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first of all I would like to wish you all the best for 2014. The new year starts with a new member on our network and a new cycle of alumni notes from the MA students on Childhood studies and Children's rights. I would like to thank Elise Serbaroli for editing the Alumni notes and Else Engel for editing the Berlin alumni meeting notes

If you have any suggestions, comments and / or ideas for improving the newsletter you can use our email address: info@enmcr.net

Sincerely,

Rita Nunes (Editor)

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General News Internal



ENMCR New Member: The Department of Child Law of Leiden University

We would like to welcome our new members that have joined us recently: The Department of Child Law of Leiden University.

We are happy to have the Department of Child Law involved in the network and we look forward to learning from the Department and sharing with you our common interest on the rights of the child.

ISS: International Forum on Intercountry Adoption & Global Surrogacy

The Hague Conference on Private International Law established the 1993 Hague Convention Intercountry Adoption (HCIA) in 1993 to provide global, children's rightsbased standards for international adoptions. After 20 years of HCIA implementation, many concerns about international adoption remain. In addition, it was determined at the 2010 HCIA Special Commission on the HCIA's practical operation that concerns over the rise in international surrogacy arrangements could not appropriately be addressed by the HCIA. The Hague Conference is therefore due to release a further report on "the private international law issues surrounding the status of children, including issues arising from international surrogacy arrangements" in Spring 2014. Ahead of the fourth Special Commission on the practical operation of the 1993 HCIA in 2015, and in anticipation of the Hague Conference's next report surrogacy, the Children & Youth Studies/ People, Environment, and Resources research programme of the International Institute of Social Studies in The Hague will host this forum on international adoption and surrogacy. The purpose of the forum is to provide an opportunity for scholars and practitioners to come together to provide an evidence base for international adoption and surrogacy problems and/or best practices that might inform Hague Convention policymakers and HCIA Central Authorities. Crosscutting themes will thus reflect topics pertinent to the special commission. Thematic areas:

- HCIA Implementation and the Best Interests of the Child
- Intercountry Adoption, Countries of Origin, and Biological Families
- Intercountry Adoption Agencies and the HCIA.
- Force, Fraud, Coercion
- Global Surrogacy Practices

For further information, please contact forum organizers at icaforum@iss.nl

IUKB: Participation as auditor to Module 5

The Insitut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (IUKB) in Sion (Switzerland) accepts auditors to participate at the next module within the framework of the Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights (MCR). The two year post-graduate training programme on children's rights in cooperation with University of Fribourg (Switzerland) features its fifth module early in March, focussing on the topic of "Children in Contact with the Law". The MCR Module 5 on the theme 'Children in contact with the law' will be held at the University Institute Kurt Bösch, in Sion from 3 to 7 March 2014 and will deal with juvenile justice matters. Via lectures and discussion groups, an overview of the relevant international legal framework will be presented. Juvenile Justice reform programmes will be discussed, as well as recent trends in criminological research and practices of intervention that aim at reducing juvenile delinguency and improve justice. Attention will also be paid on 'child friendly justice' in civil and penal proceeds, and issues on child access to justice and child hearing in judicial proceeding will be addressed. In

addition to the regular MCR students, a maximum of five auditors will be accepted to participate in this module. Applications are due before 14 February 2014. For further information contact mcr@iukb.ch

ISS: Children's Lives in an Era of Children's Rights - The Progress of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Africa

This book edited by Afua Twum-Danso Imoh and Nicola Ansell, based on empirical research and Non-Governmental Organisation project data, explores the progress of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and to a lesser extent, the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, in nine African countries. considers The book implementation of the Convention both in terms of policy and practice, and its impact on the lived experiences of children in societies across the continent, focusing on specific themes such as HIV/AIDS, education and disability, child labour, stigmatisation, witchcraft children, parent-child relationships and child participation. The book breaks new ground in blending legal and social perspectives of the experiences of children, and identifies concrete ways forward for the better implementation of the CRC treaty in the various political contexts that exist in Africa.

ISBN: 978-0-415-81607-6

University of Macedonia: International protection of Human Rights and Children's Rights

The University of Macedonia, in Thessaloniki, Greece, will offer from February on the International protection of Human Rights and Children's Rights course. The course will be offered to first semester students from the Master on European Youth Policies at the Department on International and European Studies.

