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Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

As usual we are providing you with information on procedures within ENMCR and its members. For comments and feedback on CRnews, please write to info@enmcr.net. If you would like us to include information on activities please send an e-mail to info@enmcr.net.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Budde (Editor)



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Creation of Network of Professionals for Latin America at UCM

Some Latin American students of the University Complutense Madrid Expert Course on Social Policies of Childhood- <http://www.ucm.es/info/polinfan/index.html> , have created a Network of Professionals for Latin America.

The aim is to promote a reflection on the social situation in Latin America, the state of the art of Human Rights in that region and, especially, Children's Rights. The network is "in construction" and they invite other Children's Rights Master's students and graduates (both Latin American and European ones) to join it. The contact e-mail is redprofesionales@yahoo.com

Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights (MCR),

We are very pleased to announce the Call for applications for the 2009-2010 cycle of the *Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights (MCR)*, an interdisciplinary part-time postgraduate programme in children's rights, which is jointly organised by the Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (IUKB) in Sion and the University of Fribourg, both in Switzerland. The next cycle of this two-year programme will begin on 16 February 2009 and the **deadline for applications is 15 September 2008**.

You can download the new brochure that give you an overview of the programme: :

http://www.iukb.ch/fileadmin/ude/mcr/Brochure_of_the_MCR_2009-2010.pdf

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Internship post at the ENMCR coordination office in Berlin still open!!! URGENT

The coordination office of the European Network of Masters in Children's Rights is looking for an enthusiastic intern to assist in all activities **starting September, 1 2008**.

In particular, the tasks will cover: technical and organizational support to the European Master in Childhood Studies and Children's Rights at the Free University in Berlin, including in particular the maintenance and updating of our online learning environment on Blackboard. Support in developing and organizing local activities with students and teachers of the European Master. Support in editing CRnews and the ENMCR website and other Public Relations activities (incl. fundraising). The intern will have the opportunity to participate in relevant local children's rights workshops and conferences.

The position is half time and paid.

We are looking for an engaged, enthusiastic person, preferably a student of social sciences, who is willing and able to work in a team and who speaks and writes English and German fluently. The position will be filled for 6 months with the option to extend to 12 months.

Please direct applications to Rebecca Budde, ENMCR, Freie Universität Berlin, Habelschwerdter Allee 45, 14195 Berlin, Germany. For inquiries and further information, please contact the coordination office at: Tel: +49-(0)30-838-52734 or by e-mail: info@enmcr.net.

Joint response Eurochild and EURONET to European Commission consultation on impact assessment guidelines

The EC has launched a consultation on its revised guidelines for assessing the economic, social and environmental impact of its proposals.

http://ec.europa.eu/governance/impact/consultation/ia_consultation_en.htm

Euronet and Eurochild have commented on the proposed draft guidelines calling for a strong measurement of the impact of EU actions on fundamental rights, and in particular on the rights of the

child. To read the recommendation, visit:

http://www.eurochild.org/fileadmin/user_upload/files/Letter_EURONET_EUROCHILD_on_Impact_Assessm_24_July_2008_FINAL.pdf

Call to Members: Combating Corporal Punishment against Children; EURONET General Assembly Day of Discussion. Date: 30 September 2008, 9.00-17.00, Location: Brussels

EURONET has drafted Agenda and Registration form which should be completed and returned to the EURONET secretariat by September 5th. Most likely an ENMCR representative will take part. For further information contact:

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Children's Rights in the EU budget

The European Commission is preparing a proposal for an EU budget reform. EURONET has called on the Commission to include Children's Rights in all EU policy priorities and expenditures that affect them. If you would like to read the whole Euronet contribution, please contact EURONET at:

eupeanchildrennetwork@skynet.be

Children's Rights in the EC impact assessment guidelines

The EC is issuing guidelines to assess the impact of proposals on specific areas. EURONET and Eurochild jointly called upon the EC to measure the impact of EU actions on Children's Rights and on fundamental rights. They also called on the Commission to ensure the quality and effectiveness of impact assessment through stakeholder involvement. For more information, please contact:

eupeanchildrennetwork@skynet.be

Germany: Child friendly/Just to children? (Deutschland: kindergerecht?)

