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Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

We hope you all "slid" into the new year without difficulties and are filled with positive energy to further pursue your work and advocacy of children's rights in 2006.

Our Curriculum Development Project (ENMCR-CD) is advancing, read more in the section General News "internal". As usual, we have summarized information from the CRIN newsletters and provide you with information on funding possibilities and upcoming dates of events in the child rights sector.

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 the above address.

Best wishes,

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Editors



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General News Internal

ENMCR-CD project office

After having worked on the Curriculum Project of developing a joint, integrated European MA program from our CR Coordination office in the European Information Centre in Berlin in the first three months of the project, we have now acquired a room at the Free University in Berlin and started working from there starting in January 2006. By this the project is tied into the university structure more closely. All questions and comments relating the ENMCR-CD project should be directed to either Prof. Dr. Manfred Liebel (Scientific director) or Rebecca Budde (Project coordinator) at: Habelschwerdter Allee 45, Room KL 24/108, D-14195 Berlin, Tel: +49-30-838-5396, Fax: +49-30-838-54656, e-mail: mliebel@ina-fu.org or rbudde@ina-fu.org

ENMCR-CD project website

We have also established a first project website, where you can find information on the partner institutions, a summary of the planned project activities as well as a selection of literature on children's rights. In the course of the project we are planning to establish a more comprehensive website, which will also include a virtual aula for the e-learning modules of the joint MA programme, a blackboard as well as chat rooms for the students and teachers.

You can visit the website at: www.ina-fu.org/enmcr-cd/

We welcome any feedback, recommendations, further tips on relevant literature etc. They should be directed to Rebecca Budde rbudde@ina-fu.org

ENMCR-CD project workshop

Our next meeting in the frame of the curriculum development project will take place in London, at the Institute of Education on February 23rd and 24th, 2006. The main subject of the workshop will be e-learning. Methods as well as implementation techniques will be introduced by experts who have experience in implementing e-learning courses. The workshop will also serve to decide on what modules of the joint MA programme will be offered as e-learning modules. ENMCR will use the opportunity of having many members united to hold a public presentation at the Institute of Education on February 23rd.

ENMCR restructured website

ENMCR's website has been restructured as announced in our last edition of CRnews. You may visit the website at the usual web address: www.enmcr.net. We welcome you to use the forum actively, introduce themes and subjects you feel a need to discuss or have doubts about. It will serve a wide variety of people to inform themselves on children's rights issues, comment on events, publications and engage in lively interactive discussions.

General News External

Workshop on Children's Rights, Participation, Protagonism and Governance [Training]

January 28-February 08, 2006 in Kundapur, India

DHRUVA – an institute that provides training in Children's Participation, Protagonism & Governance announces a 10-day Workshop for Frontline Workers and Children on Children's Rights, Participation, Protagonism and Governance

The programme will accommodate a batch of 20 adults and 20 children. It is mandatory for each adult participant to be accompanied by a child participant.

The application deadline is January 10th, 2006

For information on objectives, venue and application forms, please contact:

The Programme Co-ordinator DHRUVA, The Concerned for Working Children

303/2, L.B.Shastri Nagar, Vimanapura Post, Bangalore 560 017, Tel: 91- 80- 25234270 / 25234271 / 25234611, Fax: 91- 80- 25235034, E-mail: cwc@pobox.com, URL: www.workingchild.org

Schrei Für Dein Recht – Shout For Your Right [initiative]

Shout for your right is an initiative of young people for young people with the objective to take action for the preservation of Human rights. The initiatives website informs young people and offers the opportunity to contact other engaged people in order to commonly engage in making a better future in the world. The initiators want to create awareness and make a change. The slogan used is: especially because we are young we have the potential, because: WE ARE THE FUTURE!

Visit the website at: <http://www.schrei-fuer-dein-recht.de/>

Info from CRIN Newsletters

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD: Activities Update [news]

The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child adopted a new General Comment (number 7) on "Implementing Child Rights in Early Childhood", during its session in September 2005. General Comment 7 includes sections on the features of early childhood that inform the implementation of rights, on the application of the four general principles to young children, on parental responsibilities and assistance from States parties, on comprehensive policies and programmes for early childhood and on young children in need of special protection.

