



## Children's Rights Newsletter (crnews) 11/05

**Dear Network Members and Network Interested,**

We would like to invite you to read our 11<sup>th</sup> edition of crnews in 2005. In this edition we will inform you on various events on children's rights in Europe and in the World, as well as funding possibilities for youth-led organisations and research projects in the UK. Our conference "Children's Rights in Germany and Europe- Politics, Science and Practice" which took place on September 29<sup>th</sup> in Berlin was a great success. You can read more about the conference in the special edition of crnews coming soon.

As usual, 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".

Warm Regards,

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### **General News**

#### **External**

**Election of New Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights**

Thomas Hammarberg, currently Secretary General of the Olof Palme International Centre in Sweden and a former Secretary General of Amnesty International, was elected as Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights by the Organisation's Parliamentary Assembly (PACE) on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Office of Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights is an independent, non-judicial institution within the Council of Europe whose task is to promote human rights awareness, support national human rights structures, identify shortcomings in human rights law and practice and promote the full enjoyment of human rights in all 46 of the Council of Europe's member states.

The Commissioner undertakes regular visits to member states for dialogue with governments and civil society and prepares reports on subjects falling within his mandate.

### **CONVENTION ON THE RIGHT OF THE CHILD: Interdisciplinary Conference**

Date: 18-19 May 2006, Location: Ghent, Belgium,

New submission deadline for papers: 30 November 2005

The conference aims at evaluating the progress and achievements of the UNCRC, and at exploring the challenges ahead in realising children's rights. It will in particular do so by creating an open forum where academics can meet and exchange views with other professionals, dealing with children's rights in a more practical way.

The keynote speakers will be some of the world's leading experts on children's rights: Jaap Doek (Chairperson UN Committee on the Rights of the Child), Katarina Tomasevski (Special Rapporteur of the UN Commission on Human Rights on the right to education 1998-2004), Nigel Cantwell (International child protection consultant, founder DCI), Jean Trépanier (Professor at the Centre international de criminologie comparée of the University of Montréal). Emeritus Professor Eugeen Verhellen (Founder of the Children's Rights Centre at Ghent University) will also participate in the conference.

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### **Info from CRIN Newsletters:**

#### **CRIN READER: Children and Rights-Based Programming**

The Child Rights Information Network (CRIN) has just published a new reader on "Children and Rights-Based Approaches to Development Programming" containing key resources designed to support the work of child rights professionals.

The reader includes basic texts, legal instruments, best practice documents, policy and advocacy documents, monitoring and reporting tools, training material and websites.

Further resources are available on CRIN's rights-based programming website at:

<http://www.therightsapproach.org>.

#### **MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS: Youth Participation**

Voices of Youth has launched a new learning module for adolescents on the Millennium Development Goals: What can you do to help end poverty? at:

[http://www.unicef.org/voy/explore/mdg/explore\\_mdg.php](http://www.unicef.org/voy/explore/mdg/explore_mdg.php). The site contains: information for adolescents about the MDGs; activities based on the Millennium Indicators database; audio and video messages from young people on the theme of the MDGs; downloadable posters, flyers and postcards and many other interesting bits and pieces. The module provides adolescents with opportunities to learn about the MDGs, discuss their impact, and discover ways of taking action to reach the 2015 goals.

For more information, contact:

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### **E-CHILD PROTECTION: World Summit on the Information Society**

ECPAT International is calling on the Tunis phase of the World Summit of the Information Society (WSIS) to protect children and young people from the dangers which accompany the undoubted benefits of expanding access to the Internet, mobile phones and other new technologies.

Sexual exploitation of children through the Internet and other Information Technologies is one of the worst and fastest-growing computer-related crimes worldwide.

The WSIS in Tunis in November to set policies and standards for how the Internet is run and how new technologies will spread to rural, poor and developing regions for decades to come. So far little attention is being paid to the need and rights of children and young people to be protected from the dangers of Information Technologies. ECPAT needs help to ensure that child protection measures are included in this final phase of WSIS. Please send a statement of support for ECPAT International's submission (Document WSIS-II/PC-3/CONTR/46) and/or for child protection measures to:

- the WSIS Secretariat at [wsis-contributions@itu.int](mailto:wsis-contributions@itu.int) and cc: [media@ecpat.net](mailto:media@ecpat.net). Please mention if your organisation has ECOSOC status.

- your Government - either your Minister of Telecommunications, Trade and Industry, or the minister responsible for children.

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Website: <http://www.ecpat.net> / <http://www.make-IT-safe.net>

### **RIGHTS BASED PROGRAMMING: Implications for Policymakers and Donors**

Date: 9-11 November 2005; Location: London, UK

The Centre for International Human Rights, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London is organising a conference on "Reinventing Development: Lessons from Rights-based Practice and its Implications for Policymakers and Donors".

The conference seeks to gather further data on the implications and impacts of applying a rights-based approach in practice, and feed this experience into policy and donor debates and communities.