Alumni Notes



At the Free University Berlin, approximately 120 students have graduated in the field of Childs Rights since 2007.

EMCR Berlin | Class of 2007-2008

Two years ago, Else Engel and Lea Fenner combined their expertise and professional experience and started working under the name of right now as trainers and consultants on human rights. The focus of their work is on children's rights and human rights education. Human rights need to be

understood and implemented to make a real difference — and this is what they support others in doing. In the past they have been involved in youth education, teacher training and further education for NGO staff and they have recently created a research design on child participation. To learn more about their work they invite you to visit them on www.right-now.eu/en.

They explicitly said they would be delighted to hear from you! Do not hesitate to contact them with your questions, ideas for cooperation or contacts that might be interested their services.



HUMAN RIGHTS TRAINING

EMCR Berlin | Class of 2008-2009

Edmond Mugabe returned home to Uganda after completing his master. Currently, he works with the government at a district level in the Department of Records & Information

Management. He does advocacy for Children's Rights in Uganad by writing articles in newspapers and by speaking on radio talk shows.

Diana Neagu is working in Cluj, Romania, at Transylvania College, an International School. She teaches Psychology A level for high school students, does counselling and is working together with a group of students on the Round Square pillar of Democracy, for example, by chairing the Student Council.

EMCR Berlin | Class of 2009-2010

Georgiana Trif is a PhD student in Social Policy and a Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University of Kent Canterbury/UK. The research project she is working on concerns the experience of care alumni in relation to social networks/social capital. It is a comparative study of English and Romanian care leavers. The program is for three years.

Angelika Gyftopoulou is working at a "semi-public" organisation called the Institute of Child Health, in the Department of Mental Health and which Welfare, actually operates as the Centre for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. She is currently working on a project for the development of a national (Greek) protocol and manual for professionals regarding child abuse and neglect. The project is called "A holistic approach for the inquiry, diagnosis and management of cases of child abuse and neglect" and

she is focusing on the legal and children's rights aspects. She enjoys working there, not only for her project, but because they run many other interesting projects.

María Lucía Puga Villanueva returned to her home country Peru after completing her master in Berlin and working in the Advocacy Department at Save the Children, Madrid for one year. She is currently working at the NGO Instituto APOYO in Lima, Peru that designs and implements educational programmes. It is part of "Grupo APOYO", one of the biggest and most important companies of Peru. In 2008, the Foreign Policy Institue named Grupo APOYO one of the 5 most influential Think Tanks in Latin America. The organization works on democracy and education and has programmes for math and science education and educational management. Lucía is working as the Early Childhood Coordinator and currently oversees the Math Programme for 3 to 5 year olds in impoverished areas of the country. In the future, she plans to support the start of a democracy section within early childhood and to work on matters of participation and children's rights.

Torsten Krause is preparing his PhD at the Otto-von-Guericke-University in Magdeburg. His research will focus on the role of children's rights in the process of building an inclusive school system in Germany. He is teaching the same topic at the University of Potsdam in the Department of Pedagogy. To promote the rights of children he is working together with adult education centre in Prenzlau. There he held a seminar for young pupils from primary schools in the Uckermark, discussing their rights with them. He also published his first "Schulische book this vear, Kinderrechtsbildung in Deutschland" 978-3-631-64366-2), (ISBN which deals with the promotion of children's rights in the German school system.

EMCR Berlin | Class of 2010-2011

Sara Lembrechts continues to work at the Children's Rights Knowledge Centre (www.keki.be), where she carries out research & political advising regarding Children's Rights. In December 2013, **Behnaz Tavakoli** started a PhD at the Humboldt University and also began working as research assistant for Claudia Lohrenscheit at the Hochschule Coburg. She is looking forward to this new phase in her life.

Katia Narzisi is finishing the second year of her PhD at the Open University, working on international adoptions and children's perspectives. She's also lecturing a course at Middlesex University on research methods.

Alumni Notes



Berlin students and alumni discussed about possible alumni network

On the occasion of the 24th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child students and alumni of the children's rights Master at the Free University Berlin met on November 20, 2013. Seven years after the first students started their MA, this was only the second meeting explicitly designed to bring alumni (and current students) together.