For more information, contact: Committee on the Rights of the Child, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) 8-14 Avenue de la Paix, CH 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, Tel: + 41 22 917 9000;

Fax: + 41 22 917 9022, Website: <http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc>

To read General Comment no. 7, visit: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=6813>

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT: Progress towards a ban for Europe's children [publication]

The Council of Europe has recently published a report on "Eliminating corporal punishment: a human rights imperative for Europe's children". For the Council of Europe, children are not mini-persons with mini-rights, mini-feelings and mini-human dignity. They are vulnerable human beings with full rights and they need protection, which always takes the best interests of the child into account. The publication includes the following chapters:

Chapter 1. Human rights obligations to end all corporal punishment of children Chapter 2. Progress towards ending corporal punishment across the Council of Europe member states Chapter 3. Making corporal punishment of children visible Chapter 4. Eliminating corporal punishment of children: the process

To order the book, contact: Council of Europe Publishing, Palais de l'Europe, 67075 Strasbourg Cedex, France, Tel: + 33 (0)3 88 41 25 81; Fax: + 33 (0)3 88 41 39 10, Email: publishing@coe.int, URL: <http://book.coe.int>

AUSTRALIA: Australian Children's Rights News [publication]

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UNICEF: State of the World's Children 2006: Excluded and Invisible [publication]

"The State of the World's Children 2006: Excluded and Invisible" is a sweeping assessment of the world's most vulnerable children, whose rights to a safe and healthy childhood are exceptionally difficult to protect. These children are growing up beyond the reach of development campaigns and are often invisible in everything from public debate and legislation, to statistics and news stories. The report argues that children in four circumstances are most likely to become invisible and forgotten: children without a formal identity, children without parental care, children affected by armed conflict, and children in the worst forms of child labour.

The State of the World's Children is UNICEF's annual flagship publication. It is the most comprehensive survey of global trends affecting children and provides the most thorough almanac of up-to-date statistical data on children.

In conjunction with the publication of the "State of the World's Children 2006" report on excluded and invisible children, UNICEF's Voices of Youth project held discussions on how young people think these children can be reached. These discussions are included in the 19th issue of "What Young People Are Saying" (December 2005), Voices of Youth's bimonthly newsletter.

For more information, contact:

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EDUCATION: Stealing the Future: Corrupting in the Classroom [publication]

Corruption in education seriously undermines political, economic and social, development and has a devastating effect on the lives of students and parents, according to "Stealing the Future - Corruption in the Classroom", a research report launched earlier this month by Transparency International.

"Stealing the Future", an 85-page booklet, is being launched as part of International Anti-Corruption Day (9 December 2005). It presents the local reality of corruption in education and documents hands-on tools to prevent it. Through public opinion polls, household surveys and tracking of expenditures at the local level, the studies present a panorama of views and experiences.

For more information, contact: Transparency International Secretariat, Alt Moabit 96, 10559 Berlin, Germany, Tel: + 49 30 343 8200; Fax: + 49 30 3470 3912, Email: ti@transparency.org, <http://www.transparency.org>

ROMANIA: Supporting the government's ban on inter-country adoptions [news]

The International Foster Care Organisation (IFCO) is calling on all Euro Parliamentarians to enforce the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and back the Romanian Government's moratorium on inter-country adoption. How a society cares for its children reveals its innermost values and principles. Following the extreme problems created under the Ceausescu regime, the Romanian Government has taken responsibility for tackling this legacy and has made great strides forward to improve its child-care system. One central part of this improvement has been the ban on inter-country adoptions brought in 2001. Inter-country adoption created massive corruption and hindered the development of social services within Romania.

IFCO is asking Euro Parliamentarians to back these efforts by resisting the powerful international adoption lobby. While these lobbyists are concerned with the rights of the adults who wish to adopt Romanian babies, IFCO is concerned with the rights and best interests of the children: to be brought up in their own country and culture. If they cannot live safely with their biological parents, then their extended family, a foster family, an adoptive family or a family-type home should be found, within their country.