Organiser: National Coalition. Date: 14. November 2008; Location: Berlin

The event aims at assessing the impact of the steps taken towards a Germany fit for children over the passed years. As reference the National Action Plan and its objectives will be reflected. The event should serve as preparation for the submission of Germany's next state report to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (due in April 2009). Further information: Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kinder- und Jugendhilfe - AGJ -Child and Youth Welfare Association - National Coalition for the implementation of the UN-Convention on the Rights of the Child in Germany; Mühlendamm 3, 10178 Berlin - Deutschland/Germany; Tel.: 0049 (0) 30 400 40 216 ; Fax: 0049 (0) 30 400 40 232

E-Mail: kirsten.schweder@agj.de or info@national-coalition.de; Internet: www.national-coalition.de and www.agj.de

General News External

EU Strategy update:

The internal consultation for the issue paper will take longer than initially foreseen. The draft issue paper shall be sent out to stakeholders by mid September in time for discussion at the next Steering Group meeting which will take place on 9 October.

Source: e-mail by Dora Olteanu; Policy Officer - Rights of the child ; European Commission; Directorate-General Justice, Freedom and Security; Directorate C Unit C3 : Citizenship and fundamental rights; Tel.: +32.2.299.34.86

Request for feedback by FRA

The European Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) launched a consultation requesting feedback and suggestions for follow-up on its annual report 2008 and ideas for the 2009 work programme. Replies should follow questions in the questionnaire as relevant for the activities of respondents. The

FRA was built on the former European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC). It has continued the work of the centre in those areas but in the context of a broader mandate established under a Multi-annual Framework (MAF) <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:063:0014:0015:EN:PDF> covering the period 2007-2012. Each year the agency carries out its mission in the light of an Annual Work Programme based on the thematic areas that were determined in the MAF.

The information in the **annual report 2008**

(http://fra.europa.eu/fra/index.php?fuseaction=content.dsp_cat_content&catid=4860badc7f081)

relates to data and analysis on developments in the fight against racism, xenophobia and related intolerance in the EU in 2007. Across the report the **situation of children is also addressed**. The report confirms that most vulnerable children - children of Roma, Sinti, Travellers, asylum seekers and irregular immigrants - experience racism and discrimination in the areas of education, access to healthcare and housing. Findings indicate those children experience racist violence, face difficulties in accessing healthcare facilities, and are confronted with unfit education systems that cause segregation and unequal opportunities. Examples of racism and discrimination against children as well as 'good practice' examples support the conclusions of the report.

According to the **2008 work programme**,

(http://fra.europa.eu/fra/index.php?fuseaction=content.dsp_cat_content&catid=4836ecaa7c919&contentid=4836ece06747f) FRA will continue **working on children's rights** following the MAF areas outlined below. The agency will continue collecting data and carry out research on the situation regarding the rights of the child and will launch two new projects:

- on "Legal instruments and judicial data regarding the protection, respect and promotion of the rights of the child in the European Union";
- a "Comparative report on the situation regarding the protection, respect and promotion of the rights of the child in the European Union."

FRA will also carry on a project launched in 2007: "Study on indicators measuring the implementation, protection, respect and promotion of the rights of the child in the European Union, mapping and assessment of available relevant data resources."

Eurochild members have received information and contributed to a survey launched by Euronet, one of the study coordinators. Source: e-mail by

Mafalda Leal; Policy Officer; **Eurochild**^{AISBL}; Avenue des Arts 1 ; B - 1210 Brussels ; Belgium; Tel: +32 (0)2 511 70 83; Fax: +32 (0)2 511 72 98; www.eurochild.org

Commission launches competition open to all young people in the European Union

"The right of the child to protection" is the title of a competition launched on 31 July, by Jacques Barrot, the Commissioner for justice, freedom and security. European children and adolescents aged 10-18 are invited to design a poster on the right of children to protection in the EU. The aim of the competition is to ensure that young European citizens are more aware of their right to protection and are better equipped to defend it.

Further information can be found at the www.europayouth.eu.

