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## Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

ENMCR is very busy with its Curriculum Development Project. Next week we will hold our first workshop meeting in London on the subject of e-learning, which will be an integral of the integrated, joint European Master that will be offered starting in October 2007.

Of course there are other activities, events and sessions being held on children's rights all over the world, on which we want to inform you in this newsletter.

We would also like to inform you that the deadline for applying for the Expert Course on "Childhood Studies and Child Rights Practice in the International Context" which will start on April 21, 2006 at the International Academy at the Free University in Berlin has been postponed to March 10, 2006. There are still some places open. For more information please see below (General News-internal).

For feedback, criticism and comments as well as any information input, please use the e-mail address: [info@enmcr.net](mailto:info@enmcr.net). If you do not wish to receive this newsletter any longer, please send a message with the subject "unsubscribe crnews" to the above address.

Best wishes,

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## General News Internal

### INFO FROM MEMBERS

#### New full member: University of Edinburgh

We are very happy to announce a new full member university in our network: The University of Edinburgh, which has been associated with the network for nearly a year has now become a full member of the network. The MSc in Childhood Studies ([www.childhoodstudies.ed.ac.uk/msc/](http://www.childhoodstudies.ed.ac.uk/msc/)), which has been running for 5 years, attracts a mixture of UK, European and international students. Child Rights is a crosscutting theme in the MSc: E.g. in its core courses, "childhood theory course" rights theory is addressed and the second semester "childhood policy course" is founded on the UNCRC. The participation of the University of Edinburgh in the emerging Child and Young People's Participation Learning Network ([www.childhoodstudies.ed.ac.uk/networks.htm#cyp](http://www.childhoodstudies.ed.ac.uk/networks.htm#cyp)) will also provide ENMCR with valuable insights into participatory learning models.

For further information and more details of the MSc's content visit the above mentioned website or contact the course leader: Kay Tisdall, SSPS, AFB George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LL, e-mail: [K.Tisdall@ed.ac.uk](mailto:K.Tisdall@ed.ac.uk).

#### ENMCR presentation at the Institute of Education, London

We would like to remind you of the previously mentioned public presentation of ENMCR at the Institute of Education in London on February 23. The presentation will begin at 4.30 p.m. and will last about 1 hour. Afterwards all interested will have the opportunity to discuss open issues and get to know the core members personally. The IoE is located at 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H0AL, UK, the presentation will take place in room 944. (Ask for directions at the reception)

For further information, please contact Virginia Morrow, PhD at [v.morrow@ioe.ac.uk](mailto:v.morrow@ioe.ac.uk) or Rebecca Budde at [rbudde@ina-fu.org](mailto:rbudde@ina-fu.org).

#### New BA Course on The Rights of the Child at the University of Amsterdam

The *Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies ISS* at the University of Amsterdam has launched a short Dutch-language evening course (4ects) on *Children's Rights* that is accessible to both BA and MA-students at the University and Higher Professional Colleges (HBO) and to the larger public. The initiative comes from Coby de Graaf, lecturer at the Faculty of Law and Dr. Olga Nieuwenhuys, lecturer at the Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Coordinators of the course are Dr. Coby de Graaf and Dr. Philip Veerman. Both of them have a long-standing experience in promoting children's rights. Dr. Coby de Graaf closely collaborated with now retired professor Miek de Lange, one of the founders of the *Children's Rights Shops (Kinderechtswinkels)* in the Netherlands and the organizer of the 1990 Amsterdam conference on *Children's Ombudswork*. Dr. Philip Veerman worked for many years with *Defense for Children Israel*, and is the author of the seminal *The Rights of the Child and the Changing Image of Childhood*, and, with Michael Freeman, editor of *The Ideologies of Children's Rights, International Studies in Human Rights*, both published by Nijhoff (Dordrecht) in 1992. The lecture series features internationally well-known scholars such as Eugène Verhellen (Founder of the *Centre for the Rights of the Child* in Ghent, Belgium) and Virginia Morrow (Institute of Education, London), as well as Dutch experts on the application and interpretation of children's rights in the context of the Netherlands. The course is a first step in the launch of the *European Master Children's Rights* at the University of Amsterdam that will be offered from the academic year 2007-08.

Please visit the website (in Dutch) for further information:

<http://www.iis.uva.nl/i2o/object.cfm/objectid=1DE8CAE4-D63B-458F-A985E588EBBFC3>

#### Expert Course on Childhood Studies and Child Rights Practice in an International Context- Deadline Postponed to March, 10, 2006!

