demonstrate how they succeed in their daily work to build a society which has more respect for the rights of children and youth.

After these presentations working groups will be formed to reflect critically on the causes of this serious violation of children’s rights and possible ways to restore these violated rights and to raise awareness in society. On the basis of the conclusions drawn during the working group activities we will formulate general recommendations which will be presented to international organisations and several NGOs which develop activities related to this topic.

The main topics of the Conference will be: Stop the Use of Child Soldiers; Child Prostitution; Child Labour Exploitation

There is no conference fee, but there is a limited number of seats. We will offer materials, copies of abstracts and available papers and coffee breaks to all the participants. Accommodation, meals and travel costs are at the expense of the participants. If you are interested in this option, please contact us at [cumbre@stopaltrafico.org](mailto:cumbre@stopaltrafico.org). For more information please visit [www.stopaltrafico.org/cumbre](http://www.stopaltrafico.org/cumbre)

**Deadline for registration: 30th April 2009**

### **Easier Said Than Done: 20 years of children’s rights between law and practice**

**Date: 11th and 12th June 2009; Location: Institute of Child Health – UCL ; 30 Guilford Street, London WC1N 1EH**

This conference marks the 20th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and seeks to: evaluate theory and practice; assess the value of the CRC on the ground; devise multi-faceted approaches to meet new challenges.

By sharing experiences among international organisations, NGOs, lawyers, policy-makers, academics, experts, practitioners, and professionals working with children, it aims to identify greater synergies between all players and reach recommendations for more responsive implementation measures.

Enquiries and registration forms should be addressed to [Troy.Rutt@sas.ac.uk](mailto:Troy.Rutt@sas.ac.uk)

Further information is available at: <http://commonwealth.sas.ac.uk/childrensrights.htm>

### **First Children’s Embassy in the World, Megjashi: Building culture for children’s participation**

The lack of mechanisms for hearing the children’s voice is the reason why their voice hasn’t been heard, as well as the reason why the children are not active participants in the making and creation of changes. The project “Building culture for children’s participation” is one important step forward to



achieve this aim.

The First Children's Embassy, Megjashi began with the realization of the project as part of the program for European instrument for democracy and human rights – (EIDHR).

With the activities foreseen with his project, the Children's Embassy will give the children opportunity to participate in the creation of the social questions from different fields that regard the rights of the child. Further Information <http://www.childrensembassy.org>.

### **CRIN Report from the Day on the Rights of the Child**

On Wednesday 11 March 2009, an all-day event called '20 Years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child: Achievements and Challenges for its full Realisation' was held during the 10th session of the Human Rights Council.

CRIN was in Geneva to report on the day.

### **Working Group on the Quality of Childhood: 'Young children and their services: developing a European approach'**

#### **Next session: Tue, 28 April; Location: European Parliament**

The subject: 'Young children and their services: developing a European approach' with Professor Peter Moss of the Thomas Coram Research Unit, Institute of Education, University of London and the Editor of the magazine 'Children in Europe'. The session is hosted by MEP Mrs Rovana Plumb. Professor Peter Moss can be considered as one of the key children advocates in the European Union. From 1988 until 1996 he was in the Employment and Social Affairs Directorate-General within the European Commission the Coordinator of the Childcare Network. This Network produced for use within the European Commission a report entitled 'Quality Targets for Young Children'. This report can still be considered as a landmark publication in this area. Because of certain political developments the Childcare Network was dissolved in 1996, but Peter Moss and the other Network Partners decided to carry on on their own. They succeeded in creating in 2001 an international magazine called Children in Europe in thirteen languages and fifteen countries in Europe. Peter Moss became the editor of this magazine. The countries are: Spain, UK, Italy, Germany, Belgium (French), Belgium / the Netherlands (Dutch), Poland, Denmark, France, Portugal, Sweden, Croatia and Hungary. The 14th issue was also published in Romania. In 2008 the Children in Europe Group published a Manifesto entitled 'Young children and their services: developing a European approach'.