For more information, contact: Mary Sanver, Email: [Mary.Sanver@sas.ac.uk](mailto:Mary.Sanver@sas.ac.uk)

### **CAMBODIA: Children Monitoring the Implementation of the CRC**

To more effectively facilitate the children's participation in the process of monitoring the implementation of the UNCRC in Cambodia, The Children and Young People Movement for Child Rights (CYPMCR) organised a national children conference on "Child Participation in Monitoring the Implementation of the UNCRC in Cambodia" in Phnom Penh from 15 to 17 December, 2004. The purpose of the conference was to facilitate a meaningful child participation process in the assessment of the progress made by the Cambodian Government, to seek children's input and recommendations and to support the children reporting on the preparation of the report.

For more information, contact: Child Rights Foundation (CRF)

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### **CHILD LABOUR: Child Labour's Global Past Conference**

Date: 15-17 November 2006, Location: Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Paper proposals (max. 500 words) are expected by 1 November 2005.

The Amsterdam Foundation for International Research on Working Children (IREWOC) is organising an international conference on Child Labour's Global Past (1500-2000).

This Conference aims to trace and discuss the historical development of child labour from a global perspective. Leading questions are: where and why did child labour emerge as a (demand-driven or supply-driven) phenomenon since 1500? What was its contribution to the economy and to the household? Which were the mechanisms and the developments that helped to solve the child labour problem in some parts of the world and failed to do so in others?

Specific attention will be given to the interface between colonialism (and globalisation) and the reliance on child labour in the colonial period and thereafter. How did colonialism, globalisation, and the international division of labour affect the occurrence and disappearance of child labour in different parts of the world?

For more information, contact:

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### **CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN EUROPE: Commission Drafts a Communication**

For many years Save the Children has called for a Commission Communication on the promotion and implementation of Children's Rights, both in EU's internal and external policies. After the June consultation with the civil society, [the Department] for Freedom, Justice and Security is now drafting the Communication text. A core group of NGOs have prepared a joint message on issues the Communication should be based on:

- Having the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child as base
- Being a visionary document outlining the Commission's strategy to create a coherent strategy to integrate children's rights throughout the organisation;
- Positioning the Commission as champions on protecting children's rights, aiming at successfully reporting on World Fit for Children + 5 (2007)
- Including mechanisms for civil society consultation including children's participation in EU policy and programming
- Developing a Programme for Action on European Commission (EC) child rights policy which includes provisions for proper implementation including clear objectives for each Department, delineation of resources, a timetable and benchmarks; etc.

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Website: <http://www.savethechildren.net>

### **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: Assistance Programme**

Deadline application: 24 October 2005

Harvard College International Development Organisation (HIDO) is inviting organisations in developing countries working towards youth development and empowerment to submit project proposals with applications for technical and financial assistance.

HIDO is seeking to assist promising youth-led or youth-focused development initiatives working at the grassroots level in developing countries through technical assistance and capacity building.

HIDO is inviting eligible organisations to submit applications outlining their current activities and potential areas for assistance from HIDO without charge. Proposed forms of technical assistance include:

- Publicity, advocacy and campaigning through established student and youth networks worldwide
- Exposure through website design.
- Research and information, learning from academia, internationally established best practices and the experience of similar organisations worldwide.
- Fundraising and grant-writing assistance, guidance on writing successful project and business proposals, and links to grants and funds from relevant development agencies.

For more information, contact: HIDO Programmes Manager, Email: [hidoapplications@gmail.com](mailto:hidoapplications@gmail.com)

## **Funding**

### **Funding possibilities UK**

Deadline: 30 September 2005, 15 January 2006 and 01 April 2006

The British Academy operates agreements with academies in the following countries of Eastern and Central Europe: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia.

The primary purpose of the agreements is to facilitate scholarly research in the humanities and social sciences. All the agreements incorporate quota to allow

- research visits by British scholars in the receiving country; and
- visits in connection with joint projects, including research visits, attendance at joint seminars or conferences in connection with joint projects, and support for workshops in connection with joint projects.

Further Information: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/cefsu.html>

### **To Do's:**

For all network members:

- Establish contacts to interested individuals and organisations, institutions who could possibly participate in the network (as members, sponsors, affiliated)
- Find out about national funding programmes

### **Upcoming Dates:**

**October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005:** Deadline application: Youth Development Assistance Programme

**October 25-27, 2005:** Child Abuse: EU / US Summit on Missing and Exploited Children in Buonas, Switzerland

**November 9-11, 2005:** RIGHTS BASED PROGRAMMING: event in London, UK

**January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006:** Deadlines for British Academy funding

**February 12-16<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** Third International Conference on the Impact of Global Issues on Women and Children Location: Dhaka, Bangladesh

<http://www.fhs.mcmaster.ca/slru/ic2006/main.html>, <http://www.ic2006.info>

**May 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 2006.** International Interdisciplinary Conference on Children's Rights University of Ghent, Belgium. New Deadline call for papers: **November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005.**

URL: [http://www.law.uqent.be/pub/iuap/c\\_call.html](http://www.law.uqent.be/pub/iuap/c_call.html)

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