



COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS

A new Convention to protect children against sexual exploitation and abuse

The Committee of Ministers has adopted the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse.

"There should be no hesitation or complacency in the fight against sexual exploitation and abuse of children," said Secretary General Terry Davis, in welcoming the adoption of the convention on 13 July.

This new convention is the first instrument to establish as criminal offences, the various forms of sexual abuse of children, including abuse committed in the home or within the family, with the use of force, coercion or threats.

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The North-South Centre

The North-South Centre has a twofold task: to provide a framework for European co-operation designed to heighten public awareness of global interdependence issues, and to promote policies of solidarity complying with the Council of Europe's aims and principles - respect for human rights, democracy and social cohesion.

Lines of actions and programmes

Line of action 1: Raising European public awareness of issues of global interdependence and solidarity through education and young people

Programme 1: Strategies and capacity building for global education

Programme 2: Training and capacity building of young people and youth organisations

Line of action 2: Promoting North-South solidarity policies in conformity with the goals and principles of the Council of Europe through dialogue between Europe, the southern Mediterranean countries and Africa

Programme 3: Intercultural dialogue

Programme 4: Dialogue on human rights, democratic governance and development

Programme 5: Migration and co-development

The five programmes reflect a coherent and integrated approach to the concept of global interdependence, recognising inter-relations between the issues and reaching beyond single approaches.

The two lines of action and programmes are supported by the **Programming and Communication sector** as well as by the Management.

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/default_en.asp

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Mama Cash

Mama Cash, a women's foundation that supports groundbreaking women's projects all over the world. The foundation supports strong, pioneering women who set an exciting example for others, who actively seek creative solutions and know firsthand that it's possible to turn the tide.

Mama Cash supports women's groups in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. It makes grants that help secure women's human rights and guarantee women's access to

- bodily integrity
- economic justice
- peace and security
- art, culture and media
- agency and participation

Mama Cash also supports local women's funds all over the world that raise money locally, regionally and internationally to support women's rights initiatives at home. In this way, Mama Cash's reach can be amplified many times over.

Since 1983, Mama Cash has supported over 6,000 initiatives and projects of women world wide. The invested amount is approximately 30 million euros.

<http://www.mamacash.nl/site/en/who/index.php>

COMPETITIONS



European Competition 2007: The European Union and non-discrimination

All European young people from 12 to 18 years old are invited to design a poster on non-discrimination in the EU. Participants will be divided into two age categories (12-14 and 15-18) and must work in groups of at least four.

The entries will be judged first at national level, and prizes will be awarded to the three best teams in each age category at ceremonies to be held in each country on 20 November, International Children's Rights Day. The winners of the first prize in the national competition will compete in a second round at European level.

Deadline for registering is **24 September 2007**.

Deadline for submitting the work is **31 October 2007**.

For detailed information, guidelines and more, please visit:

<http://www.europayouth.eu>