



European Network of Masters on Children's Rights

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Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

Once again we invite you to read crnews. This time the 10th edition in 2005. Now the international **public conference Children's Rights in Politics, Science and Practice** is coming soon. We are looking forward to welcoming a lot of international experts from the child- and youth sector on **Thursday, the 29th of September, 2005** in Berlin. If anyone is interested please review the section *General News/Internal* and consult the invitation for more detailed information. As usual, for feedback, criticism and comments as well as any information input, please use the e-mail address: info@enmcr.net. If you do not wish to receive this newsletter any longer, please send a message with the subject "unsubscribe crnews" to either one of the above addresses.

Warm Regards,

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Editors



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General News:

Internal

Children's Rights in Germany and Europe: Politics, Science and Practice- International Conference in Berlin

The public event is being organized in cooperation with the Deutsche Gesellschaft e.V./The European Information Centre in Berlin. It will serve ENMCR to become more known in the "Child Rights Scene". Practitioners from the children and youth sector (NGOs, representatives of public institutions) have been invited to voice their needs as to what kind of academic qualification is required for successfully implementing children's rights in practical work.

Effective participation possibilities for children and youth will be discussed in an afternoon expert talk after participation projects have been presented by coordinators. Besides participation possibilities the instrument Child Rights Programming will be introduced by representatives of Save the Children. In an evening panel discussion with politicians, professionals and scientists from Germany and the European Union, a broader public audience should be sensitised for the implementation of the rights of the child. Neuralgic and critical points of the UN convention on the rights of the child will be discussed. The conference will take place on Thursday, 29th September, 2005, from 14-22h in Berlin. For further information please contact: Rebecca Budde, Jean-Monnet-Haus, Bundesallee 22, 10717 Berlin, Germany. Tel: +49-88412-191, Fax: 0721-151334408, e-mail: info@enmcr.net URL: www.enmcr.net

Next Internal ENMCR Meeting

We will use the opportunity of being gathered for the conference to hold an internal ENMCR meeting on Friday, September 30th, 2005. As we are expecting possible new members, especially from Central- and East Europe, we will use the time to present work and experiences, get to know each other and discuss possibilities for future cooperation. Evaluation and Quality Assurance mechanisms for teaching and university systems will be another issue for discussion.

External

Ethnographic Knowledge - an approach to the field of education

The Danish University of Education is offering a course (in English) about Ethnographic Knowledge which will take place from 10th - 13th October, in Copenhagen/Denmark.

The course has got a value of 6 points (ECTS) and is limited for 20 students.

Content: A prerequisite for this course is that ethnographic methods must form at least part of the empirical base of the PhD project, but the course is open to participants in all phases of their PhD studies. The course focuses on methods and methodological discussions central to ethnographic research. An objective of the course is to provide the participants with an understanding of the kind of reflections necessary for the ethnographic approach, and, therefore, lectures combined with participants' presentations of the methodological design of their projects will form the core of the course. The course aims to heighten the student's awareness of methodological issues and ethical considerations when undertaking ethnographic research, such as reflections on ways to participate, the objects of research and different ways of constructing a field. Attention is focused on developing reflexive skills in order to overcome problems and challenges related to research design, field-experiences, and data collection, analysis and interpretation.

Deadline for applications is 10th September, 2005. Completed application forms should be sent to: Laila Parbst, PhD Board of Studies, The Danish University of Education, Emdrupvej 101, 2400 Copenhagen NV, Denmark. Email: phd@dpu.dk. Responsible for the course is Eva Gulløv, Email: evag@dpu.dk

II World Congress on Childhood and Adolescents' Rights: Children and Adolescents' citizenship - their rights' requirement from the approach of human rights and development

To be held on 21-25 November 2005 in Lima, Perú.

The general objective of this congress is to bring an academic opportunity to exchange experiences which could offer guidelines for an integral intervention pointing to the real fulfillment of Children's rights starting from the Child Rights Approach.

The subjects are:

- Citizenship in childhood and adolescence from a multidisciplinary approach
- Childhood and adolescence practice their citizenship in the normative.
- Thinking of the experiences and reflections about citizenship from childhood and adolescence.

You can find more information on the session on: www.iicongresomundialdeinfancia.org (Web site for adults), www.iicongresomundialnna.org (Web site for children) or contact Tel: (511) 564 12 86 - (511) 799 1129, Email: iicongresomundialinfanciaperu@yahoo.com

Second Children's University at the Free University Berlin from 5th-9th September 2005

Why can't we see god? Why does a fizzy tablet bubble? And why do rockets fly? These and many more questions will be answered in this year's Children's University at the Free University (FU) Berlin (Germany). This event is directed to children in basic primary schools in Berlin and will arrange lectures as well as join-in-courses, where the children will be introduced to first scientific operations in a children friendly and appropriate way. The Children's University offers a lot of very exciting themes from the domains of humanities and sciences. Because of the huge demand, there will be more activities than last year.

Teachers can register their classes (2nd - 6th grade) directly via the internet. For further information please contact: Claudia Dreisbach, Tel: 030 / 838-54372, E- mail: bcpdreis@chemie.fu-berlin.de. You'll find the programme and registration form at: <http://www.fu-berlin.de/kinderuni>

UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, 40th session

Date 12 - 30 September 2005, Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Country reports from China (incl. Hong Kong and Macau), Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Russia, Denmark, Australia, Saudi Arabia, Finland and Algeria will be discussed and evaluated. You can find information on the session on: www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/crcs40.htm.