France to put its children on file

Minors "likely to cause public disorder" could be file as early as 13 years old in a police database according to new French legislation issued on 1st July. The new file called "EDVIGE" will include young people's personal data such as civil status, physical and electronic addresses, as well as personal characteristics, such as behaviour. The French institution CNIL (National Committee on Information and Liberties) has expressed serious concerns about the database. In a resolution adopted on 16th June, it stated that "the treatment of such data calls for strong guarantees and must be carefully monitored". "EDVIGE" currently belongs to the Central Direction of Public Security, which was recently restructured and took over some competencies of the French Information Agency, mainly in terms of demonstration surveillance, urban troubles and social conflicts. However, up to now the Information Agency's databases only concerned adults. Source: www.service-public.fr

Switzerland: vocational training for undocumented young people

The Swiss Christian Democratic Party (PDC) has proposed in a motion deposited at the Grand Conseil on 9 April to open vocational classes also to undocumented children. This measure would concern only undocumented children who have carried out their schooling in Geneva. "Particularly those that, 15 or 16 years old, have already found an employer ready to engage them for an apprenticeship and are blocked because of their status", said the MP Anne-Marie von Arx Vernon, recalling that the undocumented children already have, on the other hand, access to professional school. Source:

www.lecourrier.ch

New Convention on adoption (Committee of Ministers of the CoE)

A new convention on child adoption was recently adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. It updates the 1967 Convention, improving the procedure for national adoption and making it more transparent, efficient and resistant to abuse. It also improves the conditions for international adoption. The aim is to take account of social and legal developments while respecting the ECHR and giving precedence to the child's best interests. Among the new provisions introduced by the Convention are:

- The father's consent is required in all cases, even when the child was born out of wedlock.
- The child's consent is necessary if the child has sufficient understanding to give it.
- It extends to heterosexual unmarried couples who have entered into a registered partnership in States which recognise that institution, and to single people. It also leaves States free to extend adoptions to homosexual couples and same sex-couples living together in a stable relationship.
- The new convention strikes a better balance between adopted children's right to know their identity and the right of the biological parents to remain anonymous.
- The minimum age of the adopter must be between 18 and 30, and the age difference between adopter and child should preferably be at least 16 years.

The Convention will be open for signature from mid- November at the handover from the Swedish Chair to the Spanish Chair. For more information: www.coe.int/children

International Step by Step Association 9th Annual Conference "Active Citizenship: Democratic Practices in Education"

Date: 9-12 October 2008, Location: Budapest, Hungary

The International Step by Step Association - ISSA, a network of early childhood education and development professionals and organisations, invites participation in the interdisciplinary conference Active Citizenship: Democratic Practices in Education, organised in partnership with the World Forum Foundation. This conference will provide a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas and experiences regarding how the promotion and practices of democracy, both in teaching practice and through advocacy, can affect the quality of children's lives and those of the societies everywhere.

Final date to pay reduced registration fee: 1 July 2008. For more information:

<http://www.diamondcongress.hu/issa2008> or contact Eva Izsak at: eizsak@issa.hu

International Conference and Training "Ending Violence against Children in Juvenile Justice Systems: From Words to Action"

Date: October 1-3, 2008 Location: Brussels , Belgium

"No violence against children is justifiable; all violence against children is preventable"

This is the key message of the United Nations Secretary-General's Study on Violence against Children, the aim of which was to report on the scale of violence against children in five settings: home and family, schools, care and justice systems, the workplace and the community, and to make recommendations for combating the practice within each context.

The aim of DCI's conference is to address the Study's recommendations for ending violence against children in institutions – and more specifically, in juvenile justice systems. While the UN Study found violence to be rife across all five social settings, the violence experienced by children in care and justice systems is particularly challenging as it remains hidden from the public eye and affects some of the most disadvantaged groups of children in society.

The objectives of the conference are thus to raise awareness, share best practices and build the capacities of NGOs to lobby their governments to act. This conference is structured with plenary sessions followed by thematic workshops and practical training to mobilise civil society in pushing for less words and more action in ending violence against children. www.dci-conference.org

8th Forum on perspectives of European youth policy

On **October 1 and 2, 2008** the 8th Forum on perspectives of European youth policy – a consultation regarding challenges, priorities and instruments for a future youth strategy in Europe – will take place. The event is co-organised by AGJ www.agj.de & the German national agency for the YOUTH Programme www.webforum-jugend.de). It will take place in Berlin, Germany.