For more information contact: Bep van Sloten, Executive Manager, International Foster Care Organisation (IFCO), Anna Paulownastraat 103, 2518 BC Den Haag, The Netherlands, Tel: + 3170 346 2153; Fax: + 3170 427 9242
Email: bsn@ifco.info, Website: <http://www.ifco.info>

RIGHTS BASED DEVELOPMENT: From Theory to Practice [publication]

A book was recently published on "Reinventing Development? Translating Rights-based Approaches from Theory into Practice". It aims to identify what difference a rights-based approach makes in practice, and to contribute to a greater common understanding of what the rights-based approach means.

The book presents the practical experiences of development practitioners who have tried to apply a rights-based approach in their work. Its aim is to increase understanding of the approach by drawing on bottom-up insights, and to identify what difference a rights-based approach makes in practice. What is the 'value added' of a rights-based approach? What difficulties and tensions arise? The case-studies span development, humanitarian relief and conflict resolution.

The Institute of Commonwealth Studies have 1000 free copies of "Reinventing Development?" to give to NGOs and social movements in the South, thanks to funding from the Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation and Zed Books. Agencies interested in receiving a copy of the book should contact Mary Sanver at Mary.Sanver@sas.ac.uk and give their full postal address.

EMPLOYMENT [job postings]

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM: Human Rights Law Centre Research Assistant

The University of Nottingham's Human Rights Law Centre are seeking to recruit a Research Assistant to support the research and training programmes of the Human Rights Law Centre. The post holder will contribute to the research and training projects of the Centre, conceptualising and drafting proposals for research projects, producing research outputs relating to the Centre's programmes and undertaking administrative duties related to activities run by the Centre, including fundraising and donor relations. In particular the successful candidate will support the Research and Programmes Co-ordinator in the carrying out of his duties.

Application deadline: 10 January 2006

For more information, contact: Hannah Curd, Human Rights Law Centre, School of Law, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD, UK, Email: hannah.curd@nottingham.ac.uk
Website: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/hr/vacancies/vacancies.html>

Funding

COFINANCING WITH EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT NGOs ACTIONS TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF DEVELOPMENT ISSUES IN EUROPE

The Community co-finances with European NGOs public awareness actions in Europe about development problems in the developing countries and in their relations with the industrialized world. Such actions, proposed by European NGOs, are designed to mobilize public support in Europe for development, for strategies and policies for poverty reduction as well as for actions benefiting the poorer sections of populations in developing countries.

In this general framework set up in the Council Regulation n° 1658/98 of 17 July 1998, and amongst actions that seek to contribute to the general objective set out above, priority will be given in 2006 to actions that meet **one or more** of the following criteria:

- They aim to highlight the interdependence of the EU and developing countries,
- They seek to mobilize support for more equitable North-South relations,
- They encourage cooperation between NGOs
- They enable partners in the developing countries to play an active part.
- They ensure an enlarged-EU dimension by involving NGOs from the new Member States, including actions that facilitate exchanges of experiences and networking between NGOs from the fifteen Member States and the Member states which have joined the EU in May 2004.

There are no restrictions on the total cost of the Action. However, the Community grant applied for must fall within EUR 50,000 (minimum amount) and EUR 1,080,000 (maximum amount).

Deadline: 23rd March 2006

For more information please visit: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/cgi/frame12.pl> or contact Günter Chodzinski, eufund- eu-project funding, Bundesallee 22, 10717 Berlin. info@eufund.de

For more funding possibilities take a look at previous newsletters!

Upcoming Dates

January 9th-27th, 2006: UN-Committee on the Rights on the Child: 41st Session

January 10th, 2006: Deadline for ASA internships & scholarships

January 28th -February 8th, 2006: Workshop on Children's Rights, Participation, Protagonism and Governance

January 31st, 2006: Deadline proposals for Policy Priority Consultation Paper (SCCYP!)

February 15th, 2006: Next deadline for IMG under Tempus III

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

February 23rd-24th, 2006: Workshop meeting ENMCR-CD project on e-learning in London, IoE

March 1st, 2006: Deadline for Erasmus Curriculum Development & Intensive Programs

March 23rd, 2006: Deadline for ED applications

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

July 18th-21st, 2006: Conference: Investment and Citizenship: Towards a Transdisciplinary Dialogue on Child and Youth Rights, Location: Brock, Canada | Deadline call for papers: **31st January 2006**

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

November 1st, 2006: Deadline Pre-call Erasmus Thematic Network Project