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Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

This month, we are probably all busy attending and following the uncountable events celebrating the 20th anniversary of the UN-Convention on the Rights of the Child. I wish all of you interesting conferences, workshops and discussions. Let's move forward!

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

info@enmcr.net

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Lea Fenner (Editor)

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General News Internal

International Workshop: "Conceptual Approaches in Human Rights Education for Children - Participation and Citizenship"

Organized by the German Institute for Human Rights / European Network of Masters in Children's Rights in cooperation with europe direct – Contact Centre, International Academy (INA gGmbH) at the Free University Berlin and Save the Children Sweden

11th November 2009, 09.00-13.00 h

There are different and at times controversial conceptual approaches with regards to children's rights education or human rights education for children. One of the key questions is how to conceptualize the children's status and role in society as well as in the common learning process. What has to be done in order for children to understand human rights as relevant in their daily lives and to see themselves as citizens with real access to political participation? As starting point for the discussion of these questions, the workshop will refer to the COMPASITO manual on human rights education for children aged 6 to 13 of which was initiated in 2007 by the Council of Europe, currently adapted to various European countries and translated into different languages. The workshop takes place in the context of the 20th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Right of the Child. We expect participants from Poland, Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Great Britain, The Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Malta, Serbia, Czech Republic, Romania, Moldova and Germany.

Interested? For further information please contact: info@enmcr.net

Admission of new students at the University Babes-Bolyai in Cluj-Napoca

We are all very pleased that 24 students subscribed for the admission exam and 15 students were finally admitted for budgeted places to the new course of the Children's Rights Masters programme at the the University Babes-Bolyai in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

General News External

Save the Children: Europe Seminar on the protection of unaccompanied children

Save the Children organised a seminar in Brussels entitled 'Addressing the protection gap for unaccompanied and separated children in the EU – Role of the Stockholm Programme'. The conference took place just before the EU Justice and Home Affairs Council's meeting on 21 September which put unaccompanied children on its agenda.

Save the Children, together with UNHCR, Human Rights Watch, Separated Children in Europe and UNICEF has published joint recommendations to the EU:

http://tdh-childprotection.org/component/option,com_doclib/task,showdoc/docid,859

CRIN's new service: Ask the Experts

Do you have a child rights question, but can't find the answer? Or do you think you may hold the answer people are looking for? On CRIN (Child Rights Information Network) website there is a new service which can meet your needs: ask the Experts brings people with questions together with people with answers. Anyone can be an 'expert' – as long as you can answer the question to the satisfaction of the person asking. 50 points are awarded for an accepted answer, and there is a leader board for experts who give the most and the best answers. The aim of the new section is to encourage further networking and exchanging of ideas and knowledge. There will be questions and answer sessions with leading child rights experts, but there will also be room for testing your own knowledge or asking a question.

See: <http://www.crin.org/Experts/>

Education: Questionnaire on the right to education for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers

The annual report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education to be presented to the Human Rights Council in 2010 will focus on the right to education of migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers. With the aim of hearing from all interested persons and/or organisations about their experiences, concerns and thoughts in the provision of education for migrants, refugees and/or asylum seekers, the Special Rapporteur seeks and would welcome your cooperation by responding to this questionnaire as fully as possible.

The focus of the report, and as such of the proposed questionnaire, is on persons who are living outside the territory of the country of which they are nationals or citizens, irrespective of their age. It includes migrants in regular or irregular situations, and persons who are subject to the legal protection of the status of refugee and/or those who are seeking asylum.

It is strongly encouraged that submissions be made in a UN working language due to limited capacity for translation and transmitted electronically to vernormu@yahoo.es or by post to **Vernor Muñoz, PO Box 1245 – 1007, Centro Colon, Costa Rica**

In order for the information received to be used for the report of the Special Rapporteur, submission of responses is encouraged as soon as possible and **no later than 20 January 2010**.

See: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=21215>

Launch of the Children's Rights Information Campaign in Strasbourg

Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, the Council of Europe Deputy Secretary General and Roland Ries, the Mayor of Strasbourg participated in an event marking the launch of the Council of Europe Information Campaign on Children's Rights on 9 October 2009.

The campaign is part of celebrations of the 20th Anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the 60th Anniversary of the Council of Europe.

