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Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

In this last edition of CR news before the summer break we would like to inform you about our growing network, the state of the art of the European Master in Children's Rights, new publications and general Children's Rights news.

For comments and feedback on our newsletter, suggestions for improvement, or news you would like us to include in the next edition, please write to info@enmcr.net

Sincerely,

Rebecca Budde (Editor)



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Deadline for applications European Master in Children's Rights passed

The deadline for application to study the European Master in Children's Rights at the Free University Berlin has passed and all study places are taken. The students who will start studying this new and unique European programme come from 14 different countries and have very interesting backgrounds ranging from newly graduated BA students to professionals with longstanding experience in the child and youth sector. We are very much looking forward to an interesting and fruitful learning and will keep you updated on the progress.

ENMCR member of the NGO Action Group on the EU Child Rights Strategy Platform

ENMCR has become a member of the platform of the NGO Action group for the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child. Any members who want to be informed on the discussions and contributions on the platform directly, please visit: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/childrights_EU/ and register individually.

Curriculum Development project under TEMPUS selected for funding

We had reported that some ENMCR members have applied for funding of the development of Master study programmes in Children's Rights at 3 Serbian Universities and the state University Moldova in Chisinau under the programme TEMPUS of the European commission. "Child Rights Education Development: Moldova and Serbia- CREDMOS" The project has been selected for funding and will commence in September.

The specific objectives of the project CREDMOS are:

- to develop and establish Master study programs in Children's Rights in Serbia and Moldova, according to the Bologna Process (modularisation, application of European Credit Transfer System, introduction of Diploma Supplement)
- to meet the needs of both the governmental and NGO sector for a new profile of professionals working in areas related to children and by this,
- to support the countries' efforts towards European integration by joining an important new European academic initiative, the European Network of Masters in Children's Rights (ENMCR).

Through the activities planned within CREDMOS, the project will contribute to the qualification of an important number of professionals and experts to improve the children's rights situation in Europe

Partners:

FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN- (FUB)- Berlin (DE)

CENTAR ZA PRAVA DETETA - CPD (CHILD RIGHTS CENTRE) - Belgrade (RS)

INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION (UNIVERSITY OF LONDON) - London (GB)

MOLDOVA STATE UNIVERSITY - Chisinau (MD)

PRAVNI FAKULTET UNIVERZITETA UNION (LAW FACULTY, UNION UNIVERSITY) - Belgrade (RS)

UNIVERSITY "ALEXANDRU IOAN CUZA" OF IASI - Iasi (RO)

UNIVERSITY "BABES-BOLYAI" CLUJ-NAPOCA - Cluj-Napoca (RO)

UNIVERSITY OF NIS - Nis (RS)

UNIVERSITY OF NOVI SAD - Novi Sad (RS)

New Membership applications

Two new membership applications have reached us:

University of Barcelona, Spain - Department of Theory and History of Education, section

Social Work and Social Services

In the curricula of the Studies in Social Work the professors involved are taking care to transfer the knowledge of children's rights not only from the protective point of view but also as a participative approach. The Department is now in the process of organizing a European Master in Social Work where studies about children's rights will have an important position.

University Örebro, Sweden

Swedish Academy on the Rights of the Child

News from members and associated members

Publication:

The newest edition of the journal: **Revista Pueblos** (in Spanish) has been published, which has Childhood and Work as topic in the section miradas (views). Four articles on the subject have been published:

- **Encuentro y desencuentro de matrices culturales del Norte y del Sur**

(Alejandro Cussiánovich V) , p. 43

- **Los Movimientos de niños, niñas y adolescentes trabajadores. Una minoría activa por una vida digna** (Marta Martínez Muñoz), p. 46

- **El trabajo contra los niños** (José Manuel Martín Medem), p. 49

- **El sindicalismo de clase frente al trabajo infantil** (Jordi Ribó), p. 52

The pdf version of the text is available at our website: www.enmcr.net

General News External

Computer especially for children

The US-American Computer pioneer Alan Kay came up with the idea of a computer especially for children. His idea is now being realized: In the frame of the "One-Laptop-Per-Child-Project" Laptops are delivered to countries in the global south. They are supposed to cost approximately 100 US Dollar and are to substitute schoolbooks. In order for the laptops to function without electricity, they are equipped with a "jojo" generator: the child pulls at the cord of the computer for 1 minute, which loads the battery for 10 minutes. By this it is hoped that children from poorer areas are not excluded from using the laptops.

