

ICYO Youth Information

The main areas of interest of the Indian Committee of Youth Information (ICYO) are youth health (including HIV/AIDS), population, environment, commercial sexual abuse/ exploitation of child and youth, habitat and peace. To subscribe to their electronic newsletter, email icyo@icyo-india.org

Youth.Comm

This list run by the Commonwealth Government's Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs provides information about youth issues including material posted by list members. To join email Youth.Comm-on@mail-list.com

YACVic Email Bits

The peak youth affairs body in Victoria provides a regular mail out of news.

To join send an email to:

yacvic-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

HREOC Lists

The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission has e-mail based mailing lists on a range of topics. For more information visit:

www.hreoc.gov.au/listserv/index.html

Family Court of Australia

The Court offers an e-mail notification service of postings on its website. For more information visit <http://www.familycourt.gov.au/html/notify1.html>

Refugee Action Collective

The RAC News list issues a daily selection of news items, particularly on asylum seekers. To subscribe, send a blank email to: racvicnews-subscribe@topica.com. Also, subscribe to the RAC Announcements list (to hear about meetings, rallies, other events) by sending a blank email to racvic-subscribe@topica.com

UNITY

This regular e-newsletter of the United National Association of Australia is compiled from Federal parliamentary and other sources relevant to Australia's obligations to the United Nations. For more information contact Ian Mathews, email: imathews@ozemail.com.au. Earlier editions of UNITY are on the UNAA website: www.unaa.org.au/fset.html

AICAFMHA

The Australian Infant, Child, Adolescent and Family Mental Health Association is a strongly consumer oriented group that publishes a regular e-newsletter. Its philosophical framework and guiding principles

includes: "Partnerships in advocacy in the public arena for effective promotion, prevention, early intervention, treatment and follow-up programs in child and adolescent mental health and that these are pursued in a context of human rights principles (International Covenant on the Rights of the Child)." To subscribe go to website: http://www.aicafmha.net.au/basic/list_info_news.html

Publications

Juvenile Justice: The Unwanted Child of State Responsibilities

This research published by the DCI International Network on Juvenile Justice analyses the Concluding Observations issued by the Committee on the Rights of the Child to more than 140 State Parties with respect to juvenile justice.

One purpose is to improve the discussion of juvenile justice issues. Questions arise as to whether the Observations address the needs of children in conflict with the law and whether they help to overcome the neglect of and unwillingness to fulfil juvenile justice obligations. By opening the dialogue and examining recommendations in the Concluding Observations, the research aims to strengthen the reporting process. Another purpose is to be a resource. It compile those parts of the Concluding Observations that directly pertain to juvenile justice, in particular to CRC articles 37 (inhumane treatment), 39 (rehabilitation of victims) and 40 (administration of justice). Other related articles are article 2 (non-discrimination), article 3 (best interests), article 6 (healthy development) and article 12 (right to be listened to). The excerpts cover the period from the first review session in 1993 through to January 2000. For more information, contact: International Network on Juvenile Justice, PO Box 88, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland. Tel: + 41 22 734 0558; Fax: + 41 22 740 1145; Email: dci-injj@tiscalinet.ch; Website: www.defence-for-children.org

Young People in Changing Societies: A Discussion Guide

UNICEF's Regional Office for CEE/CIS, and the World Organisation of the Scout Movement have produced a guide which highlights the findings of the UNICEF Innocenti Research Center's 7th Regional Monitoring Report. This youth-friendly publication

contains the latest data on young people in the transition countries and uses exercises and role-plays to facilitate discussion of issues ranging from school drop-out and unemployment to prevention of HIV/AIDS, conflict with the law and voting. For more information, go to: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=2179>.