The International Academy for Innovative Pedagogy, Psychology and Economy gGmbH at the Free University in Berlin (INA) is launching the first edition of an Expert Course on Childhood Studies and Child Rights Practice in an International Context on April 21, 2006. The course is directed to graduate students, professionals in the child and youth sector as well as staff of public agencies. The course will be held on Fridays and Saturdays (every fortnight), in order to enable professionals to attend the course also while working.

The course aims at enabling the students to apply methodological know-how to plan and implement programs promoting children and young people as well as their social development. The course will give insights into the background, meaning and practical relevance of children's rights and will introduce current theoretical and practical knowledge for an improved understanding of the life and problems that children experience in different parts of the globalising world.

The deadline for application is March 10, 2006.

For further information please visit: [www.iglis.de](http://www.iglis.de) or contact: Prof. Dr. Manfred Liebel, Habelschwerdter Allee 45, 14195 Berlin, Tel: +49-(0)30-838-53968, Fax: +49-(0)30-838-54656, e-mail: [mliebel@ina-fu.org](mailto:mliebel@ina-fu.org)

## EMPLOYMENT

### Junior lecturer (0,4 fte), for one year at the CM Kan-Institute at the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences at the University of Amsterdam

The CM Kan-Institute in the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences (FMG), which organizes the teaching programs at the Department of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies, is currently developing a full European Master in Children's Rights (EMCR) in conjunction with Universities in Berlin, London, Madrid and Stockholm. The project is concerned with promoting active and effective participation of children in societal processes. See for further information [www.enmcr.net](http://www.enmcr.net)

The CM Kan-Institute has a vacancy for a junior lecturer within this project. For further information please contact:

-Dr Olga Nieuwenhuijs, email: [O.Nieuwenhuijs@uva.nl](mailto:O.Nieuwenhuijs@uva.nl), telephone: 003120 525 5033

-Dr Johan Post, Director C.M. Kan teaching institute, [J.Post@uva.nl](mailto:J.Post@uva.nl); telephone: 003120 525 5034

Interested applicants should send on **March 1 at the latest**, their CV and letter, accompanied by a list of publications to: Universiteit van Amsterdam, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Department of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies, c/o Barbara Lawa, management assistant, Nieuwe Prinsengracht 130, 1018 VZ Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

## General News External

### Psychosocial Support and Children's Rights Resource Center (PST CRRC)

The Psychosocial Trauma and Human Rights Program of the University of the Philippines Center for Integrative and Development Studies (UP CIDS PST) is setting up a Children's Rights Resource Centre.

The new office is located at Rm 316 Philippine Social Science Center (PSSC), Commonwealth Ave, Diliman, Quezon City Philippines, Telefax: (632) 4543400 and email: [pstcrrc@gmail.com](mailto:pstcrrc@gmail.com)

PST-CRRC will continue to influence public policy and development work through research, training and advocacy work for and with children. The centre's research efforts will focus on studies on children, childhood and child rights and will have an integrative, rights-based and participatory approach. The training programs will develop training courses for psychosocial support for children and address issues and concerns such as child abuse, violence and exploitation.

For further information contact **Faye G. Balanon** (Officer in Charge) at the above address.

### Diversity – Human Rights – Participation, Seminar

#### Call for applicants from the field of inter-disciplinary research (Deadline - March 10, 2006)

Location and Date: European Youth Centre, Strasbourg, 11 – 13 May, 2006

The seminar is being organised in the framework on the Partnership on Research in the Youth Field between the Council of Europe and the European Commission. The Council of Europe will, with the support of the European Union, organise a campaign on the themes of Diversity, Human Rights and Participation in 2006. The campaign will be based upon the slogan "All Different – All Equal". The seminar should aim to be:

1. Analytical of the conceptual baggage behind terms such as 'diversity' and 'human rights';
2. Constructively critical of how these concepts are applied in practice (in formal and non-formal education, training, youth work, diversity training, human rights education, anti-racism work, social work, outreach work, etc.);
3. Yet, facilitate a discussion of how more egalitarian participation can be increased through evidence-based examples of good practice (e.g. research carried out on projects or initiatives – planned or spontaneous – that led to increased rights, freedoms and opportunities for participation).

The working language of the seminar will be English.

Those interested in participating in this seminar should send the following documentation to the address below by **10 March, 2006**:

- a completed application form (attached below);
- a succinct CV (maximum one page);
- 500 word abstract of the proposed presentation.