International meeting "Articulate knowledge: challenges for professionalizing street work"

Date: 26-30 November 2007. Location: Mexico D.F.

The meeting aims at creating spaces for exchange of practices and to engage in cooperation. More information can be found at:

<http://www.callejeros.org/encuentro-internacional>.

Contact: Jon Etxeberria (nuevosproyectos@hezizerb.net) Juan Martín Pérez (martin@elcaracol.org)

International conference: "The migration of unaccompanied minors in Europe- the contexts of origin, the migration routes and the reception systems"

Location: Poitiers (France) Date: October 10 & 11th 2007.

The migration of unaccompanied and separated children becomes a recent but consolidated manifestation that shocks our European sensibilities. However, the institutional responses remain quite ambiguous as they combine repressive policies to control the migration flows with the timid implementation of the international rules regarding children's rights. Consequently, unaccompanied minors are

subject in most European countries to a double treatment: they are entitled to care measures and services as children but removed and rejected as illegal immigrants. This conference aims to generate a forum of exchange and discussion on this issue. The main objectives will be, on the one hand, to create a dialogue between researchers and specialized practitioners in order to put forward a more coherent social and legal treatment that should make prevail the respect of children's rights over immigration rules; on the other hand, to integrate the research findings on this issue with the purpose of achieving a better understanding of the current migration trends and to develop a methodological thought in order to get a better knowledge of the contexts of origin and the different dimensions of this increasing depart of unaccompanied and separated children from numerous countries.

Deadline for registration: September 16, 2007

More information at: <http://www.mshs.univ-poitiers.fr/migrinter/> & www.oijj.org

Seminar on child labour, education and youth employment [event and call for papers]

Location: Paris, France Date: 13 to 14 December 2007

Child labour remains a pervasive threat to children's rights and an obstacle to achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Factors contributing to child labour are multiple and overlapping. Poverty plays perhaps the most important role – children are often forced to work because their survival and that of their families depend on it. Child labour may form part of a household's strategy for dealing with risk, making them less vulnerable to losses of income arising from individual or collective shocks. Access to basic services, credit availability, social safety net coverage and cultural attitudes towards schooling, inter alia, are other factors that research suggests are linked to child labour. Child labour is also closely related to youth employment outcomes, as early labour force involvement prevents the accumulation of the human capital necessary for gainful employment during early adulthood and beyond. Child labour and children's right to education are also closely linked. UCW Project and the Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne are organising a two-day seminar to present recent research on child labour and its linkages with educational and youth employment outcomes. The seminar will also aim at identifying key information gaps relating to these themes, thereby helping to guide future research efforts.

Call for papers

UCW is calling for papers relevant to the following themes for presentation at the seminar:

Determinants of child labour and education; Link between child labour and education; Impact of child labour involvement on youth employment outcomes; Labour market entry processes and school-to-work transitions.

Papers with a geographical focus on Sub-Saharan Africa are particularly encouraged. All papers should be submitted by 15 July 2007 to Ozge Nihan.Koseleci@univ-paris1.fr or gbreglia@ucw-project.org.

Papers can be in a provisional version, but must contain a clear presentation of the results obtained and a complete reference list in order to be considered by the scientific committee.

The first page of the paper should include: i) submission title, ii) author/s' name/s iii) abstract, iv) keywords, v) JEL classification, and vi) detailed contact information (name, surname, mailing address, phone and fax number, e-mail address) of the author in charge of the communication.

The paper can be written and presented either in French or in English.

Persons interested in participating (attending and/or presenting) in the seminar are invited to register as soon as possible at CES (Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne), jointly to Ozge Nihan Koseleci AND Gabriella Breglia by electronic mail: Ozge Nihan.Koseleci@univ-paris1.fr AND gbreglia@ucw-project.org

Conference "Mainstreaming Children's Rights in EU Policy"

Date: 9 October 2007, Location: Brussels

Please join the conference "Mainstreaming Children's Rights in EU Policy", a joint event with **European Children's Network** and **Eurochild**, hosted by **Inger Segelström**, MEP from Sweden. It will take place in the European Parliament in **Brussels** on **Tuesday, 9 October 2007** from **15.00 to**

18.30 (room number to be announced).