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Monitoring Canada's Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

This report on the status of the Canadian implementation focuses on interventions made to secure the best interests of the child, general measures of implementation, issues relating to inter-country adoption, refugee, immigrant and aboriginal children and youth participation. For further information, contact: the Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children, 384 Bank Street, Suite 200, Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1Y4, Canada. Tel: + 1 613 230 8838; Fax: + 1 613 230 6654; Email: d.walker@cich.ca

Child Deaths by Injury in Rich Nations

In every one of the world's wealthier nations, injury is now the leading killer of children aged over one. This paper, the second in the Innocenti Report Card series (February 2001), presents a standardised league table ranking 26 of the world's industrialised nations according to their injury death rates for children aged 1 to 14. The Innocenti Report Cards series investigates child well-being in rich nations. The countries that form the focus for the series are the 29 members of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). This document is available electronically: See: <http://www.unicef-icdc.org/publications/pdf/repcard2e.pdf>

Pitik-Pitik

This quarterly newsletter produced by the Children's NGO Network (CNN) in the Phillipines reports on advocacy and monitoring of the enforcement of child rights. Recent issues have covered the following topics: Children and the environment, Children in Armed Conflict, Child Support and issues relating to the activities of CNN. For further information, please contact: CNN - Children's NGO Network, RM 101 Teresita Apt, cnr. Jasmin and Orchid Sts, Capitole Site, Cebu City 6000, Phillipines. Tel: + 632 254 5091; Fax: + 632 254 5093; Email: clbphils@gsilink.com

The Art of Delivering Justice

The Federal Court of Australia has launched a major education project designed to increase the understanding of the Australian Federal Judicial System in secondary schools. The book and the video entitled "The Art of Delivering Justice" has been designed to assist young Australians in understanding why judicial independence is so important in a democratic society. They also provide students with class exercises and school project materials to assist them to understand two of the Court's jurisdictions: Human Rights and Native Title. The 90 page book and 20 minute video have been distributed free of charge to all Australian secondary schools and may be ordered from the Court. For further information contact the Court's Director, Community Relations Tel: + 61 3 8600 3552 or go to: www.fedcourt.gov.au/community_info/studentinfo/studentinfo.html

They Treat Us Like Animals

The title of this report released by the International Secretariat of Amnesty International reflects an all too familiar complaint about prisons and police stations in Brazil. Published at a time when the Brazilian government is launching a campaign to combat torture, the report documents its widespread and systematic use against criminal suspects and detainees at all levels of the Brazilian criminal justice system, from the point of arrest, through detention in police stations, to incarceration in prisons and juvenile detention centres. It also highlights the plight of the thousands of men, women and children detained in the country's terminally overcrowded penitentiary system, which was exposed to the world's attention in the past 12 months as a result of a series of prison riots nationwide. The report puts forward a series of detailed recommendations on concrete steps to be taken to eradicate torture. Go to: <http://www.web.amnesty.org/ai.nsf/recent/AMR190222001?OpenDocument>

A Safe World for Children - Ending Abuse, Violence and Exploitation

This World Vision International report documents the appalling scale of violence against, and abuse and exploitation of, children. It brings together over 18 months of research with World Vision's partner communities around the world and the results indicate how much more must be achieved before children have a safe and secure environment in which to live. This

report recommends certain key action points for policy makers to consider, in order to meet the right of the child to be protected from all forms of violence and abuse. For further information, contact: World Vision - International, International Liaison Office, 6 Chemin de la Tourelle, 1209 Geneva, Switzerland. Tel: + 41 22 798 4183; Fax: + 41 22 798 65 47; Email: geneva@wvi.org or wvi.gva@iprolink.ch; Website: www.wvi.org/home.shtml

Hello, is Anyone There? - Young Messages from Another Reality

The Norwegian Coalition for the Convention on the Rights of the Child, of which Save the Children Norway is a member, has produced this book which presents children's views on what it is really like to grow up in Norway. The United Nations has recognised Norway as one of the world's best countries to live in however it has also criticised Norway's methods to treatment of children in particular situations. This document is the result of 100 children from the cities of Oslo, Bergen and Kristians and sharing their views and experiences on what it is like to grow up in Norway. The participating children and youth bring with them a range of experiences including child welfare, being in asylum centres, being separated children, disabled or having been abused. This document will be presented at the UN Special Session on Children. For further information, contact: Save the Children Norway, Postboks 6902, St. Olavs plass, 0130 Oslo, Norway. Tel: + 47 22 99 09 00; Fax: + 47 22 99 08 60; Email: post@reddbarna.no; Website: www.reddbarna.no

Young Voices

This publication presents findings of a survey of children's views in 35 countries in Europe and Central Asia. Conducted by UNICEF with the support of OSCE/ODIHR, the poll was launched in May 2001 at the 52-government Conference on Children in Europe and Central Asia. 93 million 9-17 year olds live in the countries surveyed. For more information, contact: Ms. Ekaterina Zimianina, email: ezimianina@unicef.org or Hans Olsen, email: holsen@unicef.org For more information, go to: <http://www.unicef.org/polls>