Badge: If you will join the meeting and you need an entry badge, please inform Michiel Matthes Secretary-General; Alliance for Childhood European Network Group; Konkelstraat 214 box 7; B 1200 Brussels; Belgium; Tel: +32.2.7622557. Internet: [www.allianceforchildhood.eu](http://www.allianceforchildhood.eu) before 20 April 17.00 hours about: Your first name; Your second name; Your date of birth

### **International Congress Architecture and Children**

#### **Date: November 18 - 21, 2009; Location: Ankara Turkey**

Congress Languages: English and Turkish.

Translation (Turkish and English) will be provided throughout the congress.

The goal of ARCHILD Congress is sharing the theoretical and practical experiences about city and architectural cultural works. The congress will include oral and poster presentations of the ARCHILD working groups, in plenary format.

Further information: [http://www.archildworld.org/index.php?page=main-page&hl=en\\_US](http://www.archildworld.org/index.php?page=main-page&hl=en_US)

### **Invitation to the Centre for the Study of Childhood and Youth, University of Sheffield Interdisciplinary Centre of the Social Sciences (ICOSS) Summer School 29-30 June 2009, University**

The Centre will be holding its next Summer School event on 29-30 June at the ICOSS Building, 219 Porto-bello, Sheffield. If you are a postgraduate tutor, or you know of a PGR student who may be interested in attending this event, could you please forward this invitation to them:

We would like to invite you to attend the 2nd International Summer School which the Centre for the Study of Childhood and Youth (CSCY) is hosting at The University of Sheffield, ICOSS Building, 219

Portobello, Sheffield, on 29-30 June 2009, as part of its ongoing series of events for postgraduate research students. In addition, you are invited to present a poster around your individual area of study for the poster presentations that will be held at the end of the first day of the Summer School. For full details about the event, to view the programme, how to book your place, and submit a poster if you'd like to, please go to our website <http://www.cscy.group.shef.ac.uk/> and follow the postgraduate link. Please note that the deadline for both registration and poster submission is 28 May (if accommodation is required you will need to book before the end of April as rooms are only held provisionally until then. If booked later, room availability cannot be guaranteed). Please note that places at the summer school are limited so it is advisable to book early. We look forward to seeing you there.

Source: e-mail by Gaynor Martin E-mail: [g.l.martin@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:g.l.martin@sheffield.ac.uk)

**"Hier geblieben!" (stay here!) theatre play for people from age 12 by Reyna Bruns, Magdalena Grazewicz and Dirk Laucke (in German)**

**Date: 28 May 2009, 11 and 18h; Location: GRIPS MITTE (Podewil) directly at U2-station Klosterstraße**

GRIPS Theater is continuing to play for Refugee Protection and Children's Rights

Shortly before the EU elections, „hier geblieben“ will be shown once again in Berlin. Afterwards the performers and initiators will discuss about the situation of refugees with human rights organisations. The play was written by three young authors who tell the authentic story of the school pupil Tanja Ristic. The girl was taken from her classroom in school to her parents who were in deportation detention. Thanks to the efforts and activities of her classmates her and her mother are allowed to remain in Germany until now. The class was awarded the Mete-Eksi-Prize for their activities and her teachers the Carl-von-Ossietzky-Medal. Tanja's story is exemplary for still more than 140.000 so called "tolerated" refugees in Germany. The play has been performed more than 230 times all over Germany and has attracted attention to the refugees' situation.

Tickets are available at: +49-(0)30 / 39747477 (GRIPS Theater)

[http://www.grips-theater.de/spielplan/spielplan\\_2009\\_03.php?SID](http://www.grips-theater.de/spielplan/spielplan_2009_03.php?SID)

The campaign „stay here“ continues its work also with a call to sign a petition at:

<http://www.stimmen09.de>

**WWSF World campaign for making prevention of abuse and violence against children a global priority.**

WWSF is happy to share with you that 933 organizations from 135 countries joined the international coalition marking **the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse** last year, organizing activities and events on **19 November** or supporting the Day in general.