Keynote speakers will include Elda Moreno, Council of Europe, Jaap Doek, former Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Kathleen Marshall, Scottish Commissioner for Children and Young People and ENOC representative, and many more. Following the event, there will be a reception at the European Parliament at 18.30. We kindly request interested persons to inform us of their security badge needs on the registration form by **14 September**.

More information, contact: Larissa Majlessi, European Children's Network – EURONET, Avenue des Arts, 1, First Floor, 1210, Brussels, Belgium, eupeanchildrennetwork@skynet.be, www.europeanchildrensnetwork.eu, Tel: +32 (0)2 217 0186, Fax +32 (0)2 513 4903

Publications

Liz Fekete: They are Children, Too

New report catalogues appalling treatment of Europe's 'foreign' children.

The UK and the other countries of Europe are signatories to children's rights conventions and yet they are systematically robbing a whole group of children of their basic, human rights by classifying them not as children but as foreigners and asylum seekers.

In a new report from the Institute of Race Relations (IRR), 'They are Children Too', analysing 150 cases from across Europe, Liz Fekete shows how unaccompanied minors, children in families of asylum seekers and those whose parents are without the requisite papers, are being damaged by the harsh, target-driven deportation systems which now prevail across the continent. The young people may be sick, traumatised, separated from family members, about to sit exams or still breast-fed, but they are all considered unwanted illegals first and vulnerable children second. Pulling together evidence from 150 cases involving arrest, deportation, detention and destitution from a range of European NGOs and professionals, the report from the IRR's European Race Audit reminds us what governments have forgotten: that 'they are children too'.

It is an understanding that some new, popular forces in Europe already have. For, according to Liz Fekete, there are two Europes today. The bureaucratic, heartless, vicious Europe (which seizes children on their way to school, terrorises them in police raids, renders them destitute, incarcerates and deports them) is gradually being counterbalanced by a second Europe of ordinary people, 'acting in defiance of the law and with great courage, reminding governments what humanitarianism and social solidarity mean in practice'. Parents are hiding foreign children, schoolchildren are campaigning for their friends, faith organisations, doctors, social workers, teachers and child protection agencies are all calling authorities to account.

For further information, please contact Liz Fekete on +44 (0)20 7837 0041 or +44 (0)7879 687390 Institute of Race Relations, 2-6 Leeke Street, London WC1X 9HS., Web www.irr.org.uk, Email info@irr.org.uk

"Out of Sight, Out of Mind? Child Domestic Workers and Patterns of Trafficking in Cambodia"

This study was conducted in three provinces on Cambodia – Koh Kong, Kampong Som, and Siem Reap. The research aim for the project was to map the process and mechanisms of trafficking within Cambodia for two target groups, Commercially Sexually Exploited Women and Girls (CSEWGs) and child domestic workers (CDWs). The research objectives sought to understand how the 'pull' factors in different provinces lead to migration and trafficking. It also sought to understand how process of migration could constitute trafficking. Trafficking was defined using the UN's Palermo Protocol. The research looked at specific indicators of trafficking, including; recruitment, levels of deception involved in recruitment, the use of recruiters and paths of migration, levels of payment and debt, freedom of movement, age of entry into domestic work, work hours and patterns of abuse in the work location. Household owners who employed domestic workers were also interviewed on their methods of recruitment, but the research also sought to assess levels of demand for underage workers, as well as attitudes that could support trafficking related practices, including those towards punishment and

forced labour.

For orders please contact: International Organization for Migration, Publications Unit
17 route des Morillons, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland, E-mail: publications@iom.int

Infos from CRIN:

PARTICIPATION: Global Youth Assembly 2007 [event]

Date: 1 to 4 August 2007 Location: Edmonton, Canada

The Global Youth Assembly will provide young people with an opportunity to learn about hard-hitting social justice issues, cultivate their leadership potential, and create action-oriented plans that they can take back to their communities to ignite positive change.

Some themes to be covered include:

- Changing the world...what you can do
- Positive self reflection: understanding you and I
- Harnessing the power of community
- Global issues and how they relate to us

Over four days, delegates will experience a blend of inspiring keynote addresses from speakers across the globe, motivating workshops led by local and international youth, and action planning sessions that will help them map out their future involvement in their communities.