Unedited Report on the Day of General Discussion (28 September 2001) on Violence Against Children, Within the Family and in Schools

The unedited version of this report of the 28th Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child - (CRC/C/111) - Friday 28 September 2001 can be viewed on-

line at: www.unhchr.ch/html/menu2/6/crcdod3.htm
For further information on the Day of General Discussion on - Violence Against Children, Within the Family and in Schools go to: <http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu2/6/crcdod1.htm>

Violence in the Personal Lives of Children and the Threat of Terrorist Attacks

This submission from the International Secretariat of Defence for Children International to the CRC for its day of discussion on Violence Against Children, Within the Family and in Schools discusses the issue of violence against children in the family and in school. It argues that these issues cannot be discussed without taking into account the fact that we live in a violent world. In order to do so, new areas of research will have to be developed, as has been done in previous times of global insecurity. Go to: http://www.crin.org/docs/resources/publications/DCI_28SEPT01.pdf
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Email: dc-i-is@tiscalinet.ch;
Website: www.defence-for-children.org

Child Rights Information Network Annual Report 2000-2001

This annual report provides a narrative and financial report of CRIN's activities for the year from 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001. It presents how CRIN is structured, information about its membership and an overview of the information services which it offers. In addition, it looks at key foci within CRIN's work, such as the challenges of managing information in the child rights community as well as particular research themes and special projects, for example, the UN General Assembly Special Session on Children. This document can be viewed at, or downloaded from, the CRIN website. Go to: <http://www.crin.org/docs/resources/publications/CRIN-2000-2001-AR.pdf>

SEECRANews

The weekly newsletter of the South East European Child Rights Action Network is available on-line at their website. This newsletter is open to all SEECRAN members and is intended to keep members informed of SEECRAN's events and membership, as well as providing briefings on relevant developments in the region with regard to children. The current issue, no. 28, includes news about the Yugoslav Child Rights Centre lobbying the government of FR Yugoslavia to sign optional protocols on the Convention of the

Rights of the Child as well as information about events such as the meeting of the Albanian Children's Network, the Regional ECCD Meeting on Better Parenting Initiatives and the 23rd International Human Rights Training Programme). This issue can be downloaded or viewed online from: <http://www.seecran.org/news/seecranews.htm>

Children's Rights: A Second Chance

Save the Children New Zealand have developed a Call for Action to the New Zealand Government. The ten points in the Call for Action are for the Government to:

1. Withdraw reservations to the Convention on the Rights of the Child
2. Review all legislation and government policies and actions for compliance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
3. Develop and implement an effective national strategy for children.
4. Act urgently to improve the situation of Maori children.
5. Act urgently to improve the situation of Pacific children.
6. Establish effective government structures for children.
7. Eradicate child poverty within ten years.
8. Act to protect children from violence.
9. Act to protect the rights of children in special circumstances.
10. Increase the opportunities for children to participate in civil society.

See the full text - including what needs to be done to implement these ten actions at <http://www.savethechildren.org.nz/pag.cfm?i=194>; click on "NZ National Call for Action" to read about the situation in New Zealand and on "10 Calls to Action" to read about what needs to be done. If you would like a copy of the full publication, please contact Alena Lynch on Tel + 64 (0) 4 385 6847 email alena.lynch@scfnz.org.nz

CRIN Newsletter 13: Children and Macroeconomics

Following protests in Prague and Seattle, there is growing recognition that "structural adjustment" programs and lending policies are driving millions of people including children around the world deeper into poverty and causing environmental destruction. The views of these authors provide an interesting complement to the challenge by citizens' groups of a

global economic process that they say is controlled by transnational corporations, the World Trade Organisation and the Bretton Woods institutions. Go to www.crin.org/docs/resources/publications/CRINvol14e.pdf

UNICEF medium term strategic plan.

UNICEF has announced that it will dedicate its core efforts over the next four years to: promoting girl's education, integrating ECD, immunizations and micronutrient interventions, HIV/AIDS prevention, and child protection.' For more information go to: www.unicef.org.

