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Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

Today we are sending you the 4th edition of Children's Rights News in 2006. After having been very busy with ENMCR's Curriculum Development project, a lot of information has been gathered on other actions to strengthen children rights, therefore this 4th edition is quite extensive.

For those of you in search of funding for projects and activities, we have compiled some interesting opportunities under the section "Funding"- such as exploratory workshops, exchange of good practice between Europe and countries of the South and innovative training seminars.

We would like to encourage you to engage in discussions on the web-based forum on our homepage www.enmcr.net, which has been recently redesigned to make it more user friendly.

As usual: direct your feedback and comments to info@enmcr.net- we do invite you to do so, in order to improve in any way we can!

Best wishes,

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Editors



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General News Internal

e-learning Workshop in London (report)

Within the frame of the Curriculum Development project (www.enmcr.net/cd), ENMCR held its first workshop on February 23 and 24, 2006 at the Institute of Education in London. The subject treated was mainly e-learning. In the world of rising information technologies it is indispensable that they be included also in higher education. E-learning, in the form of web-based discussions and exercises, readily available learning material posted on the web, interactions between students and teachers from different institutions in hyperspace will form an integral part of the joint European Master on Children's Rights. Nonetheless e-learning cannot substitute face-to-face interaction of students and teachers, which, as all members agreed, is vitally important for the formation of qualified professionals. Therefore some modules of the Master will be offered as e-learning, yet all students will be obliged to physically attend classes also.

In the course of the workshop we were able to welcome new partners to the CD project: The University of Edinburgh voiced its interest to join the joint MA, as well as Babes-Bolyai and Cuza universities.

If you would like more detailed information on the workshop, please contact Rebecca Budde, Habelschwerdter Allee 45, 14195 Berlin, Tel: +49-30-838-53968, Fax: +49-30-838-54656, e-mail: rbudde@ina-fu.org

Forum open on www.enmcr.net (call for participation)

The forum on ENMCR's website has been redesigned to make it easier accessible and conductable. We invite all to engage in fruitful and sometimes perhaps controversial discussions on the site.

Simply click on "Forum" and open up a user account, by registering with a valid e-mail address, to which you will be sent an activation key for your account immediately. You will have to activate the account only once.

Every user has the possibility to contribute to all topics as well as open up new topics.

Enjoy and learn!

INFO From Members

Summer University on the Rights of the Child

Location: Sion, Switzerland. Date : 17-21 July 2006. Language : French

The associated Institute Universitaire Kurt Bösch (IUKB) is offering an new annual formation starting this year in July. In the summer university the multiple implications of the UNCRC on professional practices will be analysed. In a variety of pedagogical methods, theory and practice of children's rights will be treated. The summer university is directed to working professionals in the field of children and youth as well as to graduate/postgraduate students.

The following subjects will be part of the course: history of childhood, content, implementation and monitoring of the UNCRC, panorama of the rights of the child. The summer university will be led by Dr. Karl Hanson (Unit: rights of the child IUKB) and will be enhanced by an equipment of speakers and interveners with extensive experience in child rights practice.

For more information contact : Institut international des Droits de l'Enfant (IDE) – Université d'été 2006 c/o IUKB
Case postale 4176, CH 1950 – Sion 4 / Switzerland, Tél.: + 41 27 205 73 03 – Fax: +41 27 205 73 02

Email: ide@childsrightrights.org – Internet: www.childsrightrights.org ('Formations')

www.childsrightrights.org/html/site_fr/index.php?c=for_uni

General News External

Cities with Children - Child Friendly Cities in Italy (publication)

The publication "...describes the evolution of childhood in Italy and the emergence of a new culture of the city. It analyses the consideration given to the Child Friendly Cities initiative and in particular the attention provided to the child as an active citizen and the role of the city in promoting the participation of young people in decision-making processes at the local level. The study looks at the specific experience of 12 of the more than 100 Italian cities that have adopted this approach, considering planning, budgeting and monitoring plans of action for children and ways through which children's views are taken in due account. The study provides recommendations on how to further promote children's rights within local governance."