The Assembly will also expose the positive power of film, music, dance and art in the FREE evening events like the Global Visions Film Screening, an Open Mic Night, and the 'Get on the Good Foot 4 Peace' – Urban Culture and Positive Change event.

For more information, contact: Global Youth Assembly info@youthassembly.ca

Visit: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=13822>

Job Postings:

Public Relations Internship at amnesty international, German section

Amnesty International Germany is looking for an intern for fundraising/communication

Conditions: First experiences in PR work and fundraising, marketing, structured and network thinking, independent working, knowledge of usual software (office) and data bases.

Tasks: support the running fundraising activities, especially:

Creating texts for fundraising, research for images and content, answering internal and external questions, evaluation, acquisition of cooperation partners, writing of status reports.

Minimum duration: 3 months, start: September 2007

Location: Greifswalder Str. 4, 10405 Berlin, salary: 300 Euro per Month

Contact: Almuth Wenta / Gesine Gernand, Tel: 030/ 42 02 48-309, E-Mail:

almuth.wenta@amnesty.de

Volunteer opportunity:

AEGEE-Baki, local branch of European Students' Forum in Baku, Azerbaijan is looking for motivated young people desiring to volunteers in the project "Exploring Europe Together". The project will take place in 2 secondary schools (or can be universities as well) of Baku. The main tasks of the volunteer will be implementing non-formal activities in secondary schools (universities) promoting common European values such as human rights, democracy, equal opportunities and respect to other cultures as well as youth participation through different non-formal youth projects. Duration of the project is 12 months starting from January 2008.

- This project focuses on the promotion of the European values among secondary school (or university) students of Baku, Azerbaijan through different non-formal activities as well as increasing their understanding on the topics such as equality, human rights, democracy, European Citizenship;

- Involvement of the volunteer in the project activities aims to accelerate the intercultural learning among the children/youth;

- The project also addressed the issues of youth empowerment, youth capacity building and youth

participation within the already existing European Clubs at the schools #1 and #20 in Yasamal district of Baku (or certain targeted universities)

If you are interested in sending volunteer for this placement please contact:

Zaur Allahverdizade, Projects Coordinator, AEGEE-Baku, E-mail: aegeebaku@gmail.com

Funding

Action 1 - Youth for Europe: Pilot Projects on Thematic Networking

Deadline: 1 September 2007

The Youth in Action programme's general objectives are:

- to promote young people's active citizenship in general and their European citizenship in particular;
- to develop solidarity and promote tolerance among young people, in particular in order to foster social cohesion in the European Union;
- to foster mutual understanding between young people in different countries;
- to contribute to developing the quality of support systems for youth activities and the capabilities of civil society organisations in the youth field;
- to promote European cooperation in the youth field.

The action aims to support the networking of youth exchange projects, youth initiatives and democracy projects underway now or in the past under the Youth in Action programme and the Youth programme. These networks must aim to establish links between projects tackling the same theme, pool experiences in a specific thematic field, increase the links between youth exchanges, youth initiatives and youth democracy projects and valorise, disseminate and exploit the results of the projects.

For all queries, please contact: YouthTN@ec.europa.eu

More info: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/calls2007/action1/index_en.htm

Upcoming Dates

July 16th-28th, 2007: Intensive Programme: Children's European Citizenship: Information and Participation

July 20th-21st, 2007: European Conference: Children's Right to Education and Information in EU: Strategies for Prevention of Social and Digital Exclusion within the Knowledge Society

July 22nd, 2007: General Assembly ENMCR (Iasi, Romania)

July 31st, 2007: Deadline applications for funding of actions in the frame of the year of intercultural dialogue

September 21st, 2007: Day of General Discussion (UN Committee on Children's Rights)

September 30th, 2007: Deadline submission for Medius –new prize for final theses

October 9th, 2007: Conference "Mainstreaming Children's Rights in EU Policy" (Brussels)

October 10th -11th, 2007: Intl. Conference: The migration of unaccompanied minors in Europe

November 6-7, 2007: Congress on 'Phenomena in Juvenile Delinquency: new penal forms'

November 22nd-23rd, 2007: Eurochild Annual Conference

November 26th -30th, 2007: International meeting "Articulate knowledge: challenges for professionalizing street work"

December, 1st, 2007: Final Conference of project: Living democracy in Kindergarten and school

December 13th -14th, 2007: Seminar on child labour, education and youth employment