



## **ACYA WORKSHOP**

Our invitation to the workshop on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April in Auckland is now available. As Health and Education are key issues, we are in particular looking for participants with knowledge in these areas. We will also be addressing the Definition of Children, and General Matters, including removal of the Reservations. In addition we would appreciate participation from those with a Maori or Pacific Island background.

LINK:

- Flyer - [http://www.acya.org.nz/site\\_resources/library/Workshop/Workshop\\_April\\_5\\_2008\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.acya.org.nz/site_resources/library/Workshop/Workshop_April_5_2008_Flyer.pdf)
- Scene setting for the workshop - [http://www.acya.org.nz/site\\_resources/library/Workshop/Workshop\\_Scene\\_setting\\_3\\_agreed.pdf](http://www.acya.org.nz/site_resources/library/Workshop/Workshop_Scene_setting_3_agreed.pdf)

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## **YOUTH DECLARATION 2008**

There is a gathering of UN Youth Association of NZ in Auckland, Saturday 12 April to make a Declaration. ACYA is a major sponsor. If you are interested in attending have a look at the link. It will be a great day.

LINK:

<http://www.unyanz.co.nz/Regional/Auckland/YouthDeclaration2008/tabid/928/Default.aspx>

## **UNREASONABLE FORCE**

This new book written by Beth Wood, Ian Hassall and George Hook with Robert Ludbrook has been published by Save the Children New Zealand. It explores key aspects of the debate about physical punishment that took place for over a decade and intensively during the bill's passage through Parliament in 2006 and 2007. These include factors contributing to a climate in which change was possible, children's rights, the law, the impact of religious convictions, the media's role, the work of advocates, shifting public attitudes, the political story and the way forward.

Cost \$25 within New Zealand (includes postage).

To order: Phone 0800 167 168 or download an order form at:

[http://www.savethechildren.org.nz/new\\_zealand/nz\\_programme/UForderform.pdf](http://www.savethechildren.org.nz/new_zealand/nz_programme/UForderform.pdf)

#### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

ACYA made a submission to the Domestic Violence Act review team. This review is very important because of the need to address domestic violence. We note the latest document "The Ongoing Programme of Action" issued by the Taskforce For Action On Violence Within Families. Our submission is based around three principles:

- Best interest of the child
- Child's view to be taken into account
- The safety of all children at risk

We are indebted once again to the knowledge and experience of Robert Ludbrook who set out a detailed response to the issues raised.

LINK: <http://www.acya.org.nz/?t=28>

LINK: for Taskforce: [www.msd.govt.nz](http://www.msd.govt.nz)

#### **TOBACCO DISPLAY**

ACYA made a submission to the Ministry of Health.

Active and passive smoking is a major health hazard for children. We agree with ASH that the display of tobacco products should be removed from the presence of children. Our approach is to look at the right of children to have the highest attainable standard of health and to participate in decisions that affect them. Human Rights are a shield from powerful lobby groups.

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Best Wishes

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