

Conferences

21-24 May 2007: World Conference on Children without Parental Care

The Hague, The Netherlands

World Initiative for Orphans (WIO), a worldwide independent, non-profit human rights organisation for orphaned and abandoned children, is organising this international conference. Aimed at Government Decision-makers, relevant NGO's and Researchers, the conference will provide an open forum for communication and will identify new approaches and model practical solutions. A wide range of distinguished speakers, children's advocates and experts in various fields will discuss the long needed reforms in Child Welfare Policies.

Further information: WIO website - www.wiorphans.org

11-13 July 2007: Australian Social Policy Conference - Building Community Capacity and Social Resilience, Sydney, NSW

The theme for the 2007 conference presented by the Social Policy Research Centre is 'Social Policy through the Life Course: Building Community Capacity and Social Resilience'. This theme encapsulates two interrelated issues in social policy. The first concerns life-course transitions, including the diverse challenges and opportunities which people experience within their age, gender, social, economic and cultural contexts. The second focuses on identifying the interconnections between social investment policies, services and programs which build both community capacity and social resilience for individuals situated within their social networks.

Further information: Social Policy Research Centre website: www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/ASPC2007/;

Phone: (02) 9385 7802

8-10 July 2007: International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, USA

The theme of this conference is "Nurturing parenting and the prevention of child maltreatment and multigenerational family violence". It will examine both domestic violence and child abuse, in recognition of the fact that victimizations often overlap within families. The conference provides the opportunity for researchers and scientist/practitioners from a broad array of disciplines to come together for the purpose of sharing, integrating and critiquing knowledge on family violence.

Further information: Family Research Laboratory website - www.unh.edu/frl/conferences/2007

Body Matters: Children and Young People's Physical Wellbeing and Rights – Dunedin, NZ – 28-29 June – \$150-475

This conference, hosted by the University of Otago's Children's Issues Centre, will examine issues and disseminate current research, policy and practice around issues affecting children and young people's physical wellbeing and rights. It is a valuable forum for researchers, policy makers and practitioners across a range of sectors, including health, education, social work, law, and anyone with an interest in children and young people's wellbeing. Nationally & internationally renowned. It will feature national & international keynote speakers with expertise in law, physical education, disability, culture, sport and government policy ... and papers from a diverse group of people and disciplines – covering topics such as: sexuality, mental health, sport and physical education, physical punishment, disability, hospitalisation, medical/dental treatment issues, research with children and young people,

Call for Articles

Australian Children's Rights News depends on the input of members affiliates and subscribers to keep providing you with a wide-ranging and informative update on children's rights issues. Others with a viewpoint on children and young people's rights are also invited to submit.



We are now seeking articles to be considered for the first edition of 2007. Contributions of between 700 and 2000 words are preferred and should be e-mailed with full author details to judycash@bigpond.net.au

DCI-A is particularly interested in articles on juvenile justice, our special theme for 2007. Suggested graphics or photos to accompany the article are most welcome. The closing date for receipt of material is 31 July 2007 but please advise the editors as soon as possible if you are planning to submit. If you have an idea which you would like to discuss, please email Judy Cashmore judycash@bigpond.net.au Articles published in Australian Children's Rights News may also be placed on the DCI-Australia Website: www.dci-au.org/

parenting, internet safety, resilience and injury prevention.

Call for abstracts: Closed.

Further Info: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/cic/events/BodyMattersRegistrationBrochure.pdf>

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Call for abstracts: Closes February.

Further information: www.unh.edu/fri/conferences/2007

23-25 July 2007: Children and Young People are Key Stakeholders, Perth, WA

This inaugural, international conference addresses the area of children and young people as key stakeholders in their world experience - now and in the future. It aims to contribute significantly to our understanding of children, young people and their families in the community, and factors which impact on their wellbeing as stakeholders in policy, programmes and service delivery. It will also highlight issues and challenges facing vulnerable children and young people today and explore preventative and strengths-based strategies for improving positive outcomes for them at a local, national and international level. The conference will be of interest to children and young people; parents/carers/family and community members; practitioners from all fields who support, work with and advocate on behalf of children, young people and families; policy makers and managers; and researchers and educators.

Call for papers: Presentations are invited on case studies, practice, research, knowledge and experiences - from adults and young people. Register your interest to present by 15 December 2006 (adult presenters) or 31 March 2007 (young presenters).

Further information: Website - www.caypaks.com

28-30 August 2007: Face 2 Face Forum: Connections - Family and Community: Planning for Permanency and Stability, Swan Valley, WA

Presented by CREATE Foundation, Face 2 Face is a national partnership forum of young people, governments, carers, indigenous organisations and community service providers, involved in the out-of-home care sector for children and young people. This three day event will be of interest to: foster carers, including kinship carers; community service providers; government departments;

indigenous children, young people, families and communities; and young people who are in care or who have left care.