Sign the call to demonstration! Demonstration of Youth Without Borders on the Day of the Rights of the Child, Date: Thursday 20 November 2008, Location: Potsdam, Germany

Equal Rights for all! For the UNCRC and the abolition of the restriction to freedom of movement, for the right to stay and legalisation. The young group of people, based in Berlin, yet with chapter all over Germany have launched an appeal to sign a call for demonstration on November 20, during the conference of the ministers of interior, which will be held on November 20 and 21 in Potsdam. Several of CRnews subscribers have met representatives of this group during the ESF workshop held in June this year. Germany, with its provisos to the UNCRC upholds the right to treat German children differently than non-German children. The demonstration on the Day of the CRC wants to contribute to making the written papers, namely that all people have equal rights, a reality for all people in Germany, regardless of their status or nationality, race, religion or age.

Source: e-mail by Philipp Harpain; Aktionsprogramm Hier Geblieben! GRIPS Theater

Training of Trainers in Human Rights Education with Children

Date: 12 to 19 October 2008 Location: Budapest, Hungary

The aim of the course is to develop the competence of trainers to integrate and develop practices of human rights education with children in non-formal and formal educational contexts, using Compasito as a starting point. The online application form is available at <http://coe.opencontent.it>. It can be filled in English or French. Deadline: **21 August 2008**.

For more information, contact: Council of Europe DG III- Social Cohesion / Council of Europe; B Building - Office B137; F - 67075 Strasbourg Cedex; Tel: +33 3 88 41 22 62; Fax: +33 3 90 21 52 85 Email: elda.moreno@coe.int; Website: www.coe.int/children

Publications

KINDER. ARBEIT. MENSCHENWÜRDE-Child Labour and Children's Rights – seen with fresh eyes (A Plea for the Human Dignity of Working Children): eds: Manfred Liebel, Ina Nnaji and Anne Wihstutz

Children's dignity is discussed in a fresh approach in view of children's work and children's rights. The political and scientific discourse of the situation of working children is being discussed in terms of children's rights and human dignity. A key issue within this debate is the question, whether work in dignity is feasible for children and can constitute an aspired goal. Including articles from authors from Asia, Latin America, the United States and Europe, this book informs about international research and gives new causes for thought and action impulses on dealing with child work and children's rights. You can order books directly from Manfred Liebel: mliebel@ina-fu.org

FRA's first Annual Report

The Fundamental Rights Agency presented its first Annual Report to the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) on 24 June 2008. The new FRA report summarises the findings of the Agency's ongoing data collection through its RAXEN National Focal Points (NFPs) in each of the 27 Member States of the EU, highlighting also examples of good practice. The Agency's Director, Morten Kjaerum, and Chairperson of the Management Board, Anas-

tasia Crickley, used this opportunity to discuss with Members of the European Parliament the future priorities of the Agency. For more information about the report: <http://fra.europa.eu>

Report on Education, Youth and Culture Council (EYC), Brussels, 21-22 May 2008

In their May meeting in the European Council, Youth Ministers adopted a Resolution on the participation of young people with fewer opportunities. The Resolution is the result of process involving consultation with civil society, with young people themselves and a peer-learning exercise between member states. The over-riding message is that the situation of young people with fewer opportunities in Europe is extremely worrying and deserves greater political attention both nationally and at EU level. Read more on the EYC website:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/cms3_fo/showPage.asp?id=416&lang=en&mode=g

Thematic Working Group on Early years – new resources uploaded!

Check out the new publication from the Bernard van Leer Foundation in collaboration with the Open University: *“Early Childhood: Transitions research - A review of concepts, theory, and practice”*. Now available at the resource section of the TWG on early years webpage!

Children face many important changes in the first eight years of life, including different learning centres, social groups, roles and expectations. Their ability to adapt to such a dynamic and evolving environment directly affects their sense of identity and status within their community over the short and long term. The paper provides a review of the major perspectives in research on early childhood transitions and reveals the predominant areas of focus in both academic and professional studies, as well as important neglected viewpoints and study populations.