The study was conducted by the Innocenti Research Centre and UNICEF Florence, Italy – Series Insight - ISBN: 88-89129-25-5 , 2006. It is available online as PDF file [50p.] at: <http://www.unicef-icdc.org/publications/pdf/cfcgb2005.pdf>

Making Philippine Cities Child Friendly: Voices of Children in Poor Communities (publication)

“.....The study analyses how the Philippines' national Child Friendly Movement, which has engaged government, NGOs, civil society, children and UNICEF, has enhanced the capacity of local governments, communities and young people to fulfil the rights of the poorest children. The study uses participatory methodologies and reflects the viewpoint of children and the community. It reveals that in areas where the Child Friendly Cities strategy was adopted, greater attention is paid to the most excluded and vulnerable groups and interventions are developed on a wider spectrum of children's rights.

Beyond providing insights on concrete ways in which child rights are being promoted at local level, it provides recommendations on how the fulfillment of child rights can be further enhanced by municipal governments. ...”

Innocenti Research Centre and UNICEF – Series: Innocenti Insight - ISBN: 88-89129-36-0 -2006

Available online as PDF file [138p.] at: <http://www.unicef-icdc.org/publications/pdf/philinsight.pdf>

10th Anniversary EL MINNATSOP- organized working children and adolescents' movement in Peru

Date: March 21, 2006 Location: Casa de espiritualidad, Av. Belén no 245, San Isidro, Peru

MINNATSOP would like to invite all interested to the celebration of its 10th anniversary. The event is organized by the NAT's (working children). Activities and actions of the NAT's will be presented. The event will start at 9 am.

For more information please contact: Sede Central del MNNATSOP, Jr. Enrique del Villar 967 San Juan de Miraflores, Lima 29, Tel: 051-01-2765206 / 4501175 Fax: 051-01-2765206, e-mail: mnnatsop.peru@terra.com.pe
mnnatsop_sede@yahoo.es

Master in Social Politics: Promoting Childhood (Scholarships)

Location: Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima, Peru, Language: Spanish/English

Chronogramme:

Purchase of admission prospects: 9 January - 23 March 2006 in the Banco Financiero

Matriculation of students: 30 -31 de March and 1 April

Inscriptions: 9 January - 23 March 2006, via internet

Start of classes: Monday, 3 April 2006

Admission examinations: 27, 28 and 29 March 2006

Classes: Monday-Friday: 6-9 pm

General requirements

- § BA degree- if obtained outside Peru it has to be recognized in Peru as BA. Grado de Bachiller (2 juegos legalizados)
- § Curriculum Vitae
- § 5 colour photographs (Passport size)
- § Receipt of payment made for inscription.
- § Basic knowledge of English- ability to read texts.
- § Research project
- § 2 authorised fotocopies of ID document

Information:

Unidad de Post-Grado de la Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, 4to. Piso, Ciudad Universitaria, Av. Venezuela s/n, Tel: 619-7000- 4003 Fax: -4021, E-mail: postcs@unmsm.edu.pe, Web: <http://www.unmsm.edu.pe/sociales/>

Strengthen Children's Rights (competition, call for participation)

Young people have the right to access to education, to playgrounds or e.g. to see both parents regularly. The EU has anchored these and other rights firmly in its Human rights charter. With a European competition, the vice president of the EU, Franco Frattini wants to lift these rights into the conciusness of children and young people and wants to encourage them to also demand their rights. The participants are asked to design Posters with the theme: protection, implementation and advertisement of children's rights. There are no limitations concerning the material and design of the posters. “I would like to invite all young people in the EU to participate in the competition. Because rights are only effective, if people know about them. Only then can they be claimed.” Says Franco Frattini.

The competition is directed to young people of all EU member states. 10-14 and 15-18 year olds can attend in groups of up to 4, accompanied by an adult. The selection of the best contributions will be done on a national level in a first round. The jury will be composed of representatives of the European Commission, national ministries as well as experts for PR and a youth representative.

Deadline: **20 April 2006**

On 18 May all national winners will be invited to Brussels..