Organised by alumni and intended as an opportunity for those who are in Berlin to get to know each other, the idea turned into something much bigger. More than 40 students and alumni from all years attended. Many more expressed interest but regretted that they could not be there that day.

The meeting was a first step to find out what interest there is in more intensive forms of exchange among alumni across the different years. Ideas about functions and forms of a possible alumni network were discussed and info on the recent European alumni initiative was shared.

What became clear is that any kind of

network would have to be borne by the alumni themselves, deal with questions of representation and democratic processes, and find creative solutions to connect the local and international level. In order to manage the money necessary for enabling the exchange the network would probably need to be a legal entity.

The idea of some kind of alumni network is out. As soon as there will be enough support by the alumni there is a good chance that the network will take shape.

Author: Else Engel

General News External

European Court of Human Rights: Russia to compensate families of disappeared Chechens

The European Court of Human Rights has ordered Russia to pay 1.9 million euros to the families of 36 Chechen men who disappeared between 2000 and 2006. The case lodged with the Court by 90 Russian nationals including several children and other close relatives of the victims. The Court found that Russia violated the right to life, prohibition of inhuman treatment, right to liberty and security, and right to an effective remedy under the European Convention on Human Rights.

UN CRC: 3rd Optional Protocol

Children whose rights have been violated will soon be able to complain to a key UN Committee after a new legal instrument on the rights of the child was ratified by the required 10 countries. Costa Rica became on 14 January 2014 the 10th country to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure, meaning that it will take effect in three months. Children or their representatives will be able to submit complaints to the Committee on the

Rights of the Child (CRC), which will then decide whether to review the case. Where a violation is found, it will recommend that the State concerned takes action to remedy the situation. Individual children or groups of children will be able to submit complaints about specific violations of their rights under the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and under the Optional Protocol on children in armed conflict and the Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child pornography and child prostitution. But they can only complain to the CRC if their government has ratified the 3rd Optional Protocol.

Turkmenistan: Corporal Punishment

Turkmenistan has become the latest country to ban corporal punishment of children in all settings, including the home. Prohibition was first enacted in 2002, but the process of verifying relevant information and obtaining official confirmation that the prohibition is comprehensive has taken many years. In a letter to the Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children dated 13 January 2014, the Government provided the necessary confirmation that all corporal punishment, without exception, is unlawful under the Law

on Guarantees of the Rights of the Child 2002 (art. 24) and the Family Code 2012 (arts. 85 and 89). This brings the total number of States worldwide to have achieved prohibition in all settings to 35.

Europe: School Fruit and Milk Scheme

On 30 January 2014 the European Commission published a proposal bringing together two currently separate school schemes, the School Fruit Scheme and the School Milk Scheme, under a joint framework. In a context of declining consumption among children for these products, the aim is to address poor nutrition more effectively, to reinforce the educational elements of programmes and to contribute to fight against obesity. The legislative proposal for the reform of the existing schools schemes aims to:

- enabling these schemes to play an effective role in reversing the ongoing decline in the consumption of fruit, vegetables and dairy products and in reducing obesity among children;
- strengthening links between school, children and farming, farmers and the various types of food they produce.

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Call for Papers: International Conference 25 Years CRC

November 2014 will see the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). To herald this anniversary, the Department of Child Law of Leiden University hosts an international conference to shape thoughts around the past impact that the CRC has had, as well as the future scenarios thought likely to play a major influence in shaping the child rights agenda. The conference forms a part of a whole week of festivities from Monday 17 November until Thursday 20 November 2014 organized by Leiden University, the City of Leiden, UNICEF The Netherlands and the Dutch NGO Coalition on Children's Rights.

This week also includes the Leiden Children's Rights Summit on Universal Children's Day, 20 November 2014, the Leiden Freedom Lecture and an international moot court competition on children's rights for students. A diverse spectrum of international participants from the four corners of the globe is anticipated.