Launched in 2000, the World Day has as its main purpose to create a global culture of prevention of child abuse worldwide. We sincerely hope that you will join the 2009 coalition and that you will invite your members and partners to do the same

Please find an introduction to the 2009 World Campaign for Prevention of Child Abuse (1 page) as well as the 2009 Registration Form (2 pages) to **be returned by 1 June** available at

<http://www.woman.ch/children/1-register.php> <<http://www.woman.ch/children/1-register.php>>.

Please tick all the corresponding boxes to be considered as a coalition member and describe your planned activities to qualify as an active member (Registration Form, p2, III).

We hope to count you among the 2009 coalition members and celebrate with you the power of partnership in creating a global culture for prioritizing prevention.

Source: e-mail by WWSF coordinator

## Publications

**'See Me Hear Me' by Gerison Lansdown, a guide to using the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to promote the rights of children.**

New publication launched by Save the Children

Described by Yanghee Lee, Chair of Committee on the Rights of the Child, as "an invaluable tool for practitioners committed to bringing an end to discrimination against children with disabilities," **See Me, Hear Me** is the first book to look at how two UN conventions can be interpreted and implemented to promote children's rights.

Copies are available on Save the Children's [online library](#) and from [Amazon](#)

**"Philosophy of Education in the Era of Globalization"**

Yvonne Relay, Gerhard Preyer eds. Series: Routledge International Studies in the Philosophy of Education \*\*Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, New York NY, USA

<http://www.routledge.com/books/Philosophy-of-Education-in-the-Era-of-Globalization-isbn9780415996068>

**Everyday fears**

Report published by UNICEF Thailand from the research **Knowing Children** carried with children in the conflict-ridden provinces of Thailand's 'deep south' to discover their perspectives on child-protection issues during armed conflict. The report has received great attention by the press and by Thailand's government officials such as the Office of the Prime Minister and the Cabinet. You can download the report from the UNICEF Thailand website. If you are interested in receiving a hard copy of the research report please contact **Knowing Children** ([www.knowingchildren.org](http://www.knowingchildren.org)) who would be happy to share it with you

**A special place for children**

A report was adopted by the European Parliament in February 2009 concerning the needs of children in the EU and the emphasis that must be placed on their basic needs both in internal and external policies. The report contained Action Plans that provide support towards this cause, while it also included alarming statistics concerning the lives and conditions of children throughout the EU.

It is a common belief that children constitute the future and with the well-being of children, the EU will highly benefit in the long-run, since this will be passed on to future generations as well. Significant issues, as child trafficking, violence, education and difficulties in the work environment and employment are addressed.

It is quite distressing that more than 300,000 children are born each year with HIV positive and that 10 million children die each year from diseases that can be prevented. The above figures and facts, and the fact that the voices of these children and even adults are not being heard, has created the need for a framework and for actions that will uplift such phenomena and provide these children with the chance at a better future and the opportunity to live the life they deserve.

The Communication from the Commission to the Council, European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, strives to establish a common framework for the EU so as to protect and promote the rights of children and ensure that the process can be applied throughout the world, while all actors and involved parties are fully committed to the cause. In order to determine the means and instruments necessary to achieve this, the EU must take into consideration the differing situations and conditions of each country.

This will be accomplished by managing all the instruments that are available so as to take into account the existing difference, as follows: 1. Children and youth in development cooperation. The EU, according to the report, needs to make use of development cooperation and actions to eliminate poverty in those countries

that do not have the instruments to do so.



2. Children and youth in trade policy. Policies developed by the EU should identify the necessity for the protection and the promotion of all human rights.
3. Children and youth in political dialogue. Being that political dialogue plays a significant role in the EU and serves as a means of communication between different institutions, organizations and authorities, importance should be placed on such dialogues so as to implement the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
4. Regional and global actions. Actions that are undertaken at a national level will be accompanied by regional and global actions to address crucial issues.
5. The empowerment of children and youth. The fact that children and youth do not play an active role in everyday society should be concentrated on, by empowering children and youth and allowing them to take a stand in issues that affect them directly and indirectly.
6. Children and youth in humanitarian aid. Humanitarian aid must address those countries that are in conflict or may be recovering from conflict since the needs of children and youth are often surpassed and not met.
7. Separated and unaccompanied children
8. Children associated with armed forces or armed groups
9. Children's education in emergencies.