Further information: Face 2 Face website: www.face2face.org.au/first.html; Phone: (02) 9267 1999
Email: face2face2007enquiry@create.org.au

Sociology of Children and Childhood – Glasgow, UK – 3-6 September

This 8th European Sociological Association Conference will be the first to formally focus on the Sociology of Children and Childhood – around the theme of Conflict, Citizenship and Civil Society. It aims to bring together scholars engaged in theoretical and empirical work on Children and Childhood across Europe – with various sessions exploring how these topics specifically impact on the lives and everyday worlds of children and their childhoods.

Call for abstracts: Closed.

Further information: <http://www.esa8thconference.com/show.php?contentid=116>

7th ISPCAN Asian Regional Conference, Manila, Philippines, September 23 to 26, 2007.

This conference entitled "I am for the Child!" is organized by the Child Protection Unit Network (Philippines) and ISPCAN. The conference has the following themes and general objectives:

1. Child sexual and physical abuse: to identify issues addressed, resources established and lessons learned by Asian countries in setting up their national child protection systems;
2. Children in conflict with the law: to introduce new perspectives on children in conflict with the law;
3. Children in natural disasters: to discuss ways to ensure that rights of children are protected in situations of natural disasters and humanitarian emergencies; and,
4. Child sex trafficking and tourism: to share perspectives of different Asian countries in the fight against child sex trafficking and tourism.

Online abstract submission deadline: 31 May 2007
30 October - 2 November 2007

11th Australasian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect (ACCAN 2007) - Voices Calling for Action, Gold Coast, Qld

The *Voices Calling for Action* conference will bring together professionals, service providers, community representatives and youth participants from across the Australasian and Pacific regions human service sector to review and reflect on research, innovative policy and

practice in order to identify key actions to prevent child abuse and neglect.

The conference program, Chaired by media identity and NAPCAN ambassador Julie McCrossin, will feature leading international and Australasian presenters from health, education, child welfare and social policy and planning sectors. An important aim of the conference organising committee is to ensure the participation of Youth delegates in this national event.

Further information: Conference website: www.accan2007.com; Email: ACCAN2007@ccm.com.au. Phone: (07) 3368 2644

Asian Youth and Childhoods Across the World, India – 22-24 November – US\$80-150

This 8th International Conference, hosted by the International Sociological Association, aims to play a significant role in informing professionals on the future shape and boundaries of Asian youth and childhoods – to locate their place, not only in Asia, but throughout the world. Topics will include: New trends in youth and childhood research; Asian youth and new trajectories; Youth, international migration and globalization; Inequalities in child and youth population; Young people and new technology; Young people and media; Child and youth rights in Asia; Youth and child policies in Asia; Childhood and gender; Participation of young people in community life; and Youth and children's life world in a globalised world.

Call for abstracts: Closes 31 March.

Further information:
<http://ayc2007.com>

22-24 November 2007: VIIIth International Conference on Asian Youth and Childhoods 2007, Lucknow, India

The theme of this conference is "Asian Youth and Childhoods across the World". The aim is for the conference to play a significant role in informing professionals on the future shape and boundaries of Asian youth and childhoods to locate their place not only in Asia but throughout the world. Topics will include:

- New trends in youth and childhood research
- Asian youth and new trajectories
- Youth, international migration and globalization
- Inequalities in child and youth population
- Young people and new technology
- Young people and media
- Child and youth rights in Asia
- Youth and child policies in Asia
- Childhood and gender
- Participation of young people in community life
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Further information: Website - <http://ayc2007.com>

Assessing the "Evidence-Base" of Intervention for Vulnerable Children and Their Families: Cross National Perspectives and Challenges for Research, Practice and Policy, March 26-29, 2008, The University of Padova, Italy

A joint conference of EUSARF (European Scientific Association for Residential & Foster Care for Children & Adolescents and IAOPER (International Association for Outcome-Based Evaluation and Research on Family and Children's Services) The overarching purpose of the 2008 conference will be to bring research-based perspectives to bear on matters of youth policy, service intervention and evaluation methodology directed toward high resource-using children and youth viewed in cross-national perspective.

Official languages of the conference are Italian and English.
www.outcome-evaluation.org/eusarf2008

Re-Presenting Childhood And Youth – Sheffield, UK – 8-10 July

This 2nd international conference hosted by the Centre for the Study of Childhood & Youth, will explore the ways in which childhood and youth are represented as life course categories and how, in changing cultural and historical contexts, these categories are beginning to be questioned and often re-presented. This process of reflection and reviews can be seen taking place in a variety of different ways, which are addressed by the conference strands – Theory, Methods, Discourses and Policy.

Call for abstracts: Coming soon.

Further information:

<http://www.cscy.group.shef.ac.uk/conferences/index.htm>

International Seminar: 'Ethics and childcare: a collective engagement' 20-21 November, UNESCO Paris

The Association Enfance et Partage fights against all kinds of mistreatments and for the acknowledgement of the Rights of the Child. For the occasion of its 30th birthday, Enfance et Partage is organizing, in partnership with the International Juvenile Justice Observatory, the International Seminar: 'Ethics and childcare: a collective engagement'.



The seminar will focus on: Media and Endangered childhood; Interdisciplinary communication and Professional secret; Minor offender yet victim as well and Accompanying the minor when parents fail.