



COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS

Round Table in Athens with European National Human Rights Institutions

In co-operation with the Greek National Commission for Human Rights, the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights organized the 4th Round Table of European National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Athens on 27-28 September. Read more here:

http://www.coe.int/t/commissioner/Media/News_2006/060920roundtable_en.asp

Ombudwork for Children: conference in Athens to defend children's rights

„Ombudspersons share the objective to defend, promote and extend human rights. When it comes to protecting the rights of children, we have a clear responsibility to act and perform”, Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General, stated in her address to participants, who included children, at the conference in Athens on September 29-30.

EUROPEAN YOUTH PORTAL NEWS



STAND UP Web Editor & Writing Contests 2006

The UN Cyberschoolbus and the Millennium Campaign invite all young people, from 8 to 24 years old, from around the world to submit short essays on why young people should take part in the global Stand Up campaign in the fight against poverty. There are two categories, for young people 8 - 18 years old, and for young people 18 - 24 years old.

Detailed information (guidelines, eligibility requirements, entry forms, prizes) for the two categories for these contests can be found on:

Writing Contest 2006 for Children and Youth (8-18 years old) website:

http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/stand_up/guidelines2.asp

Web Editor Contest 2006 for Youth (18-24 years old) website:
http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/stand_up/guidelines1.asp

Entries must be received by email by **1 October 2006**.

PORTALS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SALTO-YOUTH: Support and Advanced Learning and Training Opportunities within the European YOUTH programme

A network of 8 Resource Centers working on European priority areas within the youth field. It provides youth work and training resources and organizes training and contact-making activities.

<http://www.salto-youth.net>

NGO's REVIEW



European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC)

The primary task of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC) is to provide the Community and its Member States with objective, reliable and comparable information and data on racism, xenophobia, islamophobia and anti-Semitism at the European level in order to help the EU and its Member States to establish measures or formulate courses actions against racism and xenophobia.

On the basis of the data collected, the EUMC studies the extent and development of the phenomena and manifestations of racism and xenophobia, and analyses their causes, consequences and effects.

It is also the task of the EUMC to work out strategies to combat racism and xenophobia and to highlight and disseminate examples of good practice regarding the integration of migrants and ethnic and religious minority groups in the EU Member States.

The very core of the EUMC's activities is the European Information Network on Racism and Xenophobia (RAXEN). It is designed to collect data and information at national as well as at the European level. This is accomplished via 25 National Focal Points, contracted by the EUMC to collect, coordinate and disseminate national and EU information in close cooperation with the EUMC.

The Internet site of the EUMC:

<http://www.eumc.europa.eu>

MEMBERS' NEWS



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THROUGH ART AND CREATIVE WORK**

Competition of the figures, photographs and video

NGO „Culture. Tolerance. Friendship.” (Latvia) within the framework of the project „Fundamental Human Rights for Children through Art and Creative Work” have announced the following competitions for children from Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia:

- competition of the figures
- competition of the photographs
- video competition

Deadline for submission of works: **01 November 2006**.

Information about themes and terms of participation in the competitions are available here:

<http://www.hr.kid.lv>