All of the above must be addressed by the EU so as to ensure that the rights of children throughout are met and focused on. The report has provided with the need to address the above issues, while the EU places great emphasis on actions and initiatives in the above fields.

Source: Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – A special place for children in EU external action <http://eur-lex.europa.eu>

### **Anne Wihstutz: Verantwortung und Anerkennung (Responsibility and Respect)**

Qualitative study on the meaning/significance of work for children.

Child Labour is prohibited and yet also in Germany girls and boys are at work. In this book, children themselves voice their opinion on work. Special emphasis is put on children's work in the family and neighbourhood. The author discussed the social embeddedness and economic participation of children taking the approach of theory of respect. She demands a new and more appropriate view on children and work. The book can be ordered at: [bestellung@lit-verlag.de](mailto:bestellung@lit-verlag.de)

### **European Union Fundamental Rights Agency: Indicators are an important step towards targeted policies (Report)**

The European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) presented on 25 March a new report on 'Developing indicators for the protection, respect and promotion of the rights of the child in the European Union'. This proposes a comprehensive series of indicators to measure child rights across the EU. Indicators have been developed by the Agency in the following areas: Family Environment and Alternative Care; Protection from Exploitation and Violence; Education, Citizenship and Cultural Activities; and Adequate Standard of Living. The report can be downloaded from the FRA website [http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/products/publications\\_reports/pub-rightsofchild-summary\\_en.htm](http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/products/publications_reports/pub-rightsofchild-summary_en.htm)

### **Amici dei Bambini: Life after institutional care project - an overview on the first phase of research**

The first main findings of the on-going research project on young people leaving the care system in Italy, France, Latvia, Bulgaria and Rumania are now out. They reveal just how much work needs to be done to help young people overcome difficulties after leaving care and to promote their complete social inclusion. They show there is a lack of data and information on young people once they left public care. There are few statistics on social services delivered and their impact, resulting in heavy reliance on data available about young people still in care. Moreover, it appears clear that social policies concerning leaving care are poor. Competences in the social protection system are fragmented and there are no clear procedures for specific actions. The policies addressing care-leavers are minimal

and specific initiatives insufficient as well as resources are often insufficient. Finally, there is a lack of quality programmes in care. Understaffing and lack of resources block implementation of legal standards for preparation of young care-leavers. What emerged is the shortage of specific as well as regular training for social care givers and of specific preparation initiatives.

From this first analysis, some clear challenges are underlined: there is a need to develop a holistic approach to the problem and increase monitoring analysis; existing initiatives must be reinforced and new initiatives supported to help young people in their path towards independence; direct participation of young people needs to be increased at all levels.

Initial results were first presented in Eurochild's Annual Conference in November. Project partners met to discuss and develop these results in a second workshop of the European research group in Milan (14-16th January 2009).

Read more at [www.childout.org](http://www.childout.org)

### **CONTRE LE TRAVAIL DES ENFANTS ? ( AGAINST CHILD LABOUR ?) IN FRENCH**

New book on Working children's movements (NATs) with contributions by Cristiano Morsolin, Alejandro Cussianovich, Manfred Liebel and other experts. A summary of the book can be found on: [http://www.cetri.be/spip.php?rubrique117#texte\\_117](http://www.cetri.be/spip.php?rubrique117#texte_117)

### **SOS Kinderdorf Publication: "Respect us and protect us. Towards a culture of child protection"**

"Every child grows up in a family - loved, respected and cared for." This is how SOS Children's Villages framed its vision in its mission statement. However, as reality is sometimes rather different, their publication "SOS-Kinderdorf-FORUM " is focusing once again on effective child protection both within and outside the SOS-Kinderdorf programme. Here you can download of the ["SOS-Kinderdorf-FORUM 37/2008"](http://www.sos-kinderdorf.org/37/2008).