Please submit your proposal/abstract, CV and application form in electronic copy by clicking on this link: [European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy](http://www.knowledgecentre.org)

### Human Rights Education in Youth Work and School, Seminar

Location and Date: May, 4-7, 2006 in the youth hostel Dachau, Germany

Contents of the seminar:

- Discussion of central documents and instruments of the international and European Human Rights Protection and the significance of human rights for concrete educational work.

- Can Human Rights, as universally recognized rights, be a basis for the pedagogical work in the immigration society?
- Youth adequate discussion of children's rights, poverty and social rights, women's rights, protection from discrimination, rights to education and to health.

The objective of the seminar is to recognize HR as important building block in educational work and to discuss the relation between remembrance and the integration of immigrants into society.

For more info, contact Dr. Claudia Lohrenscheit, German Institute for HR: [lohrenscheit@institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de](mailto:lohrenscheit@institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de)

Registration: Email: [info@jgh-dachau.de](mailto:info@jgh-dachau.de)

### **New Newsletter (Boletín) by IFEJANT**

IFEJANT (Instituto de Formación para Educadores de Jóvenes, Adolescentes y Niños Trabajadores de América Latina y el Caribe), Institute of formation for working children's, young people's and adolescent's educators of Latin America and the Caribbean has launched a new newsletter, which you can look at and download from

[http://www.ifejants.org/new/docs/boletines/colaboradores\\_nats.pdf](http://www.ifejants.org/new/docs/boletines/colaboradores_nats.pdf) You can also find it on IFEJANT's website: [www.ifejants.org](http://www.ifejants.org), where you will also find information on courses offered by the institute. For more information, please contact Flora Chalco at [comunicacion@ifejants.org](mailto:comunicacion@ifejants.org), Jr. Tomás Guido 257, Lima 14 (Lince) - Perú  
Telefax: 0051-1-2661227, Telephone: 0051-1-2655160

### **"Children's Rights, Participation, Protagonism and Governance", workshop**

Location and Date: 1-12 October 2006 Bangalore, India

Application deadline: 1 September 2006

DHRUVA, the training and consultancy wing of The Concerned for Working Children (CWC), is conducting a 10-day Workshop for Frontline Workers and Children on "Children's Rights, Participation, Protagonism and Governance".

The course will cover the attitudes and perceptions of adults and children towards children's rights, their participation and development. The course will also deal with an understanding of socio-political and economic structures and institutions in order to design and use these to further children's participation. It will include skills, tools and methodology for furthering children's empowerment and participation. It will deal with issues related to the partnership between adults and children and children's participation in governance.

The curriculum will include organisational development with specific reference to children's organisations, information management, strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation. Best practices in the area of children's participation and protagonism will be constantly referred to and lessons learnt from them will be highlighted.

For more information, contact: DHRUVA c/o The Concerned for Working Children, 303/2, L.B.Shastri Nagar, Vimanapura Post, Bangalore 560 017, India, Tel: +91 80 25234270; Fax: +91 80 25235034, Email: [cwc@pobox.com](mailto:cwc@pobox.com)

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

### **African movement of working children and youth examine their actions**

Since the beginning of this year, an evaluation questionnaire is being circulated between grass roots groups of the African Movement of Working Children and Youth. In each group, four members indicate whether their participation in the activities of the association of working children and youth offers them the opportunity to education, health, reduction of work, increase of earnings, respect and whether it helps them to prepare themselves for the future. One or two heads of each group should give their opinion as well. All answers (1500-2500) will be useful during the evaluation of the activities during the seventh encounter on July 10 –July 22, 2006 in Ouagadougou. For more information please contact: [eit@enda.sn](mailto:eit@enda.sn)

### **Convergence of Presence- and Distance Learning in a World of Increasing Diversity, conference**

Location and date: March 23-24, 2006 in Hamburg, Germany

The British Open University and the University of Hamburg are organizing a conference in cooperation with the working group for distance learning of the German Association for Scientific Capacity Building and Distance Learning.

Not only have e-learning development at German and British universities but also in Europe and internationally led to an approximation of presence and distance learning. It is strived for to combine and lead together the competencies and experiences of both methods in order to create synergy effects and open up new potentials. The term "Diversity Management", related to studies involves also to integrate groups that haven't been addressed in particular until now. The variety of students represents a challenge that needs to be confronted. Discussions at the conference will concentrate on

1. Presence- and or distance learning in the frame of changing times
2. deconstruction of obstacles- open access
3. support and lead students

Further information and registration forms can be downloaded from: [www.aww.uni-hamburg.de/tagung](http://www.aww.uni-hamburg.de/tagung)

## Info from CRIN Newsletters

### **CHILD RIGHTS INFORMATION NETWORK: CRIN Launches New Website [news]**

The Child Rights Information Network (CRIN) launched its new website last week: <http://www.crin.org>. The website has been redesigned to offer more features and interactive tools, with easy navigation, highlighting the latest information added to the site, and using new technology, such as RSS feeds.

