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Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

ENMCR's stakeholder workshop: Towards a professional academic qualification on Children's Rights- *an opportunity for networking, discussion and contributing to the design of a new European Master programme* in the frame of our Curriculum Development project is going to take place at the University of Amsterdam on September 28, 2006. We still have some few places left and would like to encourage representatives of organisations and public agencies to participate. More detailed information can be found below. For comments and feedback on our newsletter, and/or our forum suggestions for improvement, or news you would like to have included please write to info@enmcr.net

Sincerely,
Rebecca Budde, Editor



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General News Internal

Stakeholder Workshop:

Towards a professional academic qualification on Children's Rights: an opportunity for networking, discussion and contributing to the design of a new European Master programme

Date: September 28, 2006, Location: University of Amsterdam

The European Network of Masters on Children's Rights (ENMCR) is developing a new, international and interdisciplinary MA study program on children's rights, which is to be offered starting in September/October 2007. In order to link this Master as close as possible to existing needs and expectations in the work field, we are organising a participative stakeholder workshop at the University of Amsterdam on September 28, 2006. In the workshop, organisations will have the opportunity to exchange experiences with other stakeholders, and in this way both contribute to and gain new insights on further qualification of professionals in the field of childhood and children's rights. The meeting will provide a unique opportunity for NGOs and public agencies in Europe to ensure that their organisations' thoughts, requirements and wishes are reflected in the development of the planned joint MA curriculum on children's rights. The workshop, including lunch and a dinner buffet, is free of charge; travel expenses however are not covered.

The program consists of a plenary program in the morning and a number of workshops in the afternoon. First our plans regarding the new European Master will be presented. Thereafter a number of key stakeholders from different fields (NGO, EU, Youth and Academia) will present their ideas and suggestions for the program. The stakeholder presentations are meant as a first inventory of views and opinions, they will serve as a starting point for discussion. These discussions will then be developed further in the afternoon workshops.

- WG 1: Cooperation between practice and academia- possibilities for long term cooperation, staff qualification, contracting possibilities

The aim is to define what staff qualification is needed by the professional world and what can be offered by the Master. Furthermore, different models of long term cooperation between the European Master and the professional world will be discussed.

- WG 2: Children's participation; what does it mean, how can it be achieved?- methods, cases, best practice examples

The objective is to find out, what skills and working tools graduates of a European MA on Children's Rights should have in order to find solutions for realising effective participation of children in society and in formal political processes, in order to include imparting of this knowledge and tools in the Curricula of the MA.

- WG 3: Children's Rights in Europe/ in the EU- What are the main issues concerning children's rights and their implementation on a European level? In how far can the European Master address perceived deficits and contribute to the improvement of children's rights in Europe?

The working group will be moderated by a member of the European Parliament and a representative of ENMCR. The objective is to discuss children's rights on a European level and elaborate on possible contributions of the European Master programme to improve the situation. What skills and resources are needed to strengthen children's rights on a European level?

- WG 4: Children's Rights as an international responsibility-

What tools and what competences are required to address children's rights in a global context?

The European Master on Children's Rights not only addresses the issue of children's rights on European and national levels within the EU but views childhood and children's rights in a global context. The objective of the working group is to define what tools and what competences are required to meet the international responsibility to contribute to making children's rights a reality worldwide.

There are still some few places left for the workshop, we would like to encourage NGO and public agency representatives to join us.

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Intensive Program selected for funding by the EU Commission

In March 2006, some members of the ENMCR applied for co-funding to the European Union to conduct a summer school intensive program on Children's European Citizenship and Children's Rights to Information in 2007 at the A. I. Cuza University in Iasi, Romania. The intensive program will be a lead up to the joint European Master which will be offered as a pilot starting in autumn 2007.

We will keep you informed here. For further information, please contact Prof. Dr. Doina Balahur at dbalahur@aic.ro or Rebecca Budde at rbudde@ina-fu.org

News from members and associated members:

Report on 3 Sat online: Minor children working fulltime are not necessarily also unhappy children-to work in order to nourish the family: for many children this is completely ok

On 3 sat, a German public TV station, a report was shown on how children who work fulltime find pride in their work and are happy to be able to support their families- this stands in stark contrast to the general view of child labour being always bad and having to be eradicated. ENMCR member and expert on working children, Prof. Manfred Liebel (INA-FU, Berlin) was surprised himself in the beginning to hear, that children take pride in their work and even have fun. But through talking to the youngsters, a different view of the working children and their situation evolved, which needs to be brought into public more vehemently, the report on 3 Sat online is a good start to the endeavour of giving an insight into the children's perspective, who more often than not are not even asked for their opinion even on issues that concern only them. What is needed is protection of the working children, not a prohibition of child labour, which criminalizes the working children and pushes them into illegality and hazardous working places.

