

## Conferences

Monash Unit Postgraduate Centre, "**Representing the Child**", Melbourne, 2-3 October 1998.

This conference aims to provide a forum for an interdisciplinary discussion on the issue of how children can be represented effectively. It will deal with many facets of children's lives, including play, the law, education, parenting, sexuality, literacy and child abuse. **For information**, contact Professor Threadgold on fax: (03) 9905 2135 or by email: Terry.Threadgold@arts.monash.edu.au.

Domestic Violence Resource Centre, "**Everybody's Business - 2nd National Conference on Children, Young People and Domestic Violence**", Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, 30 September - 2 October 1998.

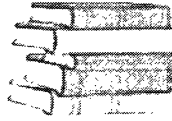
This conference aims to explore the issue of domestic violence and how it impacts upon children and young people, current practice and service delivery initiatives, policy and legislative directions, and strategies to raise community awareness. **For information**, contact Organisers Australia on tel: (07) 3369 7866, fax: (07) 3367 1471 or by email at mail@orgaus.com.au.

ANZACCS, "**Children's Contact Services - Partnerships in Complexity**", Melbourne, 20-22 October 1998.

The aim of this conference is to explore the opportunities for partnerships in the operation of children's contact services. **For information**, contact Nicola Seaman on tel: 0419 549 228, by email: anzaccs@ozemail.com.au or go to the ANZACCS website at [www.ozemail.com.au/~anzaccs](http://www.ozemail.com.au/~anzaccs).

International Association of Juvenile and Family Courts Magistrates, "**XY International Congress of Youth and Family Magistracy - Youth and Social Changes**", Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2-6 November 1998.

This Congress aims to consider means of consolidating the international recognition of the rights of young persons and the acceptance of differences in cultural identities. **For information**, contact Centro Garrigos on tel: +54 1 523 1067, email: piinfa80@cnmyf.gov.ar or go to [www.cnmyf.gov.ar](http://www.cnmyf.gov.ar).



## Publications

DCI-Palestine has recently published a seminar report, titled **The Problem of Landmines, Unexploded Ordnance and Munitions Remnants in the Palestinian Territories**. This Report looks at the landmine problem at the international and local level, presents case studies of landmine victims, reviews and analyses the Ottawa process and convention on banning anti-personnel landmines and details the experiences of other countries in dealing with the problem of landmines.

**For a copy**, contact DCI-Palestine at PO Box 55201, Jerusalem, Palestine. Alternatively, please tel: +972 2 656 2963, fax: +972 2 656 2962 or email: [dcipal@palnet.com](mailto:dcipal@palnet.com).

The UNICEF International Child Development Centre has recently published the October 1997 Innocenti lecture of Thomas Hammarberg, titled **A school for children with rights: the significance of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**. This lecture considered the reform of schools and school systems, and the value of a school that respects the rights of children and encourages them to express opinions.

**For a copy**, contact the UNICEF Child Development Centre on tel: +39 55 234 5258 or fax: +39 55 244 817.

The International Working Group on Child Labour (IWGCL) has recently published its report, titled **Working Children: Re-considering the Debates**. IWGCL, established in 1992 by DCI-International and the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, based its report on information provided in

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35 country reports and 4 regional reports.

The report debunks a number of myths that exist about children's work and questions the traditional dichotomy between "child labour" (which is viewed negatively) and "child work" (which is viewed positively). The Report clearly shows the insights that may be gained by encouraging policy makers and governments to listen to "children's voices" and to ensure their participation in debates that directly concern them.

**For a copy,** contact DCI-The Netherlands, PO 75297, 1090 AG Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

## Marching forward ...

Adult survivors of child abuse, their friends and supporters are planning a march and rally throughout major cities of the world. On Sunday, 27 September 1998, Survivors on the Net Australia will be holding marches in Melbourne and the Dandenongs to coincide with this global march to raise community awareness of the extent and effects of childhood abuse, particularly sexual abuse.

A key element of the march will be the presentation of petitions and surveys to the government calling for improved support services for survivors of abuse and changes to the legal system to eliminate the systemic re-victimisation of survivors. After the march, survivors will gather in Fitzroy Gardens to release purple balloons with the names of their abusers attached, a symbol of letting go of the secrets and pain from their past.

If you want to march forward too, contact Survivors on the Net Australia for further information on tel: (03) 9537 1023, fax: (03) 9593 9092 or email: [www.survivors.org.au](http://www.survivors.org.au). Please call prior to faxing.