For further information visit: www.euroyoung.com

Info from CRIN Newsletters

CHILD LABOUR: Education Based CBOs Projects [request for proposals]

Winrock International's CIRCLE project recently posted a request for proposal for innovative projects by community-based NGOs to reduce child labour through education. The projects will be funded by the US Department of Labour, International Child Labour Programme and Education Initiative.

There is currently one open requests for proposals (RFPs): a [call for proposals from 18 target countries around the world](#)

Application deadline for the global request for proposals: **24 March 2006**

For more information, contact: Winrock International, 1621 North Kent St., Suite 1200, Arlington, VA 22209

Tel: + 1 703 525 9430 x651, Website: <http://www.winrock.org>

RIGHTS-BASED PROGRAMMING: Distance Learning Course [training]

Date: 20 September - 12 December 2006, Location: Distance Learning

This distance learning course introduces staff members of (international) development agencies and NGOs to rights-based programming.

Participants will deepen their knowledge about project and programme development from a human rights framework and learn how to apply the principles of equity, empowerment, participation and accountability to various phases of project planning and implementation. Participants will also gain sensitivity to how programs can integrate non-discriminatory practice and give attention to vulnerable groups. The course will focus on practical tools for human rights situation assessment, programme planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation within the rights-based conceptual framework. The course involves approximately 50 hours of reading, on-line working groups, interaction with students and instructors/facilitators and assignments, and is offered over a 10-week period, beginning on 21 March 2007. E-mail will be the main medium for the course, although participants will need to have periodic access to the Web. The course is based on a participatory, active learning approach, with an emphasis on peer-to-peer learning. The course instructor will provide individualized feedback where appropriate. Participants will do the required readings, prepare interim and final assignments and participate in group discussions. The maximum number of course participants is 25. Students who successfully complete the course will receive a Certificate of Participation. It is also possible to be an auditor of the course. The deadline for applications is **1 December 2006**.

For more information, contact: Human Rights Education Associates (HREA) Postbus 59225, 1040 KE Amsterdam, Netherlands Tel: + 31 20 524 1404; Fax: + 31 20 524 1498 Email: applications@hrea.org Website: www.hrea.org

EUROPE: 4th Regional Meeting of Child Rights NGO Coalitions [conference report]

On 8-10 March 2005, the Flemish Children's Rights Coalition and the French speaking Children's Rights Coalition of Belgium (CODE) organised the fourth regional meeting of NGO Coalitions for the Rights of the Child in Brussels. Participants from 24 countries in Europe, all NGOs working in networks to promote implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, took part in the meeting.

The aims of the Fourth Regional Meeting of NGO Coalitions for the Rights of the Child in Brussels was to strengthen the association between child rights networks within the EU – taking into account that as from the first of May 2004, the European Union welcomed 10 new member States – and to continue the exploration on how to work more effectively and efficiently, building on the work undertaken in the three previous forums (Berlin, March 1998; Stockholm, May 1999 and Vilnius, October 2002).

The meeting provided an opportunity to share NGO experiences across Europe and strengthen capacity and practice in promoting the rights of the child.

For more information, contact: Coordination des ONG pour les Droits de l'Enfant (CODE)

Rue Marché aux Poulets 30, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium, Tel: +32 2/209 61 68; Fax: +32 2/209 61 60, Email:

fvh.coordination.ong@skynet.be, Website: <http://www.lacode.be>, Website: <http://www.kinderrechtencoalitie.be>

SOUTHERN EUROPE: Need for New Child Inclusion Policies [conference report]

The European Foundation for Street Children World-wide (EFSCW) and the Representation of the European Commission in Italy held a European Forum on "Child Inclusion as a Challenge to the Mediterranean Partnership of the EU - the consequences of migration on children at risk in the Southern European Member States" in Italy earlier this month.

The phenomena of increasing migration flows especially with regards to children are representing a growing strain on and challenge for the European Union particularly throughout the Southern European Member State region.

Which answers can be given at EU level and in the different Member States concerned? Which solutions can be found to prevent the risk of a "ghetto phenomena"? What measures to take at EU- and national level to guarantee a successful insertion of migrant populations including children into the European Union with a special focus on its Mediterranean countries?