Further information: http://www.coe.int/t/dc/av/allreleases_en.asp

FRA maps out human rights education to plan future activities

The FRA met with an expert team to discuss its preparatory study for future FRA activities on human rights education. The study will research existing human rights education initiatives in areas of the FRA's mandate and work, identify how the Agency can contribute further to these initiatives, and gather stakeholder views with regards to the Agency's future work in this area. The results of this study will form the basis for an integration of fundamental rights education activities in the Agency's programme of work where relevant and appropriate.

Work programme:

http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/about_us/activities/work_programme/wp_09_en.htm

Publications

Book: Die Menschenrechte des Kindes

Die UN-Kinderrechtskonvention und die Pädagogik von Janusz Korczak - Versuch einer Perspektivenverschränkung

von Waltraut Kerber-Ganse

Der UN-Kinderrechtskonvention sind seit ihrer Annahme in den Vereinten Nationen vor 20 Jahren 193 Staaten beigetreten. Hier lesen Sie von der Entstehung dieser Konvention, den in ihr vorgegebenen Rechten und über aktuelle Probleme der Kinderrechtspolitik, wie sie vor allem für die Soziale Arbeit und Pädagogik heute Ausschlag gebend sind. Dabei wird eine Verbindung zwischen der erstmalig menschenrechtlich begründeten Pädagogik von Janusz Korczak (1879-1942) und der Konvention hergestellt, die für eine kindgerechte Umsetzung der Konvention wichtige Impulse gibt.

2009. 265 Seiten. Kart. 29,90 € (D), 30,80 € (A), 49,90 SFr ISBN 978-3-86649-259-2

CRIN Toolkit on children's rights and non-discrimination

The toolkit wants to promote children's right to non-discrimination. It explores how discrimination affects the range of children's rights, with a particular focus on age-based discrimination.

The goals of the site are to:

- promote understanding of how discrimination affects all children's rights
- shed light on age discrimination against children
- support the removal of barriers to all children's inclusion

Website: <http://www.crin.org/Discrimination/index.asp>

FRA report on child trafficking in the EU

Download:

http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/products/publications_reports/pub_child_trafficking09_en.htm

UN Report on child pornography on the Internet

At the last session of the UN Human Rights Council, a new report on child pornography on the internet has been presented. Child pornography on the Internet constitutes a worldwide problem: the development of new technologies which greatly increase ways of accessing, disseminating and selling this criminal material has contributed to the growth of this phenomenon.

More information and download: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=20950>

Innocenti Report: Children in Immigrant Families in Eight Affluent Countries: Their family, national and international context

Download: http://www.unicef-irc.org/article.php?id_article=133

DJI IzKK-Nachrichten: 2009/01: UN-Kinderrechtskonvention. Impulse für den Kindeschutz

<http://www.dji.de/cgi-bin/projekte/output.php?projekt=965>

Newsletter Equity for Children : <http://equityforchildren.org/>

ProNATs Newsletter: <http://www.pronats.de/index.php?id=161>

Kids Haven calender 2010: <http://www.kidshaven.de/> - might be as a nice Christmas present?!

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Youth policy manual - How to develop a national youth strategy

What is youth policy, and what major elements should a national youth policy strategy include? How can young people be consulted and otherwise involved in developing youth policy? How do institutions such as the European Union, the Council of Europe and the United Nations address youth policy, and how can this work be concretely linked to the efforts of a national government to develop a youth policy agenda? These are some of the essential questions addressed in this publication.

The Youth Policy Manual should be considered a resource, a tool and a helpful guide both for policy makers in the youth field and for non-governmental organizations and other stakeholder groups who advocate for improved youth policy at the national level. This manual proposes one possible model for how a national youth policy strategy can be developed. It is based on the author's observations from the countries of South-eastern and eastern Europe, as they gain experience in addressing youth policy in a transversal and cross-sectorial manner and with the active involvement of young people.

Order: http://book.coe.int/EN/ficheouvrage.php?PAGEID=36&lang=EN&produit_aliasid=2445

Funding/Prizes/Research Opportunities

Call for Proposals for Children's Participation

The European Commission announced in October a call for proposals for projects supporting and promoting child participation under its thematic programme 'Investing in People'. It is dedicated to all regions outside of Europe. In the context of this call, the Commission is offering funding opportunities to support actions that build upon existing mechanisms and practices to create, improve and strengthen structures for child participation, as well as the outreach and the involvement of formal constituencies representing children. The grants available range from €250.000 to €1.000.000.

