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## Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

Once again we would like to welcome you to read CRnews, this time the second edition in 2006. We would like to direct your attention in particular to the expert course on childhood studies at the International Academy in Berlin, for which there are still some places open, the deadline however is coming up (January 31), so if you are interested, get the application going!

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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Editors



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## General News Internal

### Info from members

#### Expert Course on Childhood Studies and Child Rights Practice in an International Context

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 January 31, 2006, for further information please visit: [www.iglis.de](http://www.iglis.de) or contact:

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### Documentary ENMCR

On September 29, 2005 ENMCR organised the international conference "Children's Rights in Europe- Politics, Science and Practice". The whole conference was videotaped and we have now edited the footage to two short (14 min. and 11 min.) documentary films. The first film shows the different partners of the network and introduces the Network as a whole, with its activities and running MA courses. The second film is a summary of the panel discussion on neuralgic and critical points in implementing the UNCRC. The material gives a good overview of the event. (We would also like to refer to CRnews 12\_05, which gives a detailed report on the conference).

Anybody interested in the films can contact Rebecca Budde at [rebecca@eufund.de](mailto:rebecca@eufund.de) to obtain a copy.

We are also planning to offer the films as download on [www.enmcr.net](http://www.enmcr.net) in the next few days. However the quality will not be as good, due to the size of the file.

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

The next encounter of ENMCR partner's will take place at the Institute of Education in London on February 23 and 24, 2006. The network will use this opportunity to present itself publicly on February 23, at the IoE, University of London, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H0AL, UK from 4.30pm -6.00pm in room 944.

We invite everybody who is interested in the Network to use this opportunity to get to know the core members personally and engage in fruitful discussions.

For further information, please contact Virginia Morrow, PhD at [v.morrow@ioe.ac.uk](mailto:v.morrow@ioe.ac.uk)

## General News External

### Children in the Drivers' Seat - Children studying their transport, mobility and access problems [child-led research]

Over a period of 7 months, from October 2004 to April 2005 144 Children from three rural communities in India conducted the study, which had had the following principal objectives:

- to enable children to access, obtain, and manage information appropriately, in order to empower them to become their own protagonists;
- to enable children to identify and recognize problems, access and analyse data, and use the resulting information to take control of the issues they face and, further, to develop solutions to overcome them;
- to demonstrate that children are capable of effectively participating in all democratic processes, provided that they are equipped with appropriate information and skills and that their participation in such processes can bring about structural changes in the community;

The child researchers were boys and girls in the age group of 9 to 18. About 85 percent of them were school going children and the remaining were working children. All the children who conducted the study were from low income and socially marginalised groups.

By participating in this project the children have gained a lot on both a personal and professional level. The process has equipped the children with skills and expertise in information management, including applying methods, developing appropriate, talking to other children and adults with confidence, meeting up and discussing with key stakeholders in their community, ability to negotiate and argue their point, substantiating their argument with appropriate data, making presentations, advocating their cause at various levels, including internationally and finding appropriate solutions to their problems.

To read a full report on the study please contact P.J. Lolichen at: [cwblr@vsnl.com](mailto:cwblr@vsnl.com)

#### **Online-Course «Introduction to Human Rights Education» [education]**

Date: 6. March - 29. May 2006

Teacher: Dr. Karl-Peter Fritzsche, Holder of the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights Education, University of Magdeburg

Four key questions structure the course: What basic knowledge on Human Rights is indispensable? What do we mean by human rights education? What offers on human rights education are there? How can we connect to the existing offers creatively and how can obstacles be overcome? The course is directed to all trainers and educators that practice or want to practice human rights oriented education. The course is in German. The course can be concluded with a certificate and via the Unesco chair according credit points can be obtained.

The deadline to apply for the course is: February 8, 2006

For further information and the application form, please visit: <http://www.hrea.org/courses/8D.html>

### **Info from CRIN Newsletters**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO: Research post on children, youth and environments**

The Ph.D. Programme in Design and Planning in the College of Architecture and Planning at the University of Colorado will provide full funding, including tuition, to a qualified applicant seeking to undertake research on some aspect of children, youth and environments. The College hosts the journal "Children, Youth and Environments" and houses the Children, Youth and Environments Centre for Design and Research, in whose activities the applicant will be expected to be involved.

For more information, contact:

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#### **ROMANIA: Prostitution among Romanian minors in Rome [publication]**

The Terre des Hommes Foundation recently published the results of a three-month research project on unaccompanied Romanian children in Rome: "An Increase in prostitution among Romanian minors in Rome".