Commission presents annual report on education systems

On 10 July the EC presented the annual report on the progress made by member states towards the goals set for education systems under the Lisbon strategy. Data shows performance on completion of secondary education, early school leavers, low achievers in reading literacy, graduates in maths, science and technology and the participation of adults in lifelong learning activities. The report concludes that progress has been made although efforts need to be increased to achieve the 2010 targets.

Further information and the complete report can be found at the EC's website:

(<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/08/1127&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>)

Emotional Wellbeing of Unaccomp. Children and Young People Seeking Asylum in the UK

We have recently completed this study, funded by the Department of Health. We think the findings will be of particular interest to your organization. A summary of the main research findings can be downloaded at the following link (<http://eprints.ioe.ac.uk/62/>).

Copies of the book containing the full report from the study are available for purchase from BAAF and can be ordered online at: www.baaf.org.uk.

Source: e-mail by Elaine Chase; Thomas Coram Research Unit, 27-28 Woburn Square, Institute of Education, University of London; London WC1H 0AA; Tel: +44 (0)20 7612 6950

Undocumented children

La Chasse aux enfants (The hunting of children) is a publication by Réseau Éducation Sans Frontières (RESF), written by Miguel Benasayag, Angélique del Rey. This publication, result of a national investigation with many testimonies, shows that the discriminatory policies against undocumented families with children enrolled at school in France, has traumatic effects on the entire French society and in particular on children. (<http://www.educationsansfrontieres.org/spip.php?article12800>)

Research on UK children and young people's voluntary and community sector

Eurochild member NCVCCO – the National Council of Voluntary Child Care Organisations – and NCVYS have published new research mapping the UK children and young people's voluntary and community sector. More information and the full report can be found at www.ncvcco.org

Child participation

The Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee has adopted a draft recommendation on the promotion and a draft report on the participation of children in decisions affecting them. The documents are expected to be debated in the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly in November. The full text of the recommendation can be found at:

<http://assembly.coe.int/Main.asp?link=/Documents/WorkingDocs/Doc08/EDOC11615.htm>

Education of migrant children

"Some of the so-called problems in schooling of migrant pupils are indeed problems of the school in general". This is one of the findings of research carried out by the University of Granada published by the Revista de Educación, del Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia. This publication, dedicated since 1940 to the investigation on the educational system, has focused its recent edition on a monographic study on migrant children in the educational system. It offers an in-depth review on the integration of migrant pupils, the evolution of the politics in the educational institutions, the attitudes of students, parents and teachers, set against the new reality. Source: www.tribunalatina.com

Belgium Observatory of Childhood, Youth and Youth Support 2007 annual report

The Belgium Observatory of Childhood, Youth and Youth Support recently presented its 2007 annual report to the French Community Government and Parliament. The Observatory has undertaken an evaluation of child's rights in Wallonia and continued to monitor policies and conduct research on indicators of child well-being and child participation among other topics. It has also strengthened its actions within the wider network ChildONEurope. In a survey on the participation of children from 10 to 18 in Wallonia, they found that within families, three children out of four give their opinion on decisions affecting them, and they say their opinion has an influence.

News from CRIN

1000th CRINMAIL!

On July 22, Crinmail sent out its 1000th edition to thousands of subscribers all over the world.

"Since the first CRINMAIL was distributed to a handful of users in 1996, containing a few short announcements, readership has grown to encompass thousands of subscribers from all over the world, while editions have developed to include news, reports, events, employment, quizzes and interviews"

In CRnews, we have included certain, selected information from CRIN mailing over the passed two and a half years. It provides valuable information for manifold sectors. Besides its regular mailings, CRIN has issued special editions on regions, specific children's rights violations, and children's rights at the UN and in the EU. You can download all editions at: <http://www.crin.org/email/index.asp>

"Our guiding principle at CRIN is that information is not just lubrication, but an absolute necessity for the furtherance of child rights and the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child..... The production of CRINMAIL is still largely a result of the efforts of members and subscribers who are willing to share their expertise with others."