Focus

This newsletter highlights significant issues and activities relating to human rights in the Asia-Pacific region. The September 2001 issue focuses on the topic of child labour and working children, including articles such as – "Child labour in Asia: A review" and "Child labour and India's football-making industry". Go to: <http://www.hurights.or.jp>

"I did not choose to come here": Listening to refugee children

What does it feel like for young refugees and asylum seekers to be in care in the UK? Sent here alone to find safety, unaccompanied refugee children are often fleeing war or terror. Without the care and protection of their parents, they have the same needs as other children but also require services based on their particular needs and circumstances but they often experience an unacceptable level of care in this country. Based on interviews with 33 refugee children from countries including Afghanistan, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia and Yugoslavia, this book asks them about their experiences of being an asylum seeking child in the UK. It offers a moving record of what they think and feel about their pre-exile experience, arrival and care in the UK, school life, immigration and asylum determination process, informal support available and the impacts of racism, prejudice and xenophobia. Their messages make it clear that they have complex needs that require the effective and compassionate collaboration of professionals. To order e-mail: pubs.sales@baaf.org.uk

Hard Words

This video is an educational resource for children, carers and families and those who work with them. It focuses on the issues facing children who have a parent with a mental illness. ARAFEMI Victoria Inc now has copies of the video available for purchase (\$30 incl post, handling and GST). Contact Elise Whatley Email: ewhatley@infoxchange.net.au for details or download an order form from Website: http://www.aicafmha.net.au/4members/SIGs/COPMI/VIC/vic_news.htm

Psychosis

The CD-ROM is the first of its kind, targeted at students, explaining what psychosis is, its symptoms and what it's like for those who experience it, their families and friends. Produced for SANE by multimedia developer Violetta Stojanovski, the CD was a finalist in the recent Australian Interactive Multimedia Industry Association Awards. This guide for young people is available from SANE Australia for \$35 plus postage and handling on 1800 688 382 or at www.sane.org

Choices and Challenges: behaviour intervention and use of restraint in care and supported accommodation services for children and young people.

This report by Christine Flynn, published by the Community Services Commission in New South Wales, Australia, highlights the serious gap in policy and practice guidance in respect of behaviour intervention. The report is available free: Tel: + 61 (2) 9384 4999, Fax: + 61 (0) 2 9384 4948 or download from the web www.csc.nsw.gov.au

Unseen and unheard: The Case for a Children's Rights Commissioner.

Rachel Harvey's article welcomes regional developments in the appointment of Children's Commissioners (e.g. in Wales and Northern Ireland) but argues that none of the initiatives are adequate substitutes for an independent Children's Rights Commissioner for the whole UK. In: *Childright Issue* 178, 2001 pp 18-20.

You can order the publication at: www.childrenslegalcentre.com, Tel: + 44 1206 872466, clc@essex.ac.uk

More Websites !

www.childuniversity.org

UNASEA, a French federation that linking more than 100 associations working on social and medical issues associated with childhood and family. Its website (available in French and in English) functions an international network designed as a university and is open to researchers, social workers and NGOs. It offers visitors an overview of the current events regarding social development and children welfare; a virtual library; an interactive lectures hall; free discussion forums and an interactive database of projects for social development all around the world.

www.ncsmc.org.au

The Australian group, the National Council of Single Mothers and Their Children, has expanded its website to include a page of resources for the Abuse Free Contact Campaign which is aimed at developing improved processes to reduce post-separation child abuse during child court-ordered contact. Suggestions for useful material to include are also welcome. Email them to: ncsmc@ncsmc.org.au

www.asylumsupport.info

The UK National Asylum Support Service (NASS) website lists all of its current policy documents and has a search engine allowing for keyword searches across all the bulletins.

www.youthandfamily2002.com

The website for information about the International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates XVIth Congress to be held in Melbourne during October 2002. Further information is available from Email: youthandfamily@meetingplanners.com

www.aicafmha.net.au/enews/

The Australian Infant Child Adolescent and Family Mental Health Association has commenced an online News In Brief series.

www.create.org.au

The Create Foundation's mission is to ensure that children and young people in care are afforded the same life opportunities as all young Australians.

www.acys.utas.edu.au/ncys/events/

The Australian Clearinghouse for Youth Studies EVENTS Calendar has recently been updated.