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Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

We hope all of you had enjoyable, relaxing Easter Holidays. In edition No. 6_06 we introduce a new section to CRnews: Publications by our members and associated partner institutions. We would like to invite all of you to submit information on your recent publications. These can then also be included and promoted on our website, to which we would like to refer you, in particular to the forum, in which you can actively engage and discuss any topic related to childhood and children's rights. (www.enmcr.net –Forum)
As usual: direct your feedback and comments to info@enmcr.net

Sincerely,

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Günter Chodzinski
Editors



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General News Internal

INFO From Members

New Colleague in the ENMCR Curriculum Development project

At the University of Amsterdam, C. Kan Institute, Jacobijn Olthoff will take on most of the work and tasks concerning the development of the Joint European Master on Children's Rights.- Welcome aboard!

Jacobijn Olthoff is a 33 year-old woman, with a background in anthropology and development studies. She just finished her PhD, titled: "A Dream Denied. Teenage girls in Migrant Popular Neighbourhoods, Lima, Peru". For this research, she spent about one year and a half in Peru, where she conducted ethnographic research among a group of about twenty teenage girls in the poorest neighbourhoods of Lima. The official defence of her thesis will take place next month.

In the past years, she has participated as a teacher in a large number of courses in the broad area of anthropology and development studies. Inspired by her PhD thesis and the experiences she had in Lima, Jacobijn increasingly felt she wanted to focus more on the position of children in development. Jacobijn: "This new job offers me the perfect place to do so. I am looking forward to an inspiring and rich cooperation with each of you. I am sure I will see some of you in Stockholm, coming June".

And we are looking forward to meeting you!

Publications

Lourdes Gaitán (2006): *Sociología de la Infancia*, Madrid: Editorial Síntesis:

New perspectives in the sociology of childhood are born out of the dissatisfaction referring to commonplace explanations about the life and behaviour of children. This leads to a search for new and other theoretical approaches in order to come to a knowledge of what childhood means today: as living space in which the life of children develops, as permanent phenomena inserted in the social structure. The objective of this book is to explain and make known the main conceptual, theoretical and methodological lines that characterise the New Sociology of Childhood. In addition it aims at showing some of the practical applications that derive from the vision of this sociological approach in studying children's and young people's activities.

Liebel, Manfred (2005): *Kinder im Abseits- Kindheit und Jugend in fremde Kulturen*, Weinheim/München: Juventa

In German. The book *Kinder im Abseits* leads our view beyond German and European borders to the lives of children and young people in other countries and cultures. By taking on this international perspective that has long been neglected by the German childhood and youth research, the book contributes to opening up the reflections and judgements on children and youth –whether "here" or "there"- to a new way of thinking and new perspectives. The first part deals with children who are living on the street and/or are working, in contrast to the dominant childhood patterns in Europe. Looking at the USA, Europe and Latin America the question here is, what connects children despite their very differing living conditions. The second part deals with young people who are fighting against dominant classifications due to gashing negative experiences. City streets are often their living surroundings as well. The third part of the book deals with attempts to find political and pedagogical answers to the current situation of children and young people. It animates the readers to think of alternatives also in Germany and Europe.

Liebel, M. (2004): *A will of their own: cross-cultural perspectives on working children*, London: Zed Books.

This book is a key contribution to the study of children's work and child labour within the children's rights arena. By putting children at the centre and giving full consideration of their views, experiences and opinions, the author challenges many assumptions about child labour that are embedded in current policies and legislations. He draws on research literature so that the book points out evident tensions between protective (against exploitation and hazards) and participatory rights. Liebel suggests that the reconstruction of children as 'subject' is a task for academic and policy makers but is, first of all, what characterises the action of working children's movements around the world. Referring to Touraine's theory of social movements, he suggests that working children's organisations are "collective attempts to overcome exclusion and contempt and to achieve the social recognition of working children as active and productive subject..." (p.28).

Overwien, Bernd (Ed.) (2005): *Von sozialen Subjekten: Kinder und Jugendliche in verschiedenen Welten*, IKO, Frankfurt am Main: IKO.

In German. This is a collection of essays in honour of the 65 birthday of Manfred Liebel and his work as an expert in the lives of working children and their political struggles for participation in civil society and recognition of their role as workers. The topic is treated as an examination of the social subject rather than the 'child', using a view from many

perspectives and contributions from a number of different parts of the world to put together an intercultural perspective.