The event assessed the situation and problems of migration and unaccompanied children in the different Member States and tackled required solutions to the issues at EU-level. It also clearly demonstrated and established the importance of NGOs as "facilitators" and "dialogue initiators" between different institutions, minors at risk and concerned authorities.

For more information, contact: Melanie Vritschan, Information and Public Relations Officer European Foundation for

Street Children World-wide (EFSCW) Square Vergote 34, B - 1030 Brussels, Belgium, Tel: + 32 2 347 78 48; Fax: + 32 2 347 79 46, Email: melanie.vritschan@enscw.org, Website: <http://www.enscw.org>
To read the conference report, go to: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infodetail.asp?id=7354>

CHILD PARTICIPATION: UNICEF Youth Voice Project [website]

UNICEF has launched its new UNICEF Youth Voice site - <http://www.unicef.org.uk/youthvoice>. Designed in consultation with young people, this site has now replaced UNICEF UK's The Rights Site. Aimed at 11 to 18-year-olds, the site provides young people with news and information, as well as tips on fundraising, campaigning and spreading the word about children's rights.

Young people can sign up to join UNICEF Youth Voice, a network of young people who want to help to create a world fit for children. They'll receive a bi-monthly newsletter, featuring all the latest opportunities for young people in the UK. For more information, contact: Hannah Wright, UNICEF Youth Voice Web Editor, Email: hannahw@unicef.org.uk

CHILD LED ORGANISATIONS: Self Assessment and Planning Tool [publication]

Save the Children has just released a set of three publications which are intended to help strengthen support to child led initiatives and organisations: "Strengthening Support to Child Led Organisations and Initiatives: the Spider Tool. Self assessment and planning tool for child led initiatives and organisations."

The publications provide a complete guide to using a Spider Tool which has been developed to help child led initiatives and organisations assess their own groups, what they are trying to achieve, what they feel they are good at and areas they would like to improve. A list of key resources are contained at the end of each publication.

The set is currently available in English but will also shortly be translated into French, Portuguese and Spanish.

For more information, contact:

Ravi Karkara, Regional Programme Manager, Save the Children Sweden, Regional Programme for South and Central Asia G.P.O. Box 5850, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: + 977 1 5531928; Fax: +977 1 5527266, Email: ravikarkara@savethechildren.org.np, Website: <http://www.savethechildren.org.np>

CHILDREN AND ARMED CONFLICT: Children's Rights in Peacebuilding [publication]

Save the Children Norway has recently published a report of a seminar it held in 2005, on the occasion of the Children's Rights Week. The report, "Listen to Us! Children's Rights in Peace Processes and Peace Agreements" focuses on children's role in peace building activities.

For more information, contact: Sidsel Karin Moe, Save the Children Norway, Postbox 6902, St. Olavs plass, N-0130 Oslo, Norway, Tel: +47 22 99 09 00, Fax: +47 22 99 08 50, Email: library@reddbarna.no, Website: <http://www.reddbarna.no>

CHILD'S RIGHT TO BE HEARD [call for contributions]

The Committee on the Rights of the Child has decided to devote its next day of general discussion to the theme: "To Speak, Participate and Decide - The Child's Right to be Heard". The meeting will take place at the Palais Wilson in Geneva, Switzerland, on Friday, 15 September 2006 from 10am-6pm.

The aim of the discussion will be to explore the meaning of article 12 and its linkages to other articles of the Convention, focus on identifying gaps, good practices and priority issues and promote child participation at all levels. For more information on the approach and objectives of the Discussion Day, read the outline document.

In order to facilitate an in depth discussion of these issues, the Committee has decided to convene two working groups which should focus on the two sub-themes:

- the child's right to be heard in judicial and administrative proceedings including those related to civil and criminal law, family and alternative care, protection, health, immigration status and schooling.
- children as active participants in society in various settings such as family, school, associations and politics.