CRIN is developing a section of the website dedicated to children and discrimination. The aim will be to help users unpack this complicated issue, promote understanding and influence policy and programming. It includes a CRINOLOGY with useful links. The results of a study on the effect and usefulness of CRINmail services are presented.

To read the full edition, visit: http://www.crin.org/email/crinmail_detail.asp?crinmailID=2846

For further information, contact: Child Rights Information Network; 1 St John's Lane, London EC1M 4AR; Tel: + 44 20 7012 6866 or 67; Fax: + 44 020 7012 6899; Email: info@crin.org; Website:

www.crin.org

Job Postings

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Unbound Philanthropy: Programme Officer (New York, USA)

Unbound Philanthropy (UP) is a new private foundation that supports and promotes justice, equality and opportunity for migrants and refugees at a time when these rights are being challenged worldwide. Working with the executive director, the programme officer will develop, implement, evaluate and report to the board on UP's grant making programmes. For more information, or to apply, email resume, cover letter explaining why you are interested in this job, an unedited writing sample, and names and contacts of three references to susanosnos@earthlink.net.

The deadline for applications is **1 September 2008**.

NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child

The NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child is looking for a part-time intern for two months from September to October 2008. The internship will consist of monitoring and preparing analytical reports on the 49th session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

The intern will also assist with logistics at the pre-sessional working group meeting of the Committee in preparation for the 50th session. Other responsibilities include administrative duties and assistance with information sharing and fundraising.

To apply, send your CV to M Dreifuss Bisson at dreifuss-bisson@childrightsnet.org

For more information, visit: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=17934&flag=news>

Deadline: **7 August 2008**

UNICEF Algeria

UNICEF Algiers will conduct in partnership with National Partners a situation analysis of children and women. The organisation is looking for a French-speaking expert with strong knowledge of this tool and of the human rights based approach for analysis. This expert will also introduce and facilitate an orientation on this topic for our counterparts as a part of the process.

For more information, contact Mrs Amel Allahoum Zerkani at aallahoum@unicef.org or Ms Nassima Boumaza at nboumaza@unicef.org.

Deadline: **7 August 2008**

Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer (EURONET, Brussels)

The European Children's Network (EURONET) is seeking an experienced and motivated individual to coordinate an exciting new NGO campaign to combat violence against children in Europe. EURONET is developing a new strand of work on combating violence against children, and seeks a full-time senior policy and advocacy officer to lead the development and implementation of this work. Working closely with member organisations from children's rights NGOs across the EU, the candidate will coordinate the development of policy positions and other campaign materials. Liaising with partners as well as contacts within the EU institutions will be an important part of the role in order to promote EURONET's positions and ensure they are able to have a maximum impact on policies and legislation affecting children.

For the full job post, visit: <http://www.europeanchildrensnetwork.org/euronet/about/recruitment.asp>

Applications should be addressed to Mieke Schuurman, Secretary-General of EURONET, marked private and confidential. E-mail applications are preferred to: mieke.schuurman@tiscali.nl. Closing date for receipt of applications: **27 August 2008**

Internship/Stagiaire (EURONET, Brussels)

The European Children's Network recruits interns for a period of 6 months. We aim to provide interns with an opportunity to gain experience in a well-established children's rights network, and to gain greater understanding of advocacy and lobbying towards the European institutions.

Starting Date: September 1st 2008; Remuneration: Unpaid

To apply please send a CV and cover letter outlining your motivation and availability in English to: europeanchildrennetwork@skynet.be using the subject line: "Application for Internship"

Funding//Prizes//Research Opportunities

FRA call for participants in the Fundamental Rights Platform

The Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) launched a call for participants in its Fundamental Rights Platform – a forum for interaction with civil society aiming at ensuring close cooperation between the Agency and relevant stakeholders. The call is opened to all NGOs and other institutions of civil society that meet the selection criteria.

http://fra.europa.eu/fra/index.php?fuseaction=content.dsp_cat_content&catid=4884884c7a5fe

Deadline for applications is **20 August**.