Rome today appears to contain the highest concentration of Romanian unaccompanied children in Italy. Although the number of those trafficked from Romania to Italy is a reality, the number of children from 14 to 18 years old who migrate from their country and become involved in, or fall victim to, exploitation once they are already in Italy seems increasingly high. Boys and girls are involved mainly in the sex trade, while younger children (from 11 to 13) are involved in petty crimes such as robbery and extortion.

Unilateral programmes have been designed, discussed and approved. However, in practice, the search for reliable partners in the other country and the establishment of sustainable and concrete collaboration agreements often begin only on the first day of implementation. Romanian and Italian solutions need to be combined, focus on the principle of the best interests of the child, and be based on trust between partners. The solution must be a European one.

Terre des Hommes welcome all comments and suggestions for improvement, as well as documents and research from the field.

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#### **SOUTHERN EUROPE: Need for New Child Inclusion Policies [event]**

Date: 16-17 February 2006, Location: Rome, Italy

The European Foundation for Street Children World-wide (EFSCW) and the Representation of the European Commission in Italy have organised a 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".

The Southern European countries within the exterior borders of the EU need specific attention towards child inclusive policies, which also have to take into consideration their specific migration problems. For this reason, the forum aims at raising awareness of this crucial problem as well as presenting and ensuring a mutual exchange between different stakeholders.

For more information, contact:

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**CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD: Campaign for US Ratification [event]**

Date: 18-20 May 2006, Location: Washington DC, USA

The Summit Planning Committee expects this conference to be a forum for a dynamic and diverse gathering of non-governmental organisations, government officials, the private sector, child rights advocates, scholars, religious organisations, parents, youth, students, and others committed to promoting US Ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

Interested individuals or organisations are invited to submit proposals for workshops, panels and presentations that are focused on the themes of the Summit. On the website you can inform about the topics.

Submission deadline: 15 February 2006; for more information, contact:

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

**CHILDREN AND VIOLENCE: Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights [course]**

Date: 6-11 February 2006 ; Location: Fribourg, Switzerland

The Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (IUKB) is organising the Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights (MCR), a two year post-graduate training programme on children's rights. The 5th Module of this year's MCR, takes violence against children as its theme. The international norms and practice relating to the issues of violence against children in the family, trafficking in children, children in armed conflict situations and child sexual exploitation will be examined from a number of different perspectives. In addition to the regular MCR students, a maximum of five persons will be accepted in the module as free auditors.

Application deadline: 31 January 2006; For more information, contact:

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**EDUCATION: Child Rights, Classroom and School Management [course]**

Date: Phase I: 29 May to 16 June 2006 - Phase II: November 2006, Location: Lund, Sweden, and South Africa

International Training Programmes (ITP) are organised by the Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (Sida). These programmes aim at enhancing managerial and technical skills in partner countries and cover subjects of strategic importance to economic and social development. Sweden has extensive experience of working with the mainstreaming of democratic governance and human rights in policy, legal instruments and practice and it is actively working to promote the right to education for all.

The training will be conducted in English. The target group for the training programme are persons working with pedagogical support and pedagogical development, at school level, district level and central level. In addition, the course will also be open for application to professional staff at NGOs working in the field of education and human rights, based in developing countries.

Application deadline: 1 March 2006, for more information, contact:

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**EASTERNEUROPE: Child protection training material [online resource]**

UNICEF Regional Office for CEE/CIS (Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States) and the Baltics launched an important new online Resource package on child protection in CEE/CIS last month, the first online resource package on Child Protection issues from a specific region.

The package includes reports, statistics, videos, photos, plus region- and country-specific information. It is an attempt to consolidate knowledge on the situation of child protection in the CEE/CIS region and the progress of reforms that UNICEF is concerned with, namely the child care system, juvenile justice system and the overall system of child protection.

For more information, contact:

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## Funding

No news available - for more funding possibilities take a look at previous newsletters!

## Upcoming Dates

**January 9<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** UN-Committee on the Rights on the Child: 41st Session

**January 28<sup>th</sup> -February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** Workshop on Children's Rights, Participation, Protagonism and Governance

**January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006:** Deadline proposals for Policy Priority Consultation Paper (SCCYP!)

**January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006:** Deadline application 2Expert Course on Childhood Studies", INA, Berlin

**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** Deadline Online-Course «Introduction to Human Rights Education»

**February 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights, Fribourg | Deadline application: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006

**February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** Next deadline for IMG under Tempus III

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

**February 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** EFSCW – Event: “Need for New Child Inclusion Policies”, Roma

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

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

**May 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** Convention: “Campaign for US Ratification”, Washington | Deadline proposals: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2006

**May 29<sup>th</sup>-July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006:** Course: Child Rights, Classroom and School Management | Deadline application: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2006

**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 | Deadline call for papers: **31<sup>st</sup> January 2006**

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

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