NGOs and children are invited to submit written contributions on the themes to the Office of the High Commissioner (OHCHR) as soon as possible. The Committee requests that written contributions be limited to a maximum of seven pages. Although documents may be submitted in English, French or Spanish, they will not be translated into the other languages. Contributions should be sent electronically to CRCgeneraldiscussion@ohchr.org. Guidelines and additional information are available on the OHCHR website. Submission deadline: **30 June 2006**

For security reasons and due to limited space, attendance at the meeting requires advance registration. Please note that there is no funding available for travel expenses either from the United Nations or the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child and no assistance can be given for visas, travel or accommodation arrangements.

Registration deadline: **1 September 2006**. Those who wish to receive copies of background papers via email should register prior to 28 July 2006.

For registration and to submit written contributions, please contact: Secretariat, Committee on the Rights of the Child Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Email: CRCgeneraldiscussion@ohchr.org
Website: <http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/discussion.htm>

For questions regarding NGO contributions, please contact: Laura Theytaz-Bergman, NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Email: ngocr-lup@bluewin.ch

SOUTH ASIA: Strengthening Partnerships through Corporate Social Responsibility in South Asia [event]

Date: 19 – 21 April 2006, Location: New Delhi, India

The workshop is being organised by Save the Children Sweden Regional Programme for South Asia in collaboration with Save the Children Finland India Country Office and Save the Children Canada Asia Regional Office. The workshop is part of an ongoing study into Corporate Social Responsibility and Child Rights. Save the Children is looking for leading corporate and development professionals who have experience of working to promote child rights through development and corporate partnerships.

For more information, contact: Ravi Karkara, Regional Programme Manager, Save the Children Sweden Regional Programme for South & Central Asia, Email: ravikarkara@savethechildren.org.np

UK: UNICEF to Launch Rights Respecting School Award [training]

The Rights Respecting School Award is currently being piloted in over 30 schools across the UK. It will be launched in autumn 2006. This new nationwide award scheme promotes the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child as the basis for enhancing teaching, learning, ethos, attitudes and behaviour. A Rights Respecting School not only teaches about children's and human rights but also models rights and respect in all its relationships: teacher/adults-pupils; pupils-teacher/adults; pupils-pupils. Participating Schools receive:

- Free in-school support from their local UNICEF Education Officer
- Free in-service training for Teachers, Support Workers, Governors and Lunchtime organisers.
- Free UNICEF resources

For a school to receive the RRS Award, they must show evidence that they have reached the required Standard in each of four Aspects:

- Knowledge and understanding of UNCRC amongst the school community and its relevance to the school ethos.
- Teaching and learning styles and methods are commensurate with knowledge and understanding of children's rights.
- Pupils actively participate in decision-making throughout the school.
- Provide professional development to support rights as part of the school ethos, curriculum and culture.

For more information, contact: UNICEF UK, Africa House, 64-78 Kingsway, WC2B 6NB London, United Kingdom, Tel: + 44 (0) 20 7405 5592; Fax: + 44 (0) 20 7405 2332, Email: info@unicef.org.uk

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. Visit the CRC training materials [page](#)

JOB Opportunities:

Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict: Programme Manager

The Watchlist Programme Manager will be responsible for managing activities in the area of capacity strengthening with local NGO partners and networks. This includes management of all in-country projects related to monitoring, reporting and advocacy to end violations against children in armed conflict situations. This position will have overall responsibility for management of Watchlist's "Partnerships for Protecting Children in Armed Conflict (PPCC)," a Nepal-based child protection working group. The Programme Manager will also contribute to other areas of Watchlist's work as relevant, such as communications strategies, public awareness, advocacy and development of policies and fundraising.

Application deadline: **27 March 2006**

For more information, contact: Mary Jane Escobar-Collins, Officer of Board Relations and Operations, Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, 122 East 42nd Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10168-1289, US Fax: +1 212 551 3180, Email: Marye@womenscommission.org, Website: <http://www.watchlist.org>

Development Officer – Children in Scotland

Children in Scotland is looking for an experienced officer to develop and promote Enquire, the Scottish advice and information service for additional support for learning. The successful candidate will contribute to marketing, publicity, quality assurance, publications and line management of the service.

Enquire is managed by Children in Scotland and funded by the Scottish Executive. The service is available to parents and carers of children and young people with additional support needs, to children and young people themselves, and to professionals working with them.

