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Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

The new year has started and it seems children's rights will stay high on the political as well as academic agenda also in 2007. There have been voices in Germany to include Children's Rights in the constitution, the EU has set itself various objectives concerning children's rights for 2007 in its release from July 4, 2006 *"Towards a EU strategy on children's rights"* and ENMCR will launch its joint European Master in Children's Rights this autumn. We would like to wish all of you a very successful new year- let's get one step closer to making children's rights a reality! For comments and feedback on our newsletter, suggestions for improvement, or news you would like to have included please write to info@enmcr.net

Sincerely,

Rebecca Budde (Editor)



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General News Internal

Open Day for CEE universities: „Thanks to theory I know, thanks to practice I feel. Theory enhances the intellect, practice deepens the feeling and trains the will.“ (Janusz Korczak)

Date: March 21, 2007, 15:30h-20:30h; Location: Hotel Lord, Al. Krakowska 218, 02-219 Warszawa, Poland

The Open Day, which will take place following the international conference “Focus on Children in Migration” that ENMCR is organizing in cooperation with Save the Children's Sweden. In order to get an insight into the work and thinking of Janusz Korczak, the “father” of the UNCRC, we will gather at the hotel first to go on a documentary tour to the centre of Warsaw, walking in Korczak's footsteps. After having gotten an idea of Korczak's work we will return to the hotel where ENMCR will present the joint European Master in Children's Rights which is to be launched in autumn 07. There will be time in a plenary session for questions, discussion and networking between the participants. The day will end with an open buffet dinner at the hotel.

Registration for the Open Day:

Please indicate on your registration to the conference whether you will attend the Open Day and whether you require an extra night at the hotel for 21-22. March 2007. There are no extra fees for the Open Day. If you wish to attend the Open Day but are not planning on participating in the conference please send an e-mail to Rebecca Budde at rbudde@ina-fu.org indicating name(s) and institution/organisation as well as the number of participants.

You can download the program and registration form for the conference as well as the invitation for the Open Day from our website: www.enmcr.net.

The benefits of joining ENMCR

ENMCR is an open network that unites Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)/ Universities, Academics, Public Institutions, NGOs, Social and Human Rights Institutions, Foundations, Enterprises and Individuals. It is possible to join our network at any time, and we are constantly seeking to increase our membership numbers. Information on the benefits of joining ENMCR and the procedure to acquire membership can be found on our website ww.enmcr.net under members. You can also contact Rebecca Budde, rbudde@ina-fu.org for any other requests.

Publications

El derecho a la participación infantil de los niños, niñas y adolescentes, en situación de riesgo: menores no acompañados, niños y niñas afectados por conflictos armados y trabajadores infantiles (in Spanish)

This new publication by Save the Children, Spain: The right to children's and young people's participation in risk situations: unaccompanied minors, children affected by armed conflicts and working children is a compilation of articles presented in two workshops on children's participation: The defence of the rights of the child: the right to participation in risk situations, held on May 18-19, 2006 as well as the training workshop: children's participation in risk situations in the frame of cooperation and social inclusion projects, held on June 15 and 16, 2006.

It includes various informative articles that give an insight in children's participation models in Spain and in the majority world. It also contains an article by Marta Martínez Muñoz, Universidad Complutense Madrid on the Evaluation of Children's Rights projects.

For more information, please contact Marta Martínez directly at: C/ Cartagena, 138- 5º B. 28002 Madrid (E) Tel.: (+34) 91 563 23 64, e-mail: martamartinezm@telefonica.net

A pdf copy of the publication can be downloaded from our website: www.enmcr.net

General News External

New website MIGRATION CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION www.migrationeducation.org

MIGRATION CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION is a powerful, user-friendly information platform developed by Network Migration in Europe e.V. which provides free online access to learning resources on migration, minorities and human rights in European Citizenship Education on a European and national level, current discourses on migration, minorities, asylum, citizenship, identities and human rights in transmigration and immigration societies in the past and present, diverse and similar experiences and conflicts shown through the country profiles of Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Greece, Turkey, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Serbia.

The organizers hope that you are able to use the website and welcome criticism and suggestions.

Online Bibliography on Child and Youth Protection

The federal working group children and youth protection (Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Kinder- und Jugendschutz e.V. (BAJ)) has published its bibliography online. You can now research their literature and resources directly on their website (www.bag-jugendschutz.de). In the database, you will get an overview on articles, brochures and publications on children's and youth protection. There are collections of journals and newspapers, information on events etc.