Academics and professionals working in the field of children's rights or in related fields who would like to participate in one of the parallel sessions of this conference are kindly invited to submit an abstract of the paper they would like to present. In particular, papers relating to the following themes are welcomed:

<u>Day 1: The implications of the CRC</u> after 25 years

- Embedding the CRC at the domestic level – the jurisprudential 'value added'
- Embedding children's rights as a vehicle for tertiary and post school studies
- Interdisciplinarity and children's rights
- Monitoring children's rights international and domestic mechanisms
- Visibility of children children's participation and enforcement of

their rights

· Juvenile justice

<u>Day 2: New frontiers of children's</u> rights for the future

- · Child protection systems
- Children and the global development agenda
- Children's rights and the digital era
- Research for 2040
- The interrelationship between children's rights and the broader human rights system
- Children's rights and migration Paper submissions and deadlines:
- 1. Authors must first submit an abstract of max. 300 words in a word or pdf file before the 1st of April 2014. Please list the theme of your paper. The abstract can be submitted online at www.25yearscrc.nl.
- The scientific committee of the conference will review the abstracts submitted and select those deemed most suited to the conference themes.
- Participants whose abstracts have been selected will receive notice before the 1st of June 2014. More information regarding the deadline of the papers will be distributed later.
- Selected participants are required to register online for the conference before the 1st of July 2014.
- In addition, a selected number of participants will be invited to publish their paper in the conference book. The deadline for submission of the final papers is the 1st of November 2014.

For general enquiries please send an email to 25yearscrc@law.leidenuniv.nl
For more information on the conference, see www.25yearscrc.nl

Call for presentation: International Scientific Conference Studies in Modern Society 2014

We gladly invite you to participate in the International Scientific Conference Studies in Modern Society 2014. The aim of the conference is to provide an opportunity for academicians and professionals from various scientific areas with cross-disciplinary interests to bridge the knowledge gap, promote research esteem and the evolution of social and technology sciences (Management, Economics, Education, Law, Information Technology).

Conference topics:

- Managerial and Economic Factors Affecting Modern Society
- Technological Innovation in Learning Process
- Trends and Perspectives of Today's Higher Education
- Learning and Renewable Society
- Human rights in Modern Society Online registration form.

Conference languages: Lithuanian, English, Russian.

Duration of presentations: 15-20 min. Virtual Presentation (Video Conferencing). We understand that some presenters will not be able to make the trip to Lithuania to present their research paper. We have therefore instituted a virtual presentation system to allow the authors of accepted papers the same publication opportunities as regular presenters. A research works submitted without the participant attending the conference in person, but presented via video conferencing are refereed published (if accepted) the international periodical scientific peer reviewed journal.

The articles, which meet the requirements, will be published in the international periodical scientific peer reviewed journal "Studies in Modern Society (ISSN 2029-431X). The journal is registered International Index Copernicus database (since 2012) and Education research complete (EBSCO) (since 2010).

Please note that every article must be peer reviewed by scientist, which is chosen by the editorial board.

For more information about the Conference: Please send your enquiries to leva Bilbokaitė, Scientific Activities Coordinator

E-mail: <u>konferencija@slk.lt</u>, bilbokaite.ieva@slk.lt

Publications



Ninez y justicia social - Repensando sus derechos

Esta publicación es insustituible para quienes se interesan en la temática de la niñez desde una perspectiva crítica y constituye un aporte para las disciplinas como la antropología, la sociología, la psicología social, el derecho y la filosofía. El autor reflexiona a fondo respecto a la justicia social en relación con la niñez, y trata de aquellas cuestiones desde las cuales debería sustentarse cualquier diseño y ejecución de políticas públicas, que promuevan y respeten los derechos de niñas y niños en el ámbito de acción en que sean aplicadas.

Este trabajo cruza realidades de la niñez de América Latina, Europa y África y las pone en relación con la noción universalista de los derechos del niño. Encuentra tensiones y contradicciones con la Convención sobre los Derechos del Niño, la que sin ser desechada, es sometida a la experiencia que viven los niños de culturas diferentes.

ISBN:978-956-16-0588-6

Becoming a Young Migrant or Stayer Seen through the Lens of 'Householding': Households 'in flux' and the intersection of relations of gender and seniority

This paper conceptualises migration and staying by young rural Lao in the empirical context of above replacement level fertility as manifestations of 'householding' that interacts with other dimensions of householding.