Closing date for applications: **11 April 2006**

For more information, contact:

Maggie Rankin, Children in Scotland, Princes House, 5 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh EH2 4RG, Tel: +44 (0) 131 222 2402; Fax: +44 (0) 131 228 8585, Email: recruitment@childreninscotland.org.uk, Website: www.childreninscotland.org.uk

International Catholic Child Bureau: Permanent Representative to the UN Agencies

The International Catholic Child Bureau is seeking a Permanent Representative to the UN Agencies, international and non-governmental organisations, and to the European Children's network in advocating for and defending children's rights. This post is full-time and based in Geneva. The successful applicant will be the coordinating point within ICCB for all issues related to the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The post holder will bring a creative contribution to children rights issues by facilitating thematic working groups, and training sessions for staff, members and partner organisations.

Application deadline: 24 March 2006

For more information, contact: Stefan Vanistendael, Deputy Secretary General, International Catholic Child Bureau (ICCB-BICE), 11 rue de Cornavin, CH-1201 Geneva, Switzerland, Email: Stefan.vanistendael@bice.org, Website: <http://www.bice.org>

Funding

Erasmus Mundus Master Courses (Action 1)

EM is the Community Action programme for the enhancement of quality in higher education and the promotion of intercultural understanding through co-operation with third countries. Erasmus Mundus is a co-operation and mobility programme in the field of higher education which promotes the European Union as a centre of excellence in learning around the world. The programme comprises four Actions:

Action 1 - Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses

Action 2 – Scholarships (for third-country students)

Action 3 – Partnerships (between EM consortia and HEIs in third countries)

Action 4 – Enhancing attractiveness

Applications for Action 1 must be posted to the Agency no later than **30 April, 2006**.

Activities must start at the beginning of the academic year 2007/2008 and in any case before December 2007. Master's Courses will be selected for a five-year period subject to the renewal of the European Union's Erasmus Mundus Programme in 2008. Actions 2-4 are only available for consortia that have successfully applied for action 1.

For further information, call and application procedures, please visit:

www.europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/mundus/index_en.html

Youth Programme (two calls)

a) Action 5 – Support Measures: Call for submission of innovative co-operation, training and information projects

This action is new and is directed at five areas:

1. Cultural diversity and tolerance:

projects promoting cultural diversity and tolerance and addressing non-violent conflict transformation by facilitating dialogue and joint activities of young people from multicultural, multiethnic and multi-faith backgrounds;

2. Less favoured regions:

projects aiming at the inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities who face multiple obstacles in geographical and socio-economic terms. Projects need to address how young people can deal with issues of concern to them (participation, decision making, education and training, employment, housing ...). They should lead to an increase in self-confidence, new skills and competences and have a positive impact on the young persons' educational or professional pathway;

3. Eastern Europe - Caucasus - South East Europe:

projects aiming at enhancing the promotion and visibility of the Youth programme in Eastern Europe (Eastern neighbouring countries of the enlarged EU: Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine), the Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia) or South East Europe (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro), with a focus on training of regional multipliers as well as the development of networks and partnerships among stakeholders in the field of youth in these countries;

4. Innovation in European Citizenship education:

projects aiming at innovative and effective ways of bringing Europe closer to young citizens, of involving them in European Citizenship education and a process to show how European Citizenship can be made a reality. Projects should inform young people on various issues of the European construction and/or build the bridge towards the implementation of this knowledge and experience in youth work and youth activities.

5. Co-operation between local or regional authorities and youth NGOs:

Projects have to be clearly focused on one of the priorities (e.g. cultural diversity, inclusion, participation of young people) of the Youth programme. They have to be submitted by local or regional authorities and shall involve non-profit organisations active in the field of youth from partner countries, leading to a strong trans-national partnership between

these entities. The number of local or regional authorities and youth NGOs participating in the project should be balanced.