Contact and further information: Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Kinder- und Jugendschutz, Mühlendamm 3, 10178 Berlin, literaturdatenbank@bag-jugendschutz.de

International Coalition Of Responsible And Respectful Tourism: "No To Sexual Tourism, A Crime Without Borders"

The NGO APSEC (Accueil, Prévention, Soutien aux Enfants Cambodgiens et Chinois: Reception, prevention, support of cambodian and chinese children) has launched an international coalition for responsible and respectful tourism to protect children from sexual abuse of tourists. APSEC encourages all national and international organizations to join and support the coalition. This participation doesn't involve any expenses.

Actions are planned for the first world day for a responsible and respectful tourism on June 2nd, 2007.

If you want to become a member of the coalition, you have to fill in a membership form, which you can access through APSECS website www.apsec-asso.com

And send it back by email to worldday@hotmail.fr, or by letter to APSEC 113 rue Duhesme 75018 Paris France.

International Conference: The Migration of Unaccompanied Minors in Europe: The Contexts of Origin, the Migration Routes and the Reception Systems

Date: October 10-11, 2007, Location: Poitiers, France

This conference aims to generate a forum of exchange and discussion on this issue and pretend to establish **two main objectives**:

1. 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
2. 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 departure of separated children from numerous countries.

Call for papers.

The organizers of the conference, the research centre **MIGRINTER**, Université de Poitiers, CNRS, the **Centre Jacques Berque**, Rabat and the **International Juvenile Justice Observatory**, Brussels, hereby open an invitation to researchers from a wide range of academic disciplines as well as experts and practitioners from field work to propose papers in one of the following fields:

- Analysis of the different care systems and policies concerning the legal and social treatment of unaccompanied asylum seeking/ migrant minors in Europe as well as the reality that these children face in their everyday life.
- Research findings on the situation of unaccompanied minors victims of trafficking or exploitation in the different European countries besides those getting out from the care facilities and becoming invisible to the authorities.
- The implementation, interpretation and inclusion of the fundamental principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, particularly the best interest principle, in the European state policies and legal rules concerning the treatment of unaccompanied asylum seeking/foreign minors.
- The different contexts of origin of migrant children: the profiles of children in migration and potential migrants, sociological and anthropological analysis of their families and local communities; the different migration projects and perspectives.
- The migration routes: the migration paths, the means of transport, the situation at transit countries, the methods used for illegal border crossing.

Abstract deadline March 15, 2007

Complete selected papers deadline: July 15, 2007.

Please send your abstracts to Daniel Senovilla Hernández: dansenher@yahoo.es and

William Berthomière: William.berthomiere@mshs.univ-poitiers.fr

Children's Rights for a Democratic Culture

To make children's rights known at schools and to contribute to making them a reality was the objective of a model project of the Amadeu Antonio Foundation in cooperation with the regional working groups for alien's issues, youth work and school e.V. in Berlin, Brandenburg and Hoyerswerda. A team of school assistants and methods experts accompanied schools in an open process: students, teachers and parents talked about children's rights and developed ideas and suggestions to implement them in school. The project experiences are now published in a manual. Besides an introduction to the development of children's rights and a large practice part, an in-depth argumentation on children's rights as institutional and pedagogical challenge is included in the manual. The manual can be ordered from the Amadeu Antonio Foundation. The project was funded by the federal program CIVITAS, the Land Sachsen and the Freudenberg foundation.

More information: <http://mut-gegen-rechte-gewalt.de/artikel.php?id=42&kat=46&artikelid=2420>

Working children represent their own views

Children get together to achieve something together, to engage for their own rights, to participate in politics and society. The children's rights teams in Germany and Europe have not existed for very long yet. In Peru, the engagement of children has a longer tradition: In November 2006, the Peruvian movement of working children MANTHOC celebrated its 30th anniversary. Have a look at MANTHOCS website for more information: <http://www.manthocperu.org>

Infos from CRIN:

EUROPE: Commissioner for Human Rights viewpoint on juvenile crime [news]

In a viewpoint on juvenile crime, Commissioner Thomas Hammarberg argues that young offenders should be treated in the spirit of the UNCRC, and authorities should be seeking family-based or other social alternatives to imprisonment nonetheless it is important that young offenders are held responsible for their actions and, for instance, take part in repairing the damage they have caused. Also procedures involving young offenders should not be delayed, as they are to be seen as a cry for help.

To read a complete statement of the commissioner, please visit:

<http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=12131>

For more information, contact: Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe, Council of Europe, F-67075 Strasbourg Cedex, Tel: +33 3 88 41 20 00; Fax: +33 3 90 21 50 53, Email:

commissioner@coe.int, Website: <http://www.commissioner.coe.int>

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD: 44th session opens [news]

The Committee on the Rights of the Child opened its forty-fourth session, adopting the agenda and discussing the organisation of work for the session.

