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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE 21 SEPTEMBER 2008

The United Nations' International Day of Peace - marked every year on September 21 - is a global holiday when individuals, communities, nations and governments highlight efforts to end conflict and promote peace.

Established by U.N. resolution in 1982, "Peace Day" has grown to include millions of people around the world who participate in all kinds of events, large and small.

For 2008, this new Web site makes it easy to find and promote Peace Day events anywhere in the world. Just click on "Participate!" to locate an event or post information. And explore the rest of the site to learn more about Peace Day and how to get involved.

May Peace Prevail On Earth!

<http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org/>

COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS



Council of Europe Stockholm strategy for a more child-friendly Europe

The high-level conference "Building a Europe for and with Children: towards a strategy for 2009-2011" was conducted in Stockholm. Representatives of 42 European countries are participating in the conference, which is being organised by the Council of Europe and the Swedish Government with the support of the Nordic Council of Ministers.

The conference addresses the issues of violence against children, child-friendly justice, child participation and other issues. The conference also was the occasion of the launch of the Stockholm Strategy, which aims to strengthen work on children's rights in Council of Europe member states in 2009-2011.

The *Stockholm Strategy* is a strategic instrument for a more child-friendly Europe. By making a concentrated European effort, I am convinced that we can create a better, friendlier and safer Europe for all our children. But we cannot wait until tomorrow. It has to be done today."

The proposed Stockholm strategy concerns five areas:

1. The Convention on the Rights of the Child already requires the mainstreaming of consideration of the best interests of children in political decisions.
2. The countries of Europe must act jointly to combat all types of violence against young people, corporal punishment of children, sexual exploitation of children, violence in the name of honour and trafficking of children.
3. Children's participation must be strengthened.
4. Children who, for one reason or another, cannot live with their parents, children with disabilities, children who are financially and

socially at risk, children who belong to national minorities and refugee children need special action.

5. The position of children in the area of justice administration should be strengthened.

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International Award for European young people

The prize "Young people of the year" is a prestigious international award offered by the European Academy of Civil Society and World Organization of Talented Children to the most active and talented young people (girls and boys) from the member countries of the Council of Europe.

The prize is awarded to young people between 16 and 25 years old who have successes at national or even international level in different domains such as: young journalists, singers, performers, film-makers, poets, painters, sportive champions, dancers, Olympics at different domains, young people that have performances in knowledge of foreign languages or computer (Internet), young researchers, young volunteers with fruitful activity in NGOs, promoters of Child's Rights and Human Rights and young people with performances in other areas of vital importance.

The submissions will be accepted until 1st January 2009 deadline, online or by mail. The request will include:

- Personal CV
- 1 color photo
- Home address and phone, fax, e-mail and web site.
- Address from high-school/faculty or work.
- Letter of recommendation
- Copies of other awards, materials from magazines or newspapers, CDs or other materials that confirm that the candidate deserves the award.

The winners will be invited at the Prize Awarding Ceremony "Young man/woman of the year" that will take place between 8 and 12 March 2009 in one of the countries that will have winners. The prize will be awarded in the presence of the President of Prime-Minister of the country that will host the ceremony.

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EVENTS

Seminar for youth leaders and workers "Promotion of Minority/Majority Dialogue by Non-formal Education Tools"

European Minority Youth Network organizes seminar which will be held in Riga, Latvia from 10 to 16 November 2008. The project is supported by European Youth Foundation. More information and application form are available here:

http://network.ngo.lv/en/projects/new_projects__1