

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH LAWS CENTRE

Launched officially in June 1993, the Centre is a joint project of the University of Sydney, University of NSW and the Public Interest Advocacy Centre with 3 year establishment funding from the Australian Youth Foundation. The Centre's basic purpose is to improve the law, legal systems and legal services in order to promote, protect and enforce children's and young people's rights.

Robert Ludbrook, Director of the National Children's and Youth Law Centre, has considerable experience in the field having worked with youth advocacy groups in New Zealand and England.

The Centre has made submissions to the Commonwealth Government on the Draft Report on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and on Bills before Parliaments in NSW, Victoria and Northern Territory. A current project is the development of a kit of legal information about children's rights in schools. Research is underway on Standards in Detention Centres and Anti-Discrimination laws as they effect young people.

A newsletter will be available free. To be placed on mailing list, phone (02) 221 4361 or write to the Centre, Level 4, 173-175 Phillip St, Sydney. For further information: Christine Flynn, Research and Information Officer.

THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD AND A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ASIAN CHILDREN

Report of the 6th ASEAN Paediatric Federation Conference, Denpasar Bali Indonesia, October, 1992.

Countries represented at this conference included Indonesia, Malaysia, The Philippines, Singapore, Brunei and Thailand. There were four presentations from western countries.

Issues covered included child abuse, child labour and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. This latter topic attracted great

attention. National action plans are asked of each country which ratify the Convention and programmes for each country were related to their particular problems and were clearly spelt out.

The Convention on the Rights of the Child and the recent World Summit have had a great impact on South East Asian countries, forcing a real commitment to action. Australia should increase its involvement with those working for children in neighbouring countries.

Desmond Gurry

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DCI - AUSTRALIA is in urgent need of funds to become established as a national organization. We need donations to produce leaflets and posters, to hold national committee teleconferences, to establish a permanent secretariat. *Grants are not available for these initial expenses.* Later we will be able to seek project funding from a number of sources. But we can't do that until we are afloat. And we can't get afloat until we have a bank balance...

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International Children's Rights Monitor, Vol 10 No 1-2, 1993, \$5 or \$20 by annual subscription.

Activity Reports of the DCI International Secretariat 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, no charge.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, text and unofficial summary of main provisions (DCI 1990), \$4.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Guide to the "Travaux Preparatoires", edited by Sharon Detrick, DCI and Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 1992, members \$39, non-members \$49.