

DCI 30, CRC 20! This double anniversary should further strengthen our living relation with the Convention on the Rights of the Child. From a small NGO involved in its drafting, DCI has evolved into a global movement to promote the implementation of the CRC. Over the past decade children in conflict with the law and child friendlier juvenile justice have become our priority. This jubilee year DCI focuses especially on the right of the child in conflict with the law to be heard and participate in decisions affecting them. Child participation must be done with care for the child and in a way corresponding with its abilities and stage of development. It is a process that needs caring professionals, willing and able to use the child's potential in his or her best interest. To share knowledge and best practices on child participation in juvenile justice DCI organises a 2 day seminar on 19 and 20 November 2009. It will provide in depth knowledge on the juridical as well as the practical aspect of participation from keynote speakers as Jean Zermatten and André Dunant. There will be inspiring lessons from dedicated practitioners who share their experiences, tips and tools for success in child participation in juvenile justice and advocacy and lobbying. All for the fulfilment of this right!



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Special 30th Defence for Children International Anniversary Symposium

Join us in a 2 day seminar on the right of the child to be heard and participate for children in conflict with the law. Learn from high level expert keynote speakers Jean Zermatten, André Dunant, Benoît van Keirsbilck, Bernard Boëton and Sabrina Cajoly, on the juridical and practical aspects of child participation. Get inspired by best practice stories from different DCI sections and other organisations. Learn how to involve children in advocacy and lobbying. Get (re)connected with your fellow child rights advocates, lobbyists and defenders. Take home practical information, tools and tips for best implementing the right to be heard and participate of the child in juvenile justice.



Child Participation in Juvenile Justice

Defence for Children International 30th Anniversary Symposium

November 19th and 20th, 2009
Geneva, Switzerland





Agenda Day 1 - November 19th

Best Practices of involving children in advocacy and lobby in juvenile justice.

9:00-9:15 Welcome by Director Laetitia van Haren

9:15-11:15 Workshops

1: The sky is for all - DCI Albania by Altin Hazizaj

Juveniles in Albanian prisons are actively involved in their own reintegration- and rehabilitation process, in which they work together with youth from schools and raise awareness with the general public.

2: Child Participation in NGO Reporting by DCI or NGO Group on the CRC. Presentation and discussion on the new guidelines, considering child participation, for reporting to the Committee on the Right of the Child. The workshop is focussed on reporting on juvenile justice issues.

11:15-11:30 Coffee & tea break

11:30-12:30 Continuance of workshops

3: Training Youth Advocates - by **Matthew Jackson**

(YMCA). Building the advocacy for child friendly juvenile justice by training the children to advocate for it. Good practices are introduced by the World Alliance of YMCAs.

12:30-13:00 Brown Bag Lunch

Part II - 'To hear or not to hear?' - experiences of justice professionals in listening to the child.

13:00-13:10 Opening by DCI President Rifat Odeh Kassis

13:10-14:10 Panel with keynote speakers* Subjects include introduction to General Comment no.12, practice of hearing the child in the courtroom and training of justice professionals: **Jean Zermatten, Benoît van Keirsbilck, André Dunant**

14:10-14:25 Coffee & Tea Break

14:25-14:50 Continuance of speakers panel: **Bernard Boëton, Sabrina Cajoly**

14:50-15:30 Questions & Debate led by **Nigel Cantwell** - founder of DCI.

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Venue: Maison des Associations, Rue de Savoises 15 (tram no. 12 and 13), Geneva

For more details on the workshops, panels, and the event please go to...
www.defenceforchildren.org and click on the anniversary link.

EN-FR-SP/SP-FR-EN interpretation will be provided

Part III- Creating a culture of child participation.

15:30-16:30 Presentation 'Cinema on wheels' - DCI Sierra Leona by Abdul Manaff Kemokai. Children participate in informing the general public, children and adults, on the Child Rights Bill 2007 of Sierra Leona. An inspiring example of involving children to educate their peers and adults on child rights by using and further developing the artistic and expressive abilities of the participating children.

16:30-17:15 Closing remarks

18:00-22:00 Reception at DCI building

Speech DCI President, launch of jubilee book 'DCI a History of Child Rights in Action', Volunteer Award, refreshments, music and mingling.



Agenda Day 2 - November 20th

Part IV- Linking theory and practice: tools & tips for advocacy and lobbying.

9:00-9:15 Welcome at DCI building, 1 rue Varembe

9:15-10:15 Panel with Keynote speakers *

Bruce Abramson- *How to include child participation in juvenile justice advocacy and lobbying; both theoretical and practical concepts.*

Sarah Field -*Child participation in Peacebuilding. A tool to prevent children to become disconnected from society and therefore likely to come in conflict with the law.*

Questions & Debate

10:15-11:15 Workshop 1: Building a DCI Factsheet on Participation by Virginia Murillo (DCI Costa Rica)

A 'hands on' and 'minds on' practical workshop with the purpose to produce all necessary and needed input for an effective and usable factsheet on child participation in juvenile justice.

11:15-11:30 Coffee & tea break

11:30-12:30 Workshop 2: New DCI communication tools.

Introduction to new DCI publications. How to use the book 'Education in change' by **Barbara Robinson**, How to use 'Advocacy handbook GC no 10' by **Anna Volz**, introduction to child friendly fact sheets and coordination of the workshop by **Kate Stevenson**.

12:30-13:00 The way forward for DCI- inventory of gaps and development area's for the International Secretariat, support between DCI-sections.

13:00-13:30 Brown Bag Lunch

DCI sections from abroad can have private consultations with Human Rights Bodies. For help with arrangements contact DCI IS.



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DCI's 30th Anniversary Symposium



RSVP by November 10th

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Yes, I will attend whole Symposium

Yes, I will attend day 1 (including reception)

Yes, I will attend day 2

Preferred Language: English/French/Spanish

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Cost for 2 days: (includes documents, material, lunch, snacks, light refreshments, and reception): **120 CHF**

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