Deadline: 18th of November 2009

Call for Papers: "Bordering, Re-Bordering and New Possibilities in Education and Society"

XIV World Congress World Council Of Comparative Education Societies (WCCES)

June 14-18, 2010, Istanbul

The Thematic Groups of the Conference are:

- Educational Governance, Policy Within and Across Borders
- Comparative Education: Rethinking Theory and Method
- Education, Conflict and Transitions Within and Between Societies
- Demystifying Quality in Education
- Re-imagining Curriculum
- Critical Perspectives in Teacher Education and Development
- Identity, Space and Diversity in Education
- Education, Human and Social Development, and Capabilities
- New Technologies and Accessibility to Learning

Education and Children's Rights in a "Globalized" World
Education, Politics of Dominance, the Suppressed and Disappearing Languages
Privatization and Marketization in Education
Education, Migration, Citizenship and the State
Cross-Thematic Groups (Special Interest Groups / Special Workshops / Symposia / Round table)

Abstracts of proposed papers, roundtables and symposia should be sent preferably latest by January 31, 2010. Authors will be notified about acceptance **latest by March 1, 2010**.

Further information: <http://www.wcces2010.org/index.php>

Call for proposals on non-formal learning

The Directorate General Education and Culture of the European Commission has recently published - via the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency - a call for proposals under the Youth in Action Programme aimed at supporting partnership projects with regional or local public bodies (i.e. regions, municipalities, etc.) or with organisations active in the youth sector at European level, which intend to develop or reinforce their long-term actions, strategies and programmes in the field of non-formal learning and youth (Action 4.6 of the Youth in Action Programme).

Deadlines: 1st of December 2009

See: http://ec.europa.eu/youth/calls-for-proposals/call98_en.htm

Call for Materials - Equity for Children

Equity for Children seeks to be a repository for academic work on children's issues. Please share your reports, presentations, research/working papers, syllabi, theses, journal articles, photography projects, videos and more - so that we can disseminate new research and ideas on our website. If you have resources that could be shared, please e-mail them to: equityforchildren@newschool.edu with "MATERIALS" as the subject.

Upcoming Dates

- **November 4-7, 2009:** FIRST WORLD CONGRESS ON RESTORATIVE JUVENILE JUSTICE
<http://www.congresomundialjrperu2009.org>, Lima, Peru
- **November 6, 2009:** International Conference – The Right to be a Child, Tallinn, Estonia
- **November 10-11, 2009:** ENMCR General Assembly
- **November 11-13, 2009:** Eurochild Annual Conference: From policy to practice - monitoring child well-being, Cyprus
- **November 13-15, 2009:** Workshop: Mit Recht gegen Kinderarmut, Amnesty International, Würzburg, Germany
- **November 14, 2009:** FOURTH CHILD POLICY FORUM OF NEW YORK, Children's Study Center, Brooklyn College, New York'
- **November 16, 2009:** Confernece - Child Birth Registration, London
- **November 18 - 21, 2009:** International Congress Architecture and Children, Ankara, Turkey
- **November 19, 2009:** World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse
- **November 19, 2009:** 20 Jahre UN-Kinderrechtskonvention: Kinder- und Jugendrechte in der deutschen Entwicklungszusammenarbeit, Bonn, Germany
- **November 20, 2009:** L'Europe D'Enfance, Stockholm

- **November 23, 2009:** Presentation: Child Soldiers in Liberia, Amnesty International, Berlin
- **November 25, 2009:** Young people from public care: raising participation in further and higher education in Europe, Brussels
- **November 30 –December 2, 2009:** Global Conference on Child Rights and Research 2009
www.childwatch.uio.no; info: info@crcanniversary.org
- **December 2, 2009:** International Symposium: Tackling Child Labour in the EU, Brussels
- **December 10, 2009:** 6. Deutscher Kinderrechte Tag – Der Kinderrechtsansatz in der Verbandsarbeit, Duisburg, Germany
- **April 26-28, 2010:** GPIA-UNICEF International Conference - Adolescent Girls – Cornerstones of Society: Building Evidence and Policies for Inclusive Societies, New York
- **June 14-18, 2010:** World Summit on Media for Children and Youth, Karlstad, Sweden
- **July 2-7, 2010:** Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF) 2010
- **July 11-17, 2010:** XVII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Sweden
- **September 6-8, 2010:** Europe at a Crossroads, Bruges, Belgium. www.uaces.org/bruges
- **September 26-29, 2010:** XVIII ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA
- **September 30 - October 2, 2010:** International multidisciplinary conference: Children and War: Past and Present, Salzburg, Austria