Or directly at the committee's office at: Avenue de la Paix, CH 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, Tel: + 41 22 917 9000; Fax: + 41 22 917 9022, Email: crc@ohchr.org

URL: <http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc>

Info from CRIN Newsletters:

Promoting the Creation of Ombudsman for Children [publication]

Through a new report, "Children's Ombudsman Save the Children Norway's experiences with supporting and co-operating with independent institutions protecting children's rights", Save the Children Norway wants to present an overview of these activities in the relevant programme countries. The report draws general conclusions on experiences and lessons learned and proposes action points for further work. The world's first ombudsman for children was appointed in Norway in 1981. According to the latest counts, there are now more than 60 ombudsman for children

offices around the world. Most of them are at national level, others at state or province level. In a generic way they could be referred to as "independent institutions protecting children's rights". This report is aimed at child rights organisations that are interested in or involved in efforts to advocate for the establishment of independent institutions for children's rights.

For more information, contact: Anne Margrete Grøslund, Special Adviser Children's Rights, Save the Children Norway, Programme Department Postboks 6902 St. Olavs plass, 0130 Oslo, Norway, Tel: + 47 22 99 09 00; Fax: + 47 22 20 17 66, Email: kristin.westbye@reddbarna.no, Website: <http://www.reddbarna.no>

Child abuse: EU / US Summit on Missing and Exploited Children [event]

Date: 25-27 October 2005, Location: Buonas, Switzerland

The International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (International Centre) and Child Focus - the European Centre for Missing and Sexually Exploited Children, are organising the European / US Summit on Missing and Exploited Children, to be held in October in Switzerland.

The Summit will examine the underlying causes that impact children; define the scope of the problem; discuss current and emerging issues, as well as gaps in services; and develop an action agenda for moving forward collaboratively and collectively to improve the response to the plight of missing and exploited children.

For more information, contact: Jessica Derder, Programme Manager, International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children, Charles B. Wang International Children's Building, 699 Prince Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3175, US, Tel: + 1 703 837 6218; Fax: + 1 703 549 4504 Email: jderder@ncmec.org, Website: <http://www.icmec.org>

Photographic Exhibition of Childhood Poverty in Peru [event]

Date: 6-16 September 2005, Location: London, UK

Young Lives will celebrate the launch of a new exhibition on childhood poverty in Peru entitled "Niños del Milenio" in London, on 6 September 2005. There will be an opening talk by renowned economist Enrique Vasquez on child poverty in Peru and the Millennium Development Goals, accompanied by the premiere of a Peruvian documentary on the same theme.

For more information, contact: Falguni Patel, Communications and Information Officer, Young Lives Economic Policy Team, c/o Save the Children, 1 St. John's Lane, London EC1M 4AR, UK

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<http://www.younglives.org.uk> Or <http://www.ninosdelmilenio.org>

Juvenile Justice: Rights of Children in the Penal System [conferences]

The Howard League for Penal Reform is organising a series of conferences on the legal and human rights of children in the penal system, to be held in London, UK, at the end of the year:

- Children, crime and the community (7 October 2005)
- Mental health and children in the penal system (4 November 2005)
- Children in custody (2 December 2005)

The conferences will address youth offending teams, local authorities, youth and social workers, probation practitioners, sentencers, lawyers, voluntary sector organisations, academics and anyone working in the criminal justice system and concerned about reform. They will consist of plenary sessions with keynote speakers, questions and debates, and breakout sessions to explore good practice and further discussions.

For more information, contact: Barbara Norris, Events and Promotions Officer, The Howard League for Penal Reform, 1 Ardleigh Road, London N1 4HS, UK

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Website: <http://www.howardleague.org> or visit:

<http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=6001&flag=event>

Funding: International PhD scholarships Gottlieb Daimler and Karl Benz Foundation

Scholarships can be applied for by young German graduates to take on PhD research studies abroad as well as by international young researchers to take on studies in German research institutions.

The programme is open to all disciplines, themes and countries. Next **deadline for applications is: October 1st, 2005.**

For more info please contact: <http://www.daimler-benz-stiftung.de/home/fellowship/de/start.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:

September 5-9, 2005: Second Children University at the Free University Berlin, Germany

September 10, 2005: Deadline application course about Ethnographic Knowledge at the Danish University of Education, Copenhagen

September 6-16, 2005: Photographic Exhibition of Childhood Poverty in Peru in London, UK

September 12-30, 2005: 40th Session UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Geneva, Switzerland

September 13, 2005: Bertelsmann Foundation presents "mitWirkung" - project in Berlin, Germany

September 19-23, 2005: Child Welfare Leaders WorldForum 2005 in Tallinn, Estonia.

Deadline for submission of abstracts closed. URL: <http://www.lastekaitseliit.ee>

September 28, 2005, 17h Brussels time: Deadline application Marie Curie Research Training Networks

September 29, 2005, 14h-22h: Children's Rights in Germany and Europe: Politics, Science and Practice - International conference in Berlin. URL: www.enmcr.net

September 30, 2005: Internal ENMCR meeting in Berlin. Contact: rebecca@eufund.de

October 1, 2005: Deadline application International PhD scholarships Gottlieb Daimler and Karl Benz Foundation

October 7, 2005: Juvenile Justice: Rights of Children in the Penal System - conference in London, UK (further conference-dates: **November 4, 2005** and **December 2, 2005**)

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

February 12-16th, 2006: Third International Conference on the Impact of Global Issues on Women and Children Location: Dhaka, Bangladesh <http://www.fhs.mcmaster.ca/slruc/ic2006/main.html>, <http://www.ic2006.info>

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

URL: http://www.law.ugent.be/pub/iuap/c_call.html

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