Drawing on the framework of the inter-generational contract and by juxtaposing qualitative and quantitative data, it is shown that becoming a young migrant and becoming or remaining a young stayer is shaped by young migrants' situated agency. The second part of the paper departs from conventional household-based analyses and introduces the notion of 'households in flux'. This

highlights the dynamic interaction between changing external dynamics rural households, affecting internal dynamics that constantly reconfigure the field of the household. These conceptual readjustments require going beyond inflexible notions of the household, the analytical disconnection between a focus on migrants and stayers in migration research, and readings of relations of gender and generation. Furthermore, the paper argues that intra-household relations need to be appreciated as gendered relations of relative seniority which are in the process of householding constantly made and remade, among other things, by young dependents through 'staying' and 'leaving'. These conceptual moves help explain the empirical puzzle of why in rural Lao households young women are both the ones most inclined to become a young migrant as well as most inclined to become or remain a young stayer. In: Geoforum, Vol 51, Januray 2014.

Multiple Overlapping Deprivation Analysis for the European Union (EU-MODA): Technical Note

The Multiple Overlapping Deprivation Analysis for the European Union (EU-MODA) compares the material wellbeing of children across the EU member states, using data from the child material deprivation module of the European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC) 2009.

Embedded in the multidimensional poverty measurement literature, EU-MODA applies internationally accepted standards for the construction of indicators and dimensions of child well-being. The analysis ranges from indicator and dimension headcounts, overlaps between several dimensions, decomposition of the adjusted multidimensional deprivation headcounts, overlaps between monetary poverty and multidimensional deprivation.

This technical note describes the EU-MODA methodology in detail. Available online.

Child Well-being in Rich Countries: Comparing Japan

Using national data sources from Japan and matching them carefully with the data used in the original Report Card 11, this report manages to include Japan in the league table and subsequent ranking in each of five dimensions in order to assess Japan's performance in child wellbeing among developed countries. Maintaining as much as possible the original framework of the RC11, the analysis is based on indicators that are strictly comparable between Japan and the other countries.

ISBN: 978-88-6522-024-5

The State of the World's Children 2014 In Numbers: Every Child Counts

The report highlights the critical role data and monitoring play in realizing children's rights. Credible data, disseminated effectively and used correctly, make it possible to target interventions that help right the wrong of exclusion. Data do not, of themselves, change the world. They make change possible – by identifying needs, supporting advocacy, gauging progress and holding duty bearers to account. Making the possible real is up to decision makers.

Available online here.

Human Rights Watch: World Report 2014

World Report 2014 is Human Rights Watch's 24th annual review of human rights practices around the globe. It summarizes key human rights issues in more than 90 countries and territories worldwide, drawing on events through November 2013.

The World Report reflects extensive investigative work that Human Rights Watch staff undertook in 2013.

Upcoming Dates



FEBRUARY
19/02
My Destination
is Unknown
Children on the
move: will the
EU deliver on its
commitments?
Brussels., Bel.

EEBRUARY
21/02
Studies in
modern society

2014 Šiauliai, Lithiuania.

MARCH
14/03 to 16/03
9th Global
Conference
Creative

Creative
Engagements:
Thinking with
Children,
Prague, CZ.

MAY 20/05 to 23/05

International Play Association Triennial World Conference, Istanbul, Turkey.

SEPTEMBER

29/09 to 01/10 7th Child in the City Conference, Odense, Dennmark. FEBRUARY 2014

05/02: Best practice in commissioning and delivery for children, young

people and families, London, UK.

05/02: Zivilgesellschaftliches Monitoring der Kinderrechte in der

internationalen Zusammenarbeit - Beispiele aus Afrika, Asien

und Lateinamerika, Berlin, Germany.

06/02 to 07/02: Short Course: Statelessness and the rights of the child, Geneva,

Switzerland.

12/02: Podiumsdiskussion: Advocacy und die Rechte künftiger

Generationen, Berlin, Germany.

19/02: Implementing the Common European Asylum System: Towards

Better Protection and Fairer Procedures, Brussels, Belgium.

19/02 to 21/02: Child Poverty, Public Policy and Democracy, Mexico DF, Mexico. 25/02 to 28/02: UN World Summit on Sustainable Development, London, UK.

27/02: La imagen actual de la infancia: Reflexiones desde una

perspectiva multiprofesional, Madrid, Spain.

27/02 to 28/02: Involving Children and Young People in Research and

Consultation, Edinburgh, UK.