### **Council of Europe publications:**

#### **EDC/HRE (Volume V): Exploring Children's Rights - Nine short projects for primary level**

Author(s) : Rolf Gollob / Peter Krapf

Children should know what rights they have, but they should also learn how to appreciate and to use them. To achieve this, schools must allow for a wide range of learning experiences in children's rights education. Children understand and appreciate their rights by using them, both in school and in everyday life. To encourage children to do so, the challenge for the teacher is to create a setting that is governed by the spirit of democracy and human rights. This manual has been designed for teachers who are looking for tools to teach children's rights to students at primary schools. The features of this manual include: - Nine small projects of four lessons each, for students in their first nine years of school. - Detailed lesson instructions that can be followed by beginners or used in teacher training. - A lesson plan including the key questions and key tasks in each at the beginning of each project description. - An approach of task-based learning, focusing on problem solving and learning by example, which supports the pupils in conceptual learning, skills training and the development of values and attitudes. - Following the key principles of Education for Democratic Citizenship (EDC), methods and setting of open and co-operative learning support the message of content and principles in children's rights learning. (Learning through, about and for children's rights.) - A tool to support reflection and discussion in class. - A section on materials for teaching and further studies in children's rights. To place an order directly

[http://book.coe.int/sysmodules/RBS\\_page/admin/redirect.php?id=36&lang=EN&produit\\_aliasid=2194](http://book.coe.int/sysmodules/RBS_page/admin/redirect.php?id=36&lang=EN&produit_aliasid=2194)

## **Funding / Prizes / Research Opportunities**

**EWI Marie Curie Research Fellow in Childhood Research**

The EWI network is now seeking [expressions of interest](#) from researchers with expertise in the field of Childhood research. The incoming Marie Curie Fellow will work with the EWI Research Cluster on Children's Rights in developing research and teaching programmes.

**Call for proposals: Support to national activities aiming at the identification of good practices in combating discrimination and promoting equality**

Web Link:

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=199&furtherCalls=yes>

Priorities: The objectives of this call are to support national authorities of PROGRESS participating countries in:

- Better implementing their legislation on non discrimination adopted following Directives 2000/43/EC and 2000/78/EC;
- Developing their national policy to combat discrimination and promote equality beyond legislation;
- Fostering the dissemination of information on EU and national policy and legislation in the anti discrimination field as required by articles respectively 10 and 12 of the above-mentioned directives.
- Identifying best practices which could be transferable to other participating countries.

In the present call, the Commission wishes to support activities which tackle at least one of the following 5 grounds of discrimination: race and ethnic origin, disability, age, religion or belief and sexual orientation. **Deadline: 25/05/2009**

Additional information: [EMPL-PROGRESS-VP-2009-004@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EMPL-PROGRESS-VP-2009-004@ec.europa.eu)

## Upcoming Dates

**April 20-22 2009:** Conf. Children and the EU: Legal Research and Political Perspectives (Liverpool)

**April 22 2009:** Intl Day Conference Representations of children in news media: rights, research and policy: revisiting the Oslo Challenge; Institute of Education, London

**April 22 2009:** Deadline applications for Fundamental Rights and Citizenship programme and Daphne III Programme

**April 28 2009:** Deadline Tempus IV applications

**April 28 2009:** Working Group on the Quality of Childhood: 'Young children and their services: developing a European approach' (EP)

**April 29-30 2009:** The Modern Child and the Flexible Labour Market: Exploring early childhood education & care; Trondheim, NOSEB

**April 30, 2009:** Deadline submission applications for EMCR at Free University Berlin

**April 30, 2009:** Deadline Erasmus Mundus proposals

**May 11, 2009:** One-day conference Children's Food Practices in Families and Institutions Stirling University

**May 14- 15, 2009:** First International Congress of Young Global Leaders for Peace (Spain)

**May 25 2009:** Deadline submission of proposals: Support to national activities aiming at the identification of good practices in combating discrimination and promoting equality

**May 28, 2009,** "Hier geblieben!" (stay here!) theatre play for people from age 12 (Berlin, Germany)

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

**June 2009:** 5<sup>th</sup> 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:** 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.childwatch.uio.no); info: [info@crcanniversary.org](mailto:info@crcanniversary.org)

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