General News External

Publication

Strengthen Children's and young people's human rights: Documentation of an expert talk on the implementation of the UNCRC in Germany, Berlin: Deutsches Institut für Menschenrechte, 2006, S. 49, ISBN: 3-937714-17-0

The UN committee on the Rights of the Child has directed concluding observations to the German government in response to the second country report in the year 2004. In an expert talk of the institute for human rights on November 2004 actors from government, civil society and science discussed the recommendations and the steps for their realisation. The present publication documents the contributions of the event.

More Information: <http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/sl.php?id=126>

Seminar on Human Rights Education for University Students: 9-11 June, 2006

In the frame of the semester course „everything that is right- human rights education for political education outside the classroom“ (Otto-Suhr-Institut, Freie Universität Berlin) a block seminar will take place at the German institute for Human rights based on „KOMPASS“. Kompass is the first teaching and learning tool in German, that was especially designed for human rights education with young people. The programme of the seminar will be twofold: introduction to human rights and Theory of human rights education as well as a testing of Kompass exercises in view of practical youth work.

Further information on the course: <http://www.fu-berlin.de/vorlesungsverzeichnis/ss06/pol-soz/009002004006002004.html>

Further Information on Kompass: <http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/sl.php?id=132>

List of Acronyms on the Human Rights Protection System:

On the Website of the German Human rights Institute a list of Acronyms of the global and regional human rights protection system has been published. You can download the list from: <http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/sl.php?id=131>

E-Info-Tool „ABC of Human Rights for Development Cooperation Work“

You can access the e-info tool from the homepage of the German Human rights Institute. It informs on the basic instruments and working methods of the international human rights protection system and reveals their relevance for development cooperation work. The objective of the E-info tool is to make basic material of the international human rights protection system easily accessible. The tool is available in English and German: <http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/sl.php?id=124>

International Conference: Childhood and Youth: Choice and Participation

Date: July 4th-6th 2006; Location: Sheffield University, Centre for the Study of Childhood and Youth

Children's rights to participation are now on the agendas of governments, policy makers, schools and community organisations. They are also increasingly central to research with children. The aim of this conference is to explore and question the nature and extent of that participation.

The three day conference programme will include four plenaries, given by distinguished international scholars and parallel sessions of contributed papers. Following the close of the main conference an additional postgraduate forum will take place. The theme for this will be “Researching children: cross-disciplinary perspectives” and the aim of this session is to provide postgraduates with an opportunity to network and share ideas. The forum will be organised by postgraduates from Sheffield.

Children's Festival

Each year Sheffield City Council hosts a Children's Festival in the summer which encourages the broad participation of children across the city in a wide range of arts and cultural activities. We have therefore made space available in the conference programme for delegates to take the opportunity to experience this on Tuesday afternoon.

Plenary speakers are: Professor Myra Bluebond-Langner, Rutgers University; Dr Pia Christensen, University of Warwick, UK and The National Institute of Public Health, DK.; Dr Barry Goldson, University of Liverpool; Professor Roger Hart, City University, New York.

For further information contact Allison James (allison.james@shef.ac.uk) or Penny Curtis (p.a.curtis@shef.ac.uk) or see centre website - www.sheffield.ac.uk/cscy.

Asia-Pacific Childhoods Conference

Date: 17-20 July 2006; Location: National University of Singapore

The conference is a continuation of the work begun as the 'Ethnography of Childhood Workshops' from 1986 to 1989. Asia-Pacific Childhoods will be the first regional conference devoted to academic child research. It will focus on developing concepts and problem-solving frameworks, while promoting regional networks for teaching, research and publications on children and childhood. Plenary sessions on cross-cutting themes of particular regional importance that will include research methods, education and HIV/AIDS will be delivered within four specialist symposia: The everyday lives of children in Asia-Pacific; Children, citizenship and policy in Asia-Pacific; Change and continuity in Asia-Pacific childhoods; Violence and children in Asia-Pacific.