New Funding scheme Kolleg-Research group to strengthen social sciences

The German research community (DFG) is funding their kolleg research groups. The idea is to give excellent researchers space for their own research. A scientifically attractive area should be researched by a kolleg group by exchanging innovative research activities. One basic characteristic of the groups is the high level fellow programme for guests from within and outside Germany, the integration of young researchers.

Second call for ERC Starting Grants

The European Research Council ERC has launched the funding programme for young researchers on July 24, 2008 for the second time. Young researchers can establish a new research group or consolidate an existing one. There are two funding programmes at the ERC: Starting and advances grants. Further information: <http://erc.europa.eu/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.display&topicID=67>. Deadlines vary depending on subject area. For social sciences: **19 November 2008**

Stein Rokkan Prize for Comparative Social Science Research

The International Social Science Council (ISSC), the University of Bergen and the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) have announced that the Stein Rokkan Prize for Comparative Social Science Research will be awarded on an annual basis. The prize is worth 5.000 € and is open to all social sciences. Nominations for the XIIIth (2008) and XIVth (2009) Prize can be submitted now.

Further information: <http://www.ipsa.org/site/content/view/418/38/lang,en/>

Call for Proposals: ESF Research Networking Programmes (RNP's)

The funding scheme aims at the networking and coordination of national research activities, to develop interdisciplinary fora to exchange knowledge and develop new techniques. Training of young researchers is another component of the programmes. Projects' durations vary between 4-5 years. The call is open to all disciplines. Deadline for applications: **23 October 2008**

Further information: <http://www.esf.org/activities/calls/single-view/article/esf-research-networking-programmes-2008-call-for-proposals-461.html>, and directly at:

<http://www.esf.org/activities/research-networking-programmes/rnp-call-for-proposals.html>.

Upcoming Dates

- 13-15 August:** World Conference of Children's Playtowns (Berlin, Germany)
- 19 August:** Deadline submission applications Marie Curie Fellowships (Specific Programme: People)
- 20 August:** Deadline submission Participants application in FRA platform
- 2 September:** Deadline applications for Initial Training Networks (FRP 7)
- 8-10 September:** "Building a Europe for and with Children - Towards a Strategy for 2009-2011", Stockholm
- 15 September:** Deadline ESF conferences 2010
- 15 September:** Deadline applications to MCR in Sion
- 17 September - 16 December:** Course monitoring Children's Rights
- 19 September:** Day of General Discussion 2008 (Children's Rights to education in emergencies (Geneva, Committee on the Rights of the Child)
- 19 September:** Swansea Conference
- 19-22 September :** The Social Capital Foundation – Malta Conference
- 24-25 September:** Educational Dilemmas in Culturally Diversified Societies (Conference in Warsaw)
- 24-26 September:** Getting it Right for Every Child : Childhood, Citizenship and Children's Services, Glasgow
- 29 September – 1 October:** IFCW World Forum 2008 "Early Intervention and Prevention", Cardiff, Wales, UK (co-hosted by Children in Wales).
- 30 September:** EURONET General Assembly Day of Discussion
- 1-2 October:** 8th Forum on perspectives of European Youth Policy, Berlin Germany
- 1-3 October:** Intl. Conference: Ending Violence against Children in Juvenile Justice systems, Brussels
- 2 October:** Eurochild Members' Exchange Seminar on "Child and Youth Participation", Cardiff, Wales, UK.
- 9 October:** Next steering group meeting for the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child
- 9-12 October:** Active citizenship: Democratic practices in education Budapest, Hungary
- 12- 19 October:** COMPASITO Training Course, Budapest (CoE)
- 23 October:** Deadline submission ESF Research Networking Programmes (RNP)
- 3-5 November:** Child in the City 2008: Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 5-7 November:** Eurochild annual conference (Budapest)
- 14 November:** Germany: Child friendly (Deutschland: kindergerecht?), Berlin
- 17-18 November:** final colloquium of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue
- 19 November:** World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse
- 19 November:** Deadline submission Applications ERC starting grants for social sciences
- 20 November:** Demonstration: Equal Rights for all. Potsdam, Germany
- January 2009:** Child Poverty and Disparities: Public Policies for Social Justice, Cairo