Projects have to involve partner organisations from at least **four** different countries (including the applicant), must have a strong **transnational** European component and must **involve young people and youth workers** in the preparation, implementation and follow-up of activities. Projects must be of duration of at least **18 months** in order to ensure that the activity is sustainable. If justified, a maximum duration of up to **3 years** will be accepted. The **deadline** for submitting applications is **1 July 2006**, at the latest. Activities must start between 1 January 2007 and 28 February 2007

b) Exchange of good practice in youth work between Europe and Africa, the Caribbean, Pacific (ACP), Asia, Latin America

This Call aims at supporting projects which **promote an exchange of experience and good practice in the field of youth** between the European Union, candidate countries and EFTA/EEA on the one hand, and countries of Africa, the Caribbean, Pacific (ACP), Asia and Latin America on the other hand.

The **general objectives** of these projects shall be to contribute to the development of youth policies and youth work, and of the voluntary sector, as well as to capacity-building and leadership development for youth organisations/structures in the countries concerned.

The **specific objectives** of the projects should address the needs of the partners in Africa, the Caribbean, Pacific (ACP), Asia and Latin America and shall be:

To provide opportunities for youth workers and persons responsible for youth organisations and other youth structures to share good practices and working methods through activities such as seminars, workshops, training courses, study visits and practical training (job shadowing).

To develop sustainable contacts and networks between youth organisations with the aim of continuous sharing of information and experience

Eligible applicants

Applicants must be non-profit making bodies legally established in one of the following countries:

- **European Union (EU):**
- **Countries that are simultaneously members of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and the European Economic Area (EEA):** Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway;
- **Candidate countries:** Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey.

Projects have to involve organisations or other legally established bodies from at least **four countries**. These have to include at least **two Programme countries** of the YOUTH programme, of which a minimum of one is an EU Member State, and at least **two Partner Countries** from ACP/Asia/Latin America.

Projects must start between 1 November 2006 and 31 December 2006. They must last between 6 and 12 months.

Applications must be sent to the Commission no later than **30 June, 2006** (as per postmark). Contact:

youthALA@cec.eu.int

For further information on both calls, application procedures, forms etc. please visit:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/youth/call/index_en.html

Exploratory Workshops (European Science Foundation)

On 28 February ESF launched its 2006 Call for Proposals for workshops to be held in 2007, across all scientific domains. Each year, ESF supports approximately 50 Exploratory Workshops across all scientific domains.

The focus of the scheme is on projects aiming to open up new directions in research or to explore emerging research fields with potential impact on new developments in science. Proposals should demonstrate the potential for initiating follow-up research activities and/or developing future collaborative actions. Interdisciplinary topics are encouraged.

Proposals may be submitted in any or across several of the following broad scientific fields:

Biomedical Sciences; Life, Earth and Environmental Sciences; Physical and Engineering Sciences; Social Sciences; Humanities as well as science driven issues of Research Infrastructures in any of the above fields.

The 2006 Call for Proposals is for workshops to be held between 1 January and 31 December 2007.

The deadline for submitting proposals is **2 May 2006** (midnight CET).

ESF Exploratory Workshops are intended to be small, interactive and output-oriented gatherings with a maximum number of 30 participants (including speakers and convenors), a usual duration of 1-3 days.

Ample time for discussion must be provided in the scientific programme.

A workshop shall conclude with plans for follow-up research activities and/or collaborative actions or other specific outputs within or outside the frame of ESF

A workshop should have wide participation from across Europe. No more than 5 participants may come from the applicant's own country.

The award will be up to a maximum value of 15 000 €, which will cover the costs of workshop activities and travel, accommodation and subsistence for participants

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Upcoming Dates

- March 24th, 2006:** Deadline submission proposals child Labour (Winrock International)
- April 15th, 2006:** Deadline application HEI partnerships DAAD
- April 19th-21st, 2006:** workshop on CSR in South Asia (SCS)
- April 20th, 2006:** Deadline submission posters by children and young people on their rights (DG Justice)
- April 21st, 2006:** Start of Expert Course in Berlin
- 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 18th-19th, 2006:** International Interdisciplinary Conference on Children's Rights University of Ghent, Belgium.
- 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 10th -22nd, 2006:** 7th encounter of African Movement of Working Children and Young People
- 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
- November 1st, 2006:** Deadline Pre-call Erasmus Thematic Network Project