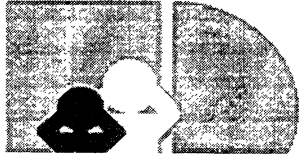


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## DCI CAMPAIGN TO HELP GUATEMALAN CHILDREN

Guatemala ratified UNCRC in 1990 but rights of children are still being severely violated. The Dutch section of DCI has turned its attention to the situation of children's rights and is arranging a major campaign around this issue.

Aims of the international Guatemala action:

- to put international pressure on the Guatemalan government to take all the necessary measures to stop violations of the rights of Guatemalan children;
- to urge the Guatemalan government to put an end to the war as soon as possible
- to urge the Guatemalan government to submit its national report to the CRC;
- to express our solidarity with and to people of Guatemala;
- to stimulate awareness-raising and solidarity in the international community to the situation of children in Guatemala and to mobilise them to take action. Our attention will be directed towards children in both Holland and Guatemala.

The campaign has to be valuable on both sides: solidarity and commitment outside Guatemala with the Guatemalan people and a contribution to structural changes inside Guatemala. Therefore, we need to combine our strengths at an international level in order to be effective.

What we ask from you:

- that you give your support to this international campaign;
  - that you collect signatures in your area;
  - that you send these signatures to DCI (see p12) to be presented to the Guatemalan Ambassador in Australia.
- DCI hopes to compile an international list of names of all the important persons who have signed the petition.
- that you consider other ideas and suggestions for activities on the 20th of November to make an international climax to the campaign ✿

On the back page of this issue is a cut out section called "STOP THE VIOLATIONS OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN GUATEMALA!"

Please send this to Australian Children's Rights News, PO Box 383, Dickson, ACT 2602.

You are warmly invited to the  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
and DCI Conference

"The Rights of Young Children"

Friday, 21 October

9.00 - 5.00pm

Carseldine Lecture Theatre  
Queensland University of Technology

The AGM will be held at 4pm

(see p.10 for more info)

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