A number of Commission members will be taking part in the conference including as symposia organisers. For more information see the conference website: <http://www.knowingchildren.org/conference/nus/>

Info from CRIN Newsletters

INDIGENOUS CHILDREN: UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues [event]

Date: 15-26 May 2006, Location: New York, US

The fifth session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) will take place in May. It will discuss the Millennium Development Goals and its impact on indigenous peoples. Young people are encouraged to participate and make their voices heard. The Secretariat of the UNPFII has released an information brochure on indigenous children, and youth, which highlights issues of concern to them. The UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is an advisory body to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), with a mandate to discuss indigenous issues related to economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, health and human rights. The Forum meets annually for [10 day sessions](#), drawing wide participation each year. States, UN bodies and NGOs in consultative status with the Council may participate in the work of the Forum as observers. ECOSOC also decided that organisations of indigenous people may equally participate as observers in the work of the Permanent Forum in accordance with the procedures which have been applied in [the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on the Promotion of Human Rights](#).

For more information, contact: Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, United Nations, 2 UN, Plaza, Room DC2-1772, New York, NY, 10017, US, Tel: +1 917 367 5100; Fax: +1 917 367 5102

Email: indigenouspermanentforum@un.org; Website: <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en>

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD: DCI 41st Session Report [publication]

As on previous occasions, the International Secretariat of Defence for Children International attended the 41st session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child. This report, available in English, French and Spanish, pays particular attention to the areas of refugee children, child labour and juvenile justice.

The Committee on the Rights of the Child is the UN body responsible for monitoring the implementation, by States Parties, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as its two Optional Protocols, namely: the Optional Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict and the Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.

For more information, contact: Defence for Children International; 1, rue de Varembé, CH 1211 Geneva, Switzerland; Tel: + 41 22 734 0558; Fax: + 41 22 749 1145; Email: dcj-is@bluewin.ch; URL: <http://www.dci-is.org>

LATIN AMERICA: New Website to Combat Trafficking in People [website]

A Latin American regional initiative to combat human trafficking was launched on April 19 by the Inter American Centre against Disappearances, Exploitation and Trafficking of Persons (CIDETT, from the Spanish acronym) in cooperation with Save the Children Sweden and the Organisation of American States. This includes a new website www.denuncialatrata.org which aims to encourage people to report cases of trafficking.

The system allows any person to file a report which will go directly to the national police of nine countries in the region: Peru, Chile, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Belize, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Mexico. This will guarantee a rapid response to the case, and has already helped to rescue children who were victims of sexual exploitation. The role of CIDETT will be to supervise and monitor the proper use of the tool.

Visit: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=8022>

VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN: Building a Europe for and with Children [news]

A European programme to end violence against children was launched at a conference organised by the Council of Europe and the Principality of Monaco. The event was attended by some 250 participants, including children and young people from across Europe and Central Asia. The first aim of the conference was to look at children's rights from a legal standpoint, including existing structures, instruments, tools and training programmes needed to support member States.

The second was to look at violence against children, with the outcome of the Europe and Central Asia Regional Consultation for the UN Study on Violence Against Children as basis for action. The children and violence project is based on four pillars: protection, prevention, prosecution and participation:

Protection: children who are in extreme distress or in danger requires both emergency measures and long-term policies capable of tackling the roots of the problem. The protection of children at risk because of difficult economic, political and social situations should be enhanced through policies in the fields of social cohesion, education, youth and culture.

Prevention: in the context of the programme Responses to violence in everyday life in a democratic society (2002-2004) twelve principles were identified that should serve as guidelines for national and local policies aimed at preventing and reducing violence. Over the coming three years, application of these principles and assessment of the outcome will be tested. The aim is to propose model violence prevention strategies to national authorities.

Prosecution of those responsible for violence: an end to impunity, with development of penal law, provision of compensations for victims. The drafting of an international legal instrument against sexual exploitation is a major step.

Participation: By 2008, the Council hopes to have developed methodologies, tools and networks capable of guaranteeing effective participation by children, including those who do not attend school or who are socially excluded.

More information: [Full conference report](#); [Conference speeches](#)

MONITORING CHILD RIGHTS: A Toolkit for Community-Based Organisations [resource]

This toolkit has been designed for community leaders, children's rights advocates and staff of child-serving and child-led institutions and agencies to help mobilise and coordinate resources in communities to develop effective monitoring practices for the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The toolkit may also be useful to children's rights advocates who are working regionally, nationally and internationally.