\* Resources section:

Search for publications, events, news and international treaties by keyword, topic, country or language at:

<http://www.crin.org/resources>

\* News section:

View the latest news on child rights world-wide. Search news by type, region and country at:

<http://www.crin.org/resources/news>

Subscribe to email lists, or CRINMAILS, on the website and browse for past issues at:

<http://www.crin.org/email/index.asp>

\* Directory of child rights organisations:

Search the members directory for details of child rights organisations around the world, or find out whether your organisation is already a member at: <http://www.crin.org/organisations>

\* For children:

A section for children with links to helplines, interactive games, information about child rights and more:

<http://www.crin.org/forchildren/index.asp>

\* Interactive features:

Submit information online, when you want your events, news and publications to be advertised on the CRIN website:

[http://www.crin.org/resources/submit\\_resource.asp](http://www.crin.org/resources/submit_resource.asp)

### **CHILD RIGHTS: Training Materials [resource]**

The Child Rights Information Network (CRIN) is compiling a set of training materials for CRIN members, NGOs and all those working on child rights issues: law enforcement officers, lawyers, social workers, teachers etc. We are interested in materials on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child but also in thematic, regional or national training materials. Suggestions are welcome. If there are any useful resources that you would like to publicise, please email: [info@crin.org](mailto:info@crin.org). Visit: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=7244&flag=report>

### **COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS: Documents for 62nd Session [reports]**

The 62nd session of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) will take place from 13 March to 21 April 2006 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Commission on Human Rights procedures and mechanisms are mandated to examine, monitor and publicly report either on human rights situations in specific countries or territories (known as country mechanisms or mandates) or on major phenomena of human rights violations world-wide (known as thematic mechanisms or mandates).

Children's rights are covered in item 13 of the Commission's provisional agenda. Documents and reports have already been made available on the website of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, namely, the Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (E/CN.4/2006/64), and the Report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, Mr. Juan Miguel Petit (E/CN.4/2006/67).

### **DISABILITY: Children with Disabilities - What about their Rights? [seminar]**

Location and Date: 10-14 October 2006 in Sion, Switzerland

The Institut International des Droits de l'Enfant (IDE) is organising its next international Sion seminar on the rights of children with disabilities. The aim of the seminar is to better understand the life of children with disabilities world-wide, to find out the protection potential of the future Convention, and to promote handicap as a real richness.

Issues tackled in the seminar include: the WHO definition of disability, the national and international protection tools, specific issues like education and training, family, institutionalisation, participation, positive and negative discrimination. IDE is launching a call for papers to any individual, NGO, State, private or public agency, and/or university, working in the field of children living with disabilities. Papers must focus on one or several of the issues addressed by the conference. Contributions can be made in French, English or Spanish. They will be presented during the seminar and given out to all the participants.

For more information contact: Ms Paola Riva Gapany, Director's Assistant, Institut International des Droits de l'Enfant (IDE), CP 4176 / CH-1950 Sion, Switzerland

### **CHILDREN AND ARMED CONFLICT: New UN Special Representative [news]**

Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy was yesterday appointed Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. She succeeds Olara Otunnu, who completed his term in July 2005.

A native of Sri Lanka, Ms. Coomaraswamy is an internationally known human rights advocate. She is currently the Chairperson of the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission and served most recently as the United Nations Special

Rapporteur on Violence against Women.

The appointment comes at a critical juncture in the history of advocating for the protection of these children. In 2005 the Security Council unanimously adopted a landmark resolution that obligates the United Nations system to establish a mechanism to monitor and report on grave violations of children's rights during war by both governments and armed groups.

Visit the website of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict: <http://www.un.org/special-rep/children-armed-conflict>

**PARTICIPATION: UK Schools Make Links around the Globe [website]**

Save the Children UK recently launched a web-based initiative, School Link: <http://www.school-link.org.uk>, which provides primary school children throughout the UK with fun ways of learning about the lives of children in developing countries. The project provides teachers with exciting lesson plans that help them deliver the curriculum.

