



ACYA WORKSHOP

Our workshop will be held in Auckland on Saturday 5th April 2008. This will be our third annual workshop looking at aspects of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Education and Health will be key issues but we will also be looking at Definition of the Child and General Measures - removal of Reservations. Invitations will be available early February. There will be a limit of 24 participants. We are particularly interested to hear from members or the public with experience/expertise in these areas who are able to attend." Please email interest to feedback@acya.org.nz

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REVIEW-EXTENSION

The Ministry of Justice has granted an extension to the 13 February 2008, which is appreciated.

LINK: <http://www.justice.govt.nz/pubs/reports/index.html>

TRANS: CHILDREN

"TO BE WHO I AM", is the title of the Transgender inquiry by the Human Rights Commission. The second paragraph of the Foreword commences: "The youngest person to meet with the inquiry was an 11 year old intermediate school student". The executive summary opens as follows: "In 2006 the Human Rights Commission launched the world's first inquiry by a national human rights institution into discrimination experienced by transgender people. The focus was on three areas: experience of discrimination, access to health services and barriers to legal recognition of gender status.

There is a chapter on the experience of children. We commend the HRC for their initiative and encourage discussion, compassion and action on this complex question that goes to the root of gender identity and human dignity.

Contact for further information: Ph 09 309 0874

LINK: www.hrc.co.nz

CHILD HEALTH STATS

"The Indicator Handbook"- monitoring the health of NZ children and young people is a substantive contribution to assessing the health of children. This research is compiled by NZ child and Youth Epidemiology Service sponsored by the Paediatric Society and

funded by Ministry of Health. It is one of two publications, and with 427 pages is a monumental piece of research. A special feature for ACYA is the identification of 20 Top Indicators of child and youth health. Another key aspect is the section "Limitation of framework and areas for future development". Published in the year when the Government is due to report to the UN Committee it is a timely document. We await with interest the Government and District Health Boards responses.

Contact: email address: nzcyes@auckland.ac.nz

CHILD RIGHTS: EDUCATION SESSION - AUCKLAND

Continuing Education - The Rights of Children and Young People, Auckland - Tuesday 18th March

Leaders: Alison Cleland LLB Dip LP LLM and John Hancock BA LLB

In 1993 the New Zealand Government ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), the most widely ratified international treaty or instrument. Since then there have been a number of important developments towards greater UNCRC consistency in New Zealand but there have also been aspects of our law and policy which are inconsistent or non-compliant with the principles of this convention. This seminar will provide an overview of New Zealand's progress in implementing the principles of UNCRC, in legislation and policy, highlighting positive developments and potential challenges. Proposed legislation seeking to introduce laws, such as the Young Offenders (Serious Crimes) Bill, that are incompatible, if not diametrically opposed to the Convention, will be discussed. We will also consider children and young people's rights to protection, and representation of their views in the family law courts.

Class number: 57834 Cost: \$13.50 (International fee (23.60))

When: 1 session, Tuesday 18 March, 7-9pm

Where: Room 018, Clock Tower Building No. 105, 22 Princes St

To register phone 0800 864 266 or website www.cce.auckland.ac.nz

Best Wishes

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