General News External

Inter-disciplinary course on Child Rights

Date: 27 November – 2 December, Location: Ghent, Belgium

The International Inter-disciplinary Course on Children's Rights with the title "*From Text to Context: Bringing child rights to reality through the social practices of those working with and for children*" is being organised in co-operation between the Children's Rights Centre of Ghent University and the International Institute for Child Rights and Development based in Victoria, Canada. It recognises and will be formulated to address the evolving state of knowledge in children's rights and to prepare leadership throughout the world to apply it constructively. In this spirit, the 2006 Course will give particular attention to the opportunities, preparation, and strategies for professionals and social practices to advance children's rights. For more information:

www.centrumkinderrechten.org

Training workshop: Children's Rights in Practice: Tools for Social Change

Date: February 25 -March 2, 2007 Location: Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

The International Institute for Child Rights and Development (IICRD) will be hosting a week long interactive conference on Children's Rights in Practice. Topics to be addressed in plenary and workshop formats by presenters and keynote speakers include the social ecology of children's rights with special focus on: Children as Partners: Child participation; Children at Risk: Building on children's natural resiliency and protection; Child Rights in the Context of Culture: Indigenous child rights; Practical tools for use in everyday settings: Effectively implementing children's rights in everyday practice

Special emphasis will be placed on learning and sharing child-centred, creative tools promoting social change in support of child rights. The conference will emphasize a learner-centred approach featuring: Key expert presentations; "Open space" learning and sharing format; Small group specialized discussions; Opportunities for informal learning and sharing

The conference will take place in an inspirational, natural surrounding conducive to personal and professional growth and the deepening of social relationships and child-centred networks. The invitation is intended for professionals and students, locally, nationally, and internationally, who work with children and have an interest in implementing children's rights tools and techniques into their work.

Child Rights Education for Professionals (CRED-PRO) certification and other accreditation may be offered to participants who register for the entire conference, and participate in a guided reading and discussion forum. Please ask for details upon registration.

Information and registration details will be available after September 30th 2006. Please visit IICRD's website

at www.iicrd.org or contact IICRD at intiicrd@uvic.ca for further information.

Training Materials for Human Rights Education in Schools (in German)

The German Institute for Human Rights (Deutsches Institut für Menschenrechte) has developed „Training materials for Human Rights Education in Schools“. They are understood as complement to KOMPASS, the handbook for Human Rights education for educational work in and outside of schools. With this material, teachers are given practical incentives for their lessons on human rights. The target group are young pupils from grade 8 up. The ideas for lessons are based on experiences of the pupils and link young people's realities with human rights related themes and arguments. Five editions are planned, three have been published until now: 1. what are Human Rights? 2. Protection from discrimination 3. Women's Rights are Human Rights. The material can be downloaded free of charge from: <http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/sl.php?id=150>

Source: DIM newsletter

New Newsletter: Research in Social Sciences and Humanities

The EU commission has published a new newsletter on EU research in Social Sciences and Humanities, 2nd Quarter 2006, Issue No 6, with the title "Humanities and collaborative research? Can they stand together?". It can be downloaded following the link: ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/citizens/docs/ssh_newsletter_6.pdf

Source: fif newsletter

European Conference: "Policy and Practice for social inclusion of children and young people - The role of non-formal & informal learning"

Date: 14-16 November 2006; Location: Logenhaus, Berlin, Germany

The Child and Youth Welfare Association (Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kinder- und Jugendhilfe - AGJ) in Germany and Eurochild AISBL are organising a European conference on the role of non-formal and informal learning in combating social exclusion of children and young people. The conference will bring together 3 key areas of the EU's political agenda: the fight against child poverty and social exclusion, cooperation in the field of youth policy and implementation of the European Youth Pact. The conference will focus on exploring the inter-linkages between participation, learning and social integration.