Visit: <http://www.school-link.org.uk>

CRIN has compiled a list of resources on children's rights for teachers to use in the classroom. Visit:

<http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=7144&flag=report>

**SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN TOURISM: 18th Meeting of the Task Force [conference]**

Location and Date: 10 March 2006, Berlin, Germany

The Task Force to Protect Children from Sexual Exploitation in Tourism is a Global action platform of tourism-related key players from the government and the tourism industry sectors, international and non-governmental organisations, and media associations whose aim is to prevent, uncover, isolate and eradicate the sexual exploitation of children in tourism. It is an open-ended network which was established by the World Tourism Organisation in 1997 as a follow-up to the Stockholm Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.

The next consultative meeting of the Task Force will be held on 10 March 2006 in Berlin, in connection with this year's edition of the Berlin ITB - International Tourism Fair. The thematic session will focus on campaign design and implementation for the prevention of sexual exploitation of children in tourism (SECT). It will feature guidelines and practical examples of campaign actions for the prevention of SECT. During the meeting, the Task Force will also provide opportunities for participants to exhibit their respective campaign material and posters. Those interested in displaying such material are invited to contact our Secretariat well in advance.

Moreover, there are two upcoming vacancies on the Executive Committee of the Task Force: one vacant seat reserved for the tourism industry, and the other an "open" seat (originally reserved for the media). The two new Board Members will be elected during the next Task Force meeting of 10 March. Representatives from the industry, media or any other field related to child protection, sustainable development or responsible tourism interested in joining the Executive Committee are invited to apply by 3 March 2006.

For more information, contact: Task Force Secretariat, World Tourism Organisation (WTO), Fax: + (34) 91 567 8219

Email: [ethics@world-tourism.org](mailto:ethics@world-tourism.org), Website: [http://www.world-tourism.org/protect\\_children](http://www.world-tourism.org/protect_children)

**PERU: Children defend their right to work at the 41st session [interview]**

A group of Peruvian children and young people attended the 41st session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child for the examination of Peru's third periodic report on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Save the Children Sweden and the NGO Group for the CRC facilitated their visit in order to enable them to advocate for the rights children in Peru, and specifically child workers.

The NGO Group and CRIN interviewed Juan Aladino Valdiviezo Alegría (16) from Ucayali, and Leonel Machare Marcelo (16) from Piura. Both have jobs, and were eager to share their views on the situation of the rights of the child in Peru.

To read the interview, go to: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infodetail.asp?id=7075>

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT: Journal of Children's Services [publication]**

The 'Journal of Children's Services' is a new quarterly title designed to encourage the development of outcome-focused services to better safeguard and promote the well-being of vulnerable children and their families. It seeks to improve understanding of the way that child development and applied social research can contribute to the evidence base and increasing integration of children's services (which includes activity organised by health, education, social care, police, youth justice and voluntary/independent agencies). High standards of evidence are encouraged and all articles are peer reviewed. The journal is essential reading for all those responsible for planning, delivering, researching and evaluating children's services in a variety of settings both in the UK and internationally.

For more information, visit: Pavilion Publishing, Richmond House, Richmond Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN2 3RL, UK, Tel: + 44 (0)1273 623 222; Fax: + 44 (0)1273 625 526, Email: [info@pavpub.com](mailto:info@pavpub.com), Website: [www.pavpub.com](http://www.pavpub.com)

## Funding

### Partnerships with Higher Education Institutions (HEI) in Developing Countries

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) has compiled a new overview of its funding possibilities for cooperation with partners in developing countries. The subject related partnerships with HEI in developing countries may be of special interest (Deadline April, 15, 2006) as well as the funding possibilities for fact finding Missions (ongoing application).

For further information please visit the website: <http://www.daad.de/entwicklung/de/12.3.html>

For further funding possibilities take a look at previous newsletters!

## Upcoming Dates

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** Workshop meeting ENMCR-CD project on e-learning in London, IoE

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006:** Deadline for Erasmus Curriculum Development & Intensive Programs

**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** New Deadline for application Expert Course in Berlin

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** Conference: Convergence of Presence- and Distance Learning in a World of Increasing Diversity

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006:** Deadline for ED applications

**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** Deadline application HEI partnerships DAAD

**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006:** Start of Expert Course in Berlin

**May 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** Seminar: Human Rights Education in Youth Work and School

**May 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** Seminar: Diversity-Human Rights- Participation

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

**July 10<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006:** 7<sup>th</sup> encounter of African Movement of Working Children and Young People

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

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

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

**November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006:** Deadline Pre-call Erasmus Thematic Network Project