27/02 to 28/02: Disability: Accessibility: Innovative Policies and Innovative

Practices for Persons with Disabilities, Vienna, Austria.

MARCH 2014

06/03 to 09/03: Baltic Sea Conference on Migration Issues 2014, Kiel, Germany.

27/03 to 28/03: Using creative methods in research with children and young

people, Edinburgh, UK.

APRIL 2014

02/04: Youth justice: Re-imagining youth justice, London, UK.

15/04 to 17/04: 4th European Conference for Social Work and Research: Private

troubles or public issues? Challenges for social work research,

Bolzano, Italy.

29/04 to 02/05: 19th National Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect, New

Orleans, USA.

JUNE 2014:

09/06 to 12/06: International Forum for Child Welfare (IFCW) World Forum,

Helsinki, Finland.

25/06 to 27/06: 2nd International Congress of educational sciences and

development.

JULY 2014

01/07 to 03/07: Researching children's everyday lives: socio-cultural contexts,

Sheffield, UK.

20/07 to 25/07: 20th International Aids Conference Melbourne 2014,

Melbourne, Australia.

24/06 to 26/07: Genital Autonomy 2014 "Whole Bodies, Whole Selves:

Activating Social Change", Colorado, USA.

AUGUST 2014

25/08 to 27/08: Transitions in Teacher Education and Professional Identities,

Braga, Portugal.

SEPTEMBER 2014

03/09 to 04/09: EUSARF 2014 - 13th European Scientific Association for

Residential and Foster Care for Children and Adolescents

Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark.

NOVEMBER 2014

17/11 to 19/11: International Conference 25 Years CRC, Leiden, The Netherlands.

Job Opportunities and membership



Dear Network Members,

Please send us your agendas for the coming months as well as publications, funding and prizes or any other topic so we can include them in our newsletter (info@enmcr.net).

SAVE THE CHILDREN RESOURCE CENTRE

Save the Children's Resource
Centre is an online portal, with
updated and reliable
information on Child Protection
and Child Rights governance.
The portal is available to the
public and gives access to over
4.000 quality assured
publications, articles and other
materials in one convenient
location. The Resource Centre
also give you the possibility to
upload and publish your own
materials. Usage is free of
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Visit the resource centre here





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Job and Internship Opportunities:

- Partnership Manager Institutional Donors and Trusts at Save the Chidren UK - Deadline: 2 February 2014
- 2. Justice Internship at EMHRN Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network-Deadline: 3 February 2014
- 3. Legislative Support Officer at ODIHR Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights Deadline: 27 February 2014
- Coordinateur du Programme Abus Sexuel at BICE International Catholic Child Bureau- Deadline: 1 March 2014

How to join ENMCR?

It is possible to join the European Network of Masters in Children's Rights as a member at any time. ENMCR was established in 2004 by five European Universities with the support of Save the Children Sweden (SCS). In the meantime 31 universities are members of ENMCR. ENMCR is collaborating with the Latin American Network of Masters in Children's Rights, which currently comprises nine universities in eight Latin American countries and is also supported by SCS. Furthermore, ENMCR is in contact with academic study programmes on children's rights in other parts of the world, e.g. in the MENA region.

Why is it worthwhile joining our network?

In becoming a member you will work with children's rights experts from all over Europe (and Latin America). We have been cooperating as a network for almost ten years and you will be able to build on the longstanding experience of our members. You will get an insight into children's rights from a variety of perspectives and disciplines. The member universities offer higher education in childhood studies and children's rights, at undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels. Some members offer full study programmes in children's rights, others offer modules, seminars or intensive courses. You will have access to knowledge in establishing study programmes, as well as to teaching materials developed in the network. We have implemented several European Union funded projects on children's rights themes and organize conferences, workshops and short intensive programmes in the same field. You will have access to all materials published in the frame of ENMCR, such as the monthly electronic newsletter Children's Rights news (CRnews), reports from projects, materials from conferences and workshops, etc.

To become a member of ENMCR, simply send us a letter of intent, in which you name what you believe you and your institution can contribute to and gain from our network. In addition, please include an outline of your child rights related programme and/or courses. It is important that you name a contact person at your institution for correspondence purposes. Our members contribute to ENMCR's work with an annual membership fee of 300€ which covers the daily expenses of the network.

Please send the letter to:

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