Please click here for the programme of the conference and more information on workshops, participation fees, venue and accommodation.

Participants should register by **10 October 2006** on www.agj.de/registration.

Source: Eurochild newsletter

Petition against the use of children for begging

Trafficking in children is on the increase and is touching the heart of humanity. In Europe many criminals are using poverty to their advantage to traffic human beings in the same way as arms or drugs. According to the NGO Terre des Hommes every year over 1 million children are victims of trafficking all over the world. They are exploited for sexual aims and pornography, domestic and industrial slavery, traffic of organs, illegal adoption, criminal activities such as stealing, drugs, etc.

In Belgium a group of individuals have launched a petition to sensitise both government and citizens to the need of countering this form of organised crime and to help all victims, with special attention to children. All children need and have the right to total protection by the law, without discrimination and independently of their family or legal situation. They are particularly highlighting the complex issue of child begging.

For more information (in French), see: <http://www.stop-mendicite-enfance.org/index.htm>.

To sign the petition: <http://www.stop-mendiciteenfance.be/>

Dutch Government Allows Establishment of Paedophile Political Party

In May 2006 a new political party was formed in the Netherlands: the PNVD (Party for Neighbourly Love, Freedom and Diversity). The founders of this party are paedophiles, and as such they are well known to the police and the authorities. They are members of Martijn, an organisation for paedophiles, which was recently reported to the police by the National Reporting Point for Child Pornography, for grooming children for sex on internet sites.

The PNVD party programme includes the following: lowering the age of consent for sexual acts between children and adults to 12 years; making participation in child pornography legal from age 16; legalisation of child pornography with quality control; allowing children to smoke, drink and gamble from age 12.

The party programme lends an air of legality to its activities and by cloaking their agenda in the language of

children's 'right to sex', there is a very real danger that they could convince outsiders to vote for them. By giving sex with children an air of normality, the PNVD creates a climate that leads to abuse of children. The PNVD appeals to the right to freedom of speech. But Article 10 of the European Treaty for Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms emphatically states that freedom of speech can be made subject to conditions, limitations or sanctions, in order to protect the rights of others, public health and morals. Freedom of speech and freedom of sexual orientation are rights of a different order. Paedophilia has only to do with abuse of children. According to several law experts, the Dutch government could ban and dissolve the PNVD, based on Article 20, Book II of Civil Law, defining it as being against the public order. But the Dutch government refuses to interfere, stating that democracy is more important than protecting children, and that he will only interfere if and when the members of the PNVD commit illegal acts. There is currently no investigation into the party or the founding members. The Foundation Profit for the World's Children is a children's rights organisation in the Netherlands which objects to the intended formation of the PNVD and requests that the Dutch government take appropriate measures against this party of paedophiles. It urges the international community to sign a petition, react and send their statements to the Dutch government and press. For more information: www.p-w-c.org Another petition has been launched by APSEC: <http://www.cdphrc.uottawa.ca/conferences/index.html> (in French).

Index of child well-being in the EU

In the framework of Research on Social Indicators in Europe, Jonathan Bradshaw, Petra Hölscher and Dominic Richardson have published an *Index of Child well-being in the European Union*. While the living conditions of children and young people in the EU have gained increased recognition, the wellbeing of children is not monitored on the European level. Based on a rights-based, multi-dimensional understanding of child well-being, the authors analyse data available for the EU 25, using a series of data as well as comparative surveys of children and young people. More information on Jonathan Bradshaw: <http://www-users.york.ac.uk/~jrb1/> or: <http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/spru/profiles/jrb.htm>

Child and Youth Participation Resource Guide

The UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Office has published a Child and Youth Participation Resource Guide. This annotated bibliography includes key English language documents on children's participation. The resource guide includes a CD which contains full-text versions of many of the documents included in the guide. Copies of the Guide can be obtained: chongkolnee@unicef.org.