For more information, contact: Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children ; 36, Quarry Ridge Street, Orleans, Ontario, Canada K1C 7S1; Tel: + 1 613 729 5289 ext. 224; Email: info@rightsofchildren.ca

Website: <http://www.rightsofchildren.ca>

ASYLUM SEEKING AND REFUGEE CHILDREN: Local and Global Perspectives [call for papers]

The editors of the journal Children and Society are planning a Special Issue in Spring 2007 on the theme of displacement and asylum. The guest editors for this Special Issue will include Jason Hart (from the Children and Armed Conflict Programme, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford) and Jo Boyden (Senior Research Officer, Refugees Centre, Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford).

The editors are seeking contributions from various disciplinary perspectives that include, but are not limited to: anthropology, sociology, human geography, social policy and social work, educational studies, social psychology, and development studies. The aim is to produce a collection of essays that between them cover a wide age range of perspectives; embrace experience in the global South as well as the UK and Europe; address both policy and practice; and offer critical reflection of a more theoretical nature.

Submission deadline for proposals (max 500 words): **31st May 2006**

Submission deadline for final papers (max 6000 words): **15th December 2006**

For more information, contact: Jason Hart: jason.hart@qeh.ox.ac.uk or Jo Boyden: jo.boyden@qeh.ox.ac.uk

JOB Opportunities:

Care USA: Senior Technical Advisor, Education in Emergencies

Application deadline: **9 May 2006**

Care USA is seeking to recruit a Senior Technical Advisor, Education in Emergencies, to be based in Atlanta, who would be responsible for crafting and implementing strategies for advancing Care's Basic and Girls' Education Programme, particularly as it relates to education in emergencies. The post holder will advance best practices, increasing the impact of Care's education programming, increasing donor support of education programming and serving as the core staff person to a USAID grant focusing on education in crisis and transitional countries.

For more information, contact:

John Trew, Child Labour Senior Technical Advisor; Care USA; 151 Ellis Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303, US; Tel: +1 404 979 9481; Email: jtrew@care.org; Website: <http://www.care.org>

Children in Scotland: Communications Manager, Communications Officer, Designer

Application deadline: **10 May 2006**

Children in Scotland is recruiting dynamic communicators to manage and contribute to their growing communications programme and expanding publications list including two leading magazines. Children in Scotland is looking for a Communications Manager (part time), a Communications Officer (full time) and a Designer (full time).

For more information, contact: Children in Scotland; Princes House, 5 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh EH2 4RG, 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

For funding possibilities, please take a look at previous newsletters!

Upcoming Dates

April 24-30th, 2006: Global Action Week for Education

April 27-28th, 2006: EU Fundraising and Project Management seminar (EFSCW)

April 30th, 2006: Deadline application Erasmus Mundus, Action 1

May 2nd, 2006: Deadline submission Exploratory Workshops (ESF)

May 4th-7th, 2006: Seminar: Human Rights Education in Youth Work and School

May 11th-13th, 2006: Seminar: Diversity-Human Rights- Participation

May 15th-26, 2006: UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

May 18th-19th, 2006: International Interdisciplinary Conference on Children's Rights University of Ghent, Belgium.

May 18th-20th, 2006: Campaign event for US ratification of the UNCRC

June 9th-11th, 2006: Seminar on HRE at the FU Berlin

June 30th, 2006: Deadline submission YOUTH programme, exchange of good practices in youth work

June 30th, 2006: Deadline submission contributions to general discussion CRC

July 1st, 2006: Deadline submission YOUTH programme, action 5, support measures

July 4th-6th, 2006: Conference: Childhood and Youth: Choice and Participation

July 10th -22nd, 2006: 7th encounter of African Movement of Working Children and Young People

July 17th- 20th, 2006: Asia-Pacific Childhoods Conference

July 17th-21st, 2006: Summer University on the Rights of the Child at IUKB, Sion Switzerland

July 18th-21st, 2006: Conference: Investment and Citizenship: Towards a Transdisciplinary Dialogue on Child and Youth Rights, Location: Brock, Canada

September 4th, 2006: MA in "Human Rights, Development and Social Justice" at the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague

September 20th- December 12th, 2006: Distance Learning Course on Rights-Based Programming (HREA)

October 1st -12th, 2006: Workshop "Children's Participation, Protagonism and Governance" Deadline application: September 1st, 2006

October 13th, 2006: Start Expert Course on Children's Rights in Berlin

October 24-25, 2006: Juvenile Justice in Europe International Conference

November 1st, 2006: Deadline Pre-call Erasmus Thematic Network Project