

2021 WORLD CONGRESS ON JUSTICE WITH CHILDREN

15-20 November 2021

“Ensuring access to justice for all children: towards a non-discriminatory and inclusive child justice systems”

Workshop Programme

A Gateway to inclusive, child-centred justice: multidisciplinary individual assessment for children

Date	Wednesday, 17th November 2021	
Timing	14:00 - 15:30 CET	13:00 - 14:30 London
Organiser(s)	Rebecca O'Donnell - Director Child Circle	
Institution	Child Circle	
Type of Workshop	Panel discussion	
Topics	<p>Discrimination due to gender, sexual and gender identity, a gender justice focus.</p> <p>Discrimination experienced by children and young people affected by migration, including refugees, unaccompanied foreign children and children of foreign parents.</p> <p>Discrimination due to disability, health conditions.</p> <p>Ensuring that the voice of the child is heard in child justice systems.</p> <p>Tackling violence within child justice systems and ensuring child friendly approaches for child victims, offenders, and witnesses.</p>	
Region	Europe	
Language	English	

Abstract

Mandatory, multidisciplinary and inclusive individual assessments, conducted at the earliest possible stage of criminal proceedings, are crucial tools to ensure child-centred access to justice processes. This panel discussion will focus on the obligations under European Union and international law to conduct an individual assessment of their situation and enable the rights of children and youth involved in criminal proceedings, whether as victims, suspects or accused.

Three key take-aways of the session

- Individual assessments of child victims, suspects and accused in criminal proceedings are key mechanisms to ensuring participation of children and benefit from procedural safeguards, support and assistance

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- Individual assessments are ongoing multidisciplinary and inter-sectoral processes not a once-off tick the box exercise;
- Inspiring practices and useful tools from across Europe

Objectives

- Share and learn from inspiring practices and useful tools
- Networking

Expected Outcomes:

- Participants to increase their knowledge and awareness on individual assessment of child victims, suspects and accused in criminal proceedings
- participants to be reflect on opportunities to improve practices, change attitudes and promote child-focused multidisciplinary tools for professionals working with children

Speakers

- **Moderator**

Silvia Randazzo

A child justice expert, Terre des hommes In-house consultant, and PhD researcher in Youth Criminology at KU Leuven Institute of Criminology (Belgium). She has researched and published on child justice, human rights in detention, restorative justice and diversion with children in Europe, Eastern Africa and globally.

- **Chat Moderator**

Orinda Gjoni

An Albanian lawyer, child rights activist based in Budapest, Hungary. Joined tdh in 2016 and