Refugee children: Guidelines on determining the best interests of the child

The UNHCR Guidelines on Formal Determination of the Best Interests of the Child are part of the commitment by UNHCR to disseminate materials on the rights of refugee children, drawing on the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other international human rights law. Information collected from a variety of reports, including the Annual Protection Reports, as well as through participatory assessments, indicates that there is no consistency among field offices as to when and how Best Interests Determinations should be carried out. For more information, see: <http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/home>

Youth-Empowerment-Solutions – Final conference

Date: 22 September 2006, Location: Halle, Germany
Y.E.S. FORUM invites all relevant stakeholders to join the final conference of the Youth- Empowerment-Solutions project in Halle, Germany, on 22 September 2006. As the two year project comes to an end, the conference is the opportunity to share results and experiences of the project group to a wider public. The six local project locations in favour of youth participation benefited from the trans-national exchange and work setting extensively. They will share the impact the European project had on their local work and settings. Y.E.S. FORUM will create a safe setting to put young people in the centre of the event in order for them to share their views and opinions in partnership with their project workers.
For more info: <http://www.yes-forum.org/y-e-s>

Conference on Juvenile Justice in Europe

Date: 24 - 25 October 2006, Location: Brussels, Belgium
The 2nd International Conference of the International Juvenile Justice Observatory, entitled '*Juvenile Justice in Europe: A Framework for Integration*', will take place in Brussels on 24-25 October 2006. The subject matter of this conference is based on the challenge of promoting a reflection about a major harmonisation of legislation and common ways of action in prevention, treatment and integration policies, regarding young people in conflict with the law. For more information: <http://www.oijj.org>

Children in Scotland's Annual Conference

Date: 2-3 November, Location: Cumbernauld, Scotland

Ahead of the 2007 Scottish Parliament election, Children in Scotland's annual conference "*A gift for life? Building better childhoods for Scotland's children*" will consider the progress made to date Scotland's children and young people. The two-day event will consider how we can improve children's experience of childhood and lay the basis for their physical, mental and emotional wellbeing throughout life. Registration fees are between 180£ and 390£, depending on the chosen formula (residential/non-residential) and the membership status of the organisation with Children in Scotland.

On-line booking: www.childreninscotland.org.uk/gfli

Link database online on prevention programs of child abuse and violence against children

WWSF * Women's World Summit Foundation is compiling a database of Internet links to prevention programs of child abuse and violence against children so that good practices and innovative measures may be shared among child rights organizations and relevant groups. This database will be launched on the WWSF annual World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse on November 19, 2006. By sharing information through this clearinghouse, each organization contributes to the creation of a culture of prevention.

Please send replies to admin@wwsf.ch or fax to (+41 22) 738 82 48. Selected examples of programs and good practices will be published on the WWSF website <http://www.woman.ch>

Save the Children Working with YouthNoise to Engage Youth

Save the Children is working with YouthNoise, an organization using the Web to engage "Generation Next" members to get involved in social causes. Learn more about how young people can get started raising money to support Save the Children's Hi-Five campaign by utilizing YouthNoise's online Fundraising Toolkit.

Learn More about Hi-Five ▶ <http://ga4.org/ct/jdqLIBE1HmOc/>

Go to YouthNoise's Site to View the Fundraising Toolkit ▶

Source: Save the Children USA

Info from CRIN Newsletters

GOOD PRACTICE: Working with Children in Conflict with the Law

The following guides are examples of good practice for working with children in conflict with the law. If you would like to share your organisation's initiatives, please email CRIN at info@crin.org.

Inter-Agency Coordination Panel on Juvenile Justice, Protecting the Rights of Children in Conflict with the Law (2005)

This report presents a compilation of articles of information on members of the Inter-Agency Coordination Panel on Juvenile Justice - their missions, mandates and activities – which include NGOs as well as UN organisations. The papers also present examples of innovative practices in areas such as legal support, alternative sanctions, capacity building, and public awareness and advocacy.

Read the report in English: <http://www.crin.org/violence/search/closeup.asp?infoID=5583>

Save the Children UK: The Right Not to Lose Hope (November 2005)

The Right Not to Lose Hope addresses the issues facing children who are in conflict with the law. Part 1 analyses the experiences and situation of these marginalised children. Rather than focusing solely on children in the justice system, it looks at the broader context of these children's lives – in particular, the failure of care and protection systems and criminalisation of children's coping strategies. Part 2 of the report looks at eight projects around the world that are working to support children in conflict with the law.