In opening remarks, Mr. Ndiaye briefed the Committee on the latest developments since the Committee's last session. He noted that the General Assembly had adopted the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, as well as the International [Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#) and its additional protocol – three instruments that would enrich the international system for the protection of human rights. He also drew attention to the first global study on all forms of violence against children, which had been presented on 11 October to the General Assembly by the Independent Expert charged with the study, Paulo Sergio Pinheiro. The [UN Report on Violence against Children](#), the fruit of that study, had been [launched in Geneva](#) on 20 November. The study recommended that a Special Representative on violence against children be nominated, and he was sure that the Committee's recommendation in that regard would be decisive. Jaap van Doek, Chair of the Committee stated that during this session, the Committee would start work on a General Comment on the rights of children of indigenous peoples. They would discuss an outline for the Day of General Discussion in September on [Article 4](#) (which specifies that States must undertake all appropriate legislative, administrative, and other measures for the implementation of the rights recognised in the present Convention). Other issues to be discussed included follow-up on the UN Report on Violence against Children and continued work on a General Comment on juvenile justice.

Visit: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=12214>

COUNCIL OF EUROPE: Children's rights at the Parliamentary Assembly [event]

The Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly will hold the first part of its 2007 regular session from 22-26 January 2007. On the 25th, it will hold a debate on HIV and AIDS, and more specifically the situation of children, including AIDS orphans, as well as women and girls.

There is an urgent need for everyone – and particularly decisions-makers – to address the specific problems of combating the disease among HIV and AIDS children and also to recognise the need to take care of abandoned infected children or orphans children whose parents become AIDS victims. The [report](#) from Rapporteur Mr Michael Hancock (Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee) indicates a certain number of measures to be taken: the first amongst them, for Member States, is to introduce a “child perspective” into their HIV and AIDS policies and development aid policies to the third world, in particular Africa.

In addition, Princess Caroline of Hanover, President of the World Association of Children's Friends, and the Executive Director of UNICEF Ann Veneman will intervene, on Tuesday 23 January, in the debate on combating violence against children and other forms of child exploitation and abuse, as part of the three-year Council of Europe campaign “[Building a Europe for and with children](#)”.

Visit: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=12235>

For more information, contact: Council of Europe, F-67075 Strasbourg Cedex, France, Tel: +33 3 88 41 25 51; Fax: +33 3 90 21 50 33, Website: <http://www.coe.int>

EUROPE: Discussion paper on services for young children [call for contributions]

Today, across Europe, there is widespread recognition of the need for services for young children and their families. International organisations, including the European Union, different levels of government, social partners, NGOs and many parents call for services. But what services? On what principles and values should they be based? Is this a matter purely for member states at national and local level? Or does more need to be done at an EU level? And, if so, what action is needed? Is there a need for a European approach to services for young children? These questions are addressed in this discussion paper produced by Children in Europe.

Children in Europe is a network of 11 national magazines that have joined together to produce a unique magazine: unique because it is published in 11 European countries and 10 European languages.

Children in Europe writes about services for young children and their families, and it is for all people and organisations concerned with these services and children's issues. Children in Europe's aims include the creation of a forum – a 'European space' - for the exchange of ideas, practice and information and contributing to the development of policy and practice at European and national levels.

This discussion paper, prepared by the Editorial Board of Children in Europe, is intended to stimulate a democratic dialogue about European policy and the need for a European approach to services for young children, and so to support the creation of a European politics of childhood.

Children in Europe would like to hear your views about this discussion paper. What do you think about a European approach to services for young children – do you agree or disagree? If you agree, are there additional foundations on which the approach can be built? Have we overlooked important work that can contribute to a European approach? And what are your views on the ten principles proposed above? Are there any you would add, remove or amend?

If you wish to respond to these questions in English visit:

www.childrenineurope.org/discuss

Complete the questionnaire online by **30 June 2007**

For more information, contact: Carolyn Roulstone: croulstone@childreninscotland.org.uk

JUVENILE JUSTICE: Criminal Justice Assessment Toolkit [publication]

The *Criminal Justice Assessment Toolkit*, which contains an extensive section on juvenile justice, is a standardized and cross-referenced set of tools designed to enable United Nations agencies, government officials and others engaged in criminal justice reform, to conduct comprehensive assessments of criminal justice system; identify areas of technical assistance; assist agencies in the design of interventions that integrate United Nations standards and norms on crime prevention and criminal justice; and to assist in training on these issues.

