

New publications

• UNICEF, **The Implementation Handbook for the Convention on the Rights of the Child**, 1998. This is a user-friendly tool for all those involved in protecting and promoting children's rights. It is based on the work of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and is structured article by article. At the end of each article an "Implementation Checklist" asks questions on progress toward full realisation of children's rights. Can be ordered from <hmartin@unicef.ch> for US\$ 45.00 plus US\$4.50 shipping and handling.

• Michael Freeman, **The Moral Status of Children: Essays on the Rights of the Child**, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, London, 1997. Explores the moral foundations of children's rights issues from the Convention and beyond, and offers insights into children's rights, empowerment, cultural pluralism, sexual abuse and the child's right to identity. Available from Kluwer Law International, Order Department, PO Box 85889, 2508 CN The Hague, The Netherlands, fax: 31 70 30 81555.

• UNICEF International Child Development Centre, "**Violence involving Children**", Innocenti Digest - Issue 2, September 1997. Examines the principles and standards for the protection of children from violence in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, intra-familial practices of violence toward children and the effects of armed conflict on children.

The first 20 people who call DCI's National Office on (02) 6257 6422 can obtain a copy of this issue FREE.

• Helen Bayes, **Pursued by the Law: the victimisation of children who offend**, Briefing paper no. 50, Australian Development Studies Network. Discusses juvenile justice as a development issue. Copies available free from DCI Office.

Conferences

• The Federation of Vietnamese Women's Associations in Australia, **Third National Conference on Family and Youth**, Canberra, 20-21 March 1998. Explores whether the Australian justice system, health and social welfare systems adequately address the needs of Vietmanese family and youth. For information: Uyen Loewald, PO Box 101, O'Connor, ACT 2602 or ph: (02) 6207 4962.

• Australians Against Child Abuse, "**Kids First - Agenda for Change**" Conference, Melbourne, 2-3 April 1998. A professional and community forum to identify critical problems in Australian child protection systems and articulate a unified, co-ordinated approach to the needs of abused children and young people. Ph: (03) 9682 0244, fax: (03) 9682 0288 or email: kidsfirst.98@icms.com.au.

• National Centre for Development Studies, **Australian**

Development Studies Network Conference, ANU, Canberra, 23-25 April 1998. Review effectiveness of past and current education in government developmental plans and overseas aid. Discusses the relevance and cost effectiveness of educational policy for sustainable development. Contact: the Conference Secretariat, Education for Sustainable Development Conference, National Centre for Development Studies, ANU, Canberra ACT 0200 or ph: (02) 6249 2466.

• Foundation for the Child and the Family, European Family Forum, "**Family - Europe - 21st Century: Vision and Institutions**", Athens, Greece, 20-22 May 1998. Organised under the auspices of the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO, to address parenting in European families, children of divorced parents, violence in the family and policies for children and families in the 21st Century. Contact: Georgia M Stathopoulou, Foundation for the Child and the Family, 12a Herodou Attikou, 151 24 Maroussi, Athens, Greece. Ph: 30 1 809 4419, fax: 30 1 809 4484 or email childfamil@netor.gr.

• Royal Danish School of Educational Studies, **International Conference on Children's Rights in Education**, Copenhagen, Denmark, 26 - 30 April 1998. Provides opportunities to discuss the world educational situation and its relationship to children's rights. Contact: Project Secretariat, The Royal Danish School of Educational Studies, Emdrupvej 101, DK 2400 Copenhagen NV, Denmark. Ph: 45 3969 6633 ext 2553 fax: 45 3669 1278 email <stein@dlh.dk>

• Association of Child Welfare Agencies, 1998 Conference **Improving Services for Children, Youth and Families**, Sydney, 24-26 August 1998.

• Young Media Assoc. **Caring for Children in the Media Age**, 25-26 March 1998, info on <<http://www.youngmedia.org.au>>

NSW Branch News

The Sydney group has thrown itself into organising a one-day Conference/Workshop "Listening to Children's Voices", with a strong cast of speakers, panelists and workshop leaders (see p.16).

The Branch meets on Wednesdays, at 6pm, in the Waratah Room at Parliament House. Please contact Valerie Joy on 9810-2871 for information.

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