Read the report: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=6465&flag=report>

WEBSITE: Human Rights Tools [resource]

A new website has been developed for human rights professionals called Human Rights Tools. It offers four services:

1. A library of carefully selected and commented resources:

<http://www.humanrightstools.org/index.htm>

2. Key resources for country analysis:

<http://www.humanrightstools.org/countryanalysis.htm>

3. Daily updated human rights headlines:

<http://www.humanrightstools.org/rssnews.htm>

4. Newsletter:

Subscribe to the newsletter for information about the latest human rights tools:

<http://humanrightstools.org>

The website and newsletter are produced by a small and independent group of volunteers who aim to facilitate the use of information on human rights available on the Internet.

<http://www.humanrightstools.org/about.htm>

COURSE: Working Effectively Within a Rights Based Approach [event]

Date: 12 - 13 September 2006, Location: London, UK

The aim of the workshop, which is organised by BOND, is to give delegates a chance to learn tools and exchange practical advice on mitigating common issues encountered when operating within a Rights Based Approach. A Rights Based Approach has become a popular overarching philosophy for many development NGOs and donors. Increasingly, NGOs are forced to take on a Rights Based Approach when they enter into funding agreements with donors. Difficulties can arise if NGOs have not taken into consideration how this new approach could impact the aims of their organisation, how they operate, or with whom they engage as partners. This course will give delegates the opportunity to swap strategies and learn new tools and methods to offset these common problems.

By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Describe the key principles that guide a Rights Based Approach.
- Explore how these principles have been applied to organisations, programmes and specific thematic areas, such as education; capacity building; HIV/AIDS or other areas that concern delegates.
- Focus on current debates and dilemmas around the Rights Based Approach.
- Investigate methods of offsetting common problems encountered using a Rights Based Approach within the context of their own working situations

For more information, contact: Laurentine Goulei; Events Administrator BOND, Regent's Wharf, 8 All Saints Street, London N1 9RL, United Kingdom Tel: +44 (0)20 7837 4220; Fax: +44 (0)20 7837 4220 Email: bond@bond.org.uk Website: www.bond.org.uk

RESOURCES: New Publications on Children and HIV/AIDS:

Tearfund: *Faith Untapped: Why churches can play a crucial role in tackling HIV and AIDs in Africa* (August 2006)

<http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=9634&flag=report>

Plan International: *Circle of Hope: children's rights in a world with AIDS* (August 2006)

<http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=9556&flag=report>

Human Rights Watch: *No Bright Future Government Failures, Human Rights Abuses and Squandered Progress in the Fight against AIDS in Zimbabwe* (July 2006)

<http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=9543&flag=report>

Bernard van Leer Foundation: *Young children and HIV/AIDS* (July 2006)

<http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=9221&flag=report>

Special edition of CRINMAIL on the HIV and AIDS High Level Meeting in New York in May 2006

http://www.crin.org/email/crinmail_detail.asp?crinmailID=1213

Reports of special procedures pertaining to children's rights [reports]

Reports of special procedures pertaining to children's rights, and submitted for the 62nd session of the Commission on Human Rights are available on the CRIN website:

- Report of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the situation of the **abduction of children in Africa** - Advanced edited version [E/CN.4/2006/65](http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=9634&flag=report)
- **Status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child** - Report of the Secretary-General, submitted for the 62nd session of the Commission on Human Rights, in accordance with paragraph 40 (b) of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/44. [E/CN.4/2006/64](http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=9634&flag=report)
- Report from J-M Petit, Special Rapporteur on the **Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography** on child pornography [E/CN.4/2006/67](http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=9634&flag=report)
- Annual report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for **children and armed conflict** (Ms. Karin Sham-Poo), [E/CN.4/2006/66](http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=9634&flag=report)
- Progress report by the Secretary-General on the question of **violence against children** - [E/CN.4/2006/63](http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=9634&flag=report) / [Addendum](http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=9634&flag=report)

- Annual report of the **Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children** (Ms. Sigma Huda) - [E/CN.4/2006/62](http://www.unhcr.org/refugees/pdf/E/CN.4/2006/62)
- Report of the **Special Rapporteur on Torture** and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, Mr. Manfred Nowak - [E/CN.4/2006/6](http://www.unhcr.org/refugees/pdf/E/CN.4/2006/6)
- Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the **right to development** - [E/CN.4/2006/24](http://www.unhcr.org/refugees/pdf/E/CN.4/2006/24)

SOUTH EAST EUROPE: Preventing child trafficking – preliminary assessment [publication]

Piecemeal prevention efforts in South Eastern Europe (SEE) are failing to protect children from falling prey to traffickers and have relied too much on general awareness-raising, says a report released THIS WEEK by UNICEF and Terre des Hommes which also urges a shift of focus away from prosecution.