Designed to be a dynamic set of documents that continue to meet assessment needs as they evolve, the Criminal Justice Assessment Toolkit will be adapted and enhanced, with an electronic version that will be updated on an ongoing basis.

Visit: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=12053>

For more information, contact: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna International Centre, PO Box 500, A-1400 Vienna, Austria, Tel: +43 1 26060 0; Fax: +43 1 26060 5866

Website: <http://www.unodc.org>

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

EMPLOYMENT: Children in Scotland

Children in Scotland has been successful in developing accredited Professional Development Award for Arts Education in Practice. They now require an experienced part-time Arts Officer who is passionate about the role the arts play in building better childhoods, to implement and deliver the Award programme across Scotland.

Application deadline: **30th January 2007**

For more information, contact: Children in Scotland, Princes House, 5 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh EH2 4RG, Scotland, UK, Tel: +44 (0)131 222 2402; Fax: +44 (0)131 228 8585, Email:

recruitment@childreninscotland.org.uk, Website: <http://www.childreninscotland.org.uk>

Funding

Youth in Action

The guidelines for the EU program Youth in Action are available in a pre-publication. The program aims at developing solidarity, promoting tolerance among young people and the stronger cohesion in

the EU. Young people are to be stimulated to actively live their European Citizenship and to participate in democratic society. The following activities are supported: Promotion of exchange and mobility, measures to encourage young people to do voluntary work abroad as well as contributions to develop strategic cooperation in the field of youth. The program will run from 2007-2013

Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/youth/yia/index_en.html

Action Program: Lifelong learning

The Commission launched a call for proposals in the frame of the action program lifelong learning. The program covers all forms of general and vocational education and is budgeted with 784 million €. Emphasis lies on: Political cooperation and innovation, languages, Information and communication technologies, dissemination and use of results.

The most important deadlines for submitting applications are:

Program Jean Monnet 15 March 2007

Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig 30 March 2007

Querschnittsprogramm 30 April 2007

Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/education/policies/lll/lll_en.html

Cofinancing with European Development NGOs

Actions to Raise Public Awareness of Development Issues in Europe

Deadline for receipt of Concept Notes: 20 February 2007

The Community co-finances with European NGOs public awareness actions in Europe about development problems in the developing countries¹ and in their relations with the industrialized world. Such actions, proposed by European NGOs, are designed to mobilize public support in Europe for development, for strategies and policies for poverty reduction as well as for actions benefiting the poorer sections of populations in developing countries.

Co-financing with Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) is part of the general framework of the European Union's (EU) commitment to combating poverty and promoting the rule of law and adherence to fundamental freedoms. As part of its development policy, the EU seeks to consolidate the role of NGOs through co-financing arrangements with European NGOs in:

- encouraging the European public to support development;
- alleviating poverty;
- enhancing the target group's quality of life and own development capacities.

Priority will be given in 2006 to actions that meet **one or more** of the following criteria:

- They ensure an enlarged-EU dimension by involving NGOs from the Member States which joined the EU in May 2004², including actions that facilitate exchanges of experiences and networking between NGOs from the fifteen Member States and these new Member States.
- They encourage cooperation between NGOs.
- They enable partners in the developing countries to play an active part.
- They aim to highlight the interdependence of the EU and developing countries.
- They seek to mobilize support for more equitable North-South relations.

There are two possible types of applicant in this call for proposals:

- an individual NGO;
- A consortium of NGOs (and other co-applicants)

In 2006 the allocation for this Budget line amounts to EUR 210.000.000.

More information from the Europe Aid Site: <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/cgi/frame12.pl>, click: "other" on the rights column and "grants" all documents referring to this call for proposals will appear

¹ The eligible countries are those which figure in the OECD's DAC List of Aid Recipients. The list can be found under the following address: www.oecd.org/dac/stats/daclist (list of ODA recipients).

² Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia.

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Upcoming Dates

February 8th-9th 2007: CONFERENCE: Rights based development and humanitarian action in conflict situations, London, UK

February 20th, 2007: Deadline submission concept note: Cofinancing with NGOs, awareness raising actions

March 15th, 2007: Deadline applications Program Jean Monnet

March 15th, 2007: Deadline submission of abstracts for International Conference: The Migration of Unaccompanied Minors in Europe

March 20th-21st, 2007: European Conference: Focus on Children in Migration, Warsaw, Poland

March 21st, 2007: Open Day for CEE HEI's

March 30th, 2007: Deadline applications: Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig

June 2nd, 2007: First world day for a responsible and respectful tourism