The report [*Action to Prevent Child Trafficking in South Eastern Europe – a Preliminary Assessment*](#) examines different strategies and initiatives to prevent child trafficking in SEE and it includes the voices of child victims from Albania, Moldova, Romania and the UN Administered Province of Kosovo where the research was carried out. The report finds that awareness-raising campaigns are often way off the mark, are unfocused and not systematic. Some carry stereotypical images of men lurking in the shadows when traffickers are often family or friends; others ignore trafficking for purposes other than sexual exploitation, for example, domestic work, begging or stealing; that most messages are tailored to adults instead of children and therefore provide little or no information on how children might protect themselves, who to turn to, or where to go for help. Child trafficking can only be combated by addressing the root causes of the problem and the patterns of supply and demand that govern the cycle, the report states. The report calls for the establishment of harmonised, synchronised and seamless systems and services – both internal and cross-border – to protect children. It stresses the obligation in this regard on States and on parents, guardians and professionals who interface with children (customs officers, border guards, police, teachers, social and health workers etc) under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and other relevant instruments. In addition, standardised, comparable indicators and data must be gathered and shared broadly across international boundaries. For more information, contact: UNICEF; H-9, 3 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, USA Tel: +1 212 824 6127; Fax: +1 212 326 7731 Email: netmaster@unicef.org Website: <http://www.unicef.org>

Jobs Postings

Children in Scotland - ECPAT - Child Workers in Asia

Children in Scotland: Head of Programme and Practice Development Children in Scotland is looking for an experienced manager to lead a team of dedicated, national-level professionals working on diverse programmes that benefit Scotland's children and young people. The Head of Programme and Practice Development will increase the influence and positive impacts of the national organisation for Scotland's children's sector. Advancing the knowledge and skills of child-related practitioners and policy-makers through programmes, conferences, seminars and training events, this is an exciting opportunity to make a difference that benefits Scotland's children, young people, families and children's workforce.

Application deadline: 12 noon, **13 September 2006**

For more information, contact: Children in Scotland; Princes House, 5 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh EH2 4RG; Tel: +44 (0)131 222 2402; Fax: +44 (0)131 228 8585; Email: recruitment@childreninscotland.org.uk Website: <http://www.childreninscotland.org.uk>

ECPAT International: Deputy Director for Administration, Human Resources and Finance - Finance Officer

ECPAT International is seeking to recruit a Deputy Director - Administration, Human Resources and Finance, to be based in Bangkok, Thailand for three years. As a member of the management team of ECPAT International, the postholder will play the lead role in managing ECPAT International's administrative, human resources and financial systems under the direction of the Executive Director and in close collaboration with the Deputy Director for Programmes.

ECPAT International is also looking for a Finance Officer, to be based in Bangkok, Thailand for two years. The overall purpose of the job will be to maintain effective accounting and financial control systems and standards and to ensure accountability within ECPAT International's programmes and its dealings with donors and partner organisations. Application deadlines: **15 September 2006**

For more information, contact: ECPAT International, 328 Phaya Thai Road, Bangkok 10400, Thailand

Email: vacancy@ecpat.net, Website: <http://www.ecpat.net>

Child Workers in Asia: Programme Coordinator for Southeast Asia

Child Workers in Asia is looking for a Programme Coordinator for Southeast Asia, to be based in Bangkok, Thailand. The CWA Secretariat is responsible for facilitating network achievement of objectives set by its members in the General Assembly. The primary objective of the position is to provide coordination and technical support to network Task Forces in Southeast Asia in the pursuit of the network objectives. The position requires fluency in at least one language of the region and significant experience on child labour issues. Application deadline: **22 September 2006**

For more information, contact: Jacquelyn Pinat; Email: info@cwa.tnet.co.th Website: <http://www.cwa.tnet.co.th>

Defence for Children International (DCI): Call for Interns: September 2006

DCI is an independent non-governmental organisation that has been promoting and protecting the rights of children for over 25 years. On a regional, national and local level, DCI is active through its national sections and associate members in 45 countries around the world, working on issues such as child labour, child combatants, child abuse and sexual exploitation, and juvenile justice. On the international level, through its International Secretariat based in Geneva, DCI focuses mainly on lobbying, research, networking and advocacy work, particularly relating to the theme of juvenile justice. DCI is currently engaged in a period of growth and consolidation, as it moves towards becoming a leader in the field of juvenile justice. The International Secretariat, Geneva, is therefore seeking interns to support the diverse work of the office, which plays a central role in the DCI movement.

Details of the five vacancies are listed in the PDF document found below (under "NEWS"). If you would like to apply for any of these vacancies please send a CV, covering letter, and one letter of reference, by Friday 8 th September 2006 to: William Duke, Administrator, Defence for Children International, International Secretariat administrator@dcf-is.org For more information you can also contact Mr. Duke at the International Secretariat's office on: 00 41 (0) 22 734 05 58

Funding

GRANTS FOR RESEARCHERS

The European Commission supports transnational research activities carried out by researchers. More in particular, the European Commission provides grants to universities, institutions or associations organising the mobility of researchers who are seeking to enhance their research by spending a period at a host university in another country. The researchers must be in possession of a degree giving access to doctoral studies or may be post-doctoral. All applications must be submitted by the home university of the researcher or by the association or network of university lecturers that is responsible for the transnational research activity. Applications that are submitted directly by individuals will not be accepted.

The European Commission's financial assistance is in the form of co-financing. Grants may not exceed 50% of the total cost. Grants consist of a flat-rate payment of € 1.000 per month for a maximum of six months. Additional assistance of up to € 1 000 for travelling costs actually incurred may also be paid.

A flat-rate contribution not exceeding € 1.000 may also be granted for the costs incurred by the host university. In the case of applications submitted by associations and networks of university lecturers, additional assistance of up to € 2.000 to cover selection costs actually incurred may also be paid. For more information visit the website:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/ajm/grants/grants_young_en.html

Project applications 2007 ASA-Program

Until October 10, 2006 project applications for 2007 can be handed in. Whether classical ASA- Project, European cooperation project (GLEN) or South-North-Project- all have to be developed and planned in cooperation with organisations in the South, that will host the participants. Generally all organisations can hand in project applications that are concerned with social, cultural or ecological aims and that promote

exchange between people of different cultures. Project participants will be supported by the ASA- program. Organisations interested in applying for a project are encouraged to hand in application by September 10, in order to be able to discuss and modify them if needed. The final selection will take place at the end of October.

All information and forms are available in German, English, French, Spanish and Portuguese on:

<http://www.asa-programm.de/teilnahme/projektvorschlag.html>.

Upcoming Dates

September 8th, 2006: Deadline for application MA in Child Welfare and Applied Childhood Studies, starting in **October 2006- May 2007**

September 15th, 2006: Deadline for application to the MCR in Sion starting on **February 12, 2007**

September 15th, 2006: Day of General Discussion, UN-Committee on the Rights of the Child

September 15th, 2006: Deadline for applications to the European Cultural Foundation

September 20th- December 12th, 2006: Distance Learning Course on Rights-Based Programming (HREA)

September 28th, 2006: Stakeholder workshop ENMCR-CD at University of Amsterdam

September 30th, 2006: Deadline abstract submission for the European Conference: Focus on Children in Migration

October 1st-12th, 2006: Workshop "Children's Participation, Protagonism and Governance"

October 13th, 2006: Start Expert Course on Children's Rights in Berlin

October 15th, 2006: Deadline TEMPUS Applications (IMG's)

October 16th, 2006: Deadline submission of contributions to Public Consultation on Youth Protection in the use of Mobile Phones

October 23/26, 2006: 3rd Annual World Conference on Children without Parental Care

October 24-25, 2006: Juvenile Justice in Europe International Conference

October 31st, 2006: Deadline for submission of information to the Special Rapporteur on Trafficking on Forced Marriages

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

November 30st, 2006: Deadline submission full papers European Conference: Focus on Children in Migration

December 1st-2nd, 2006: Conference: Science Policies meet reality: Gender, Women and Youth in Science in CEE (Prague)

December 15th, 2006: Deadline Tempus Applications (GEPs)

March 20-21, 2007: European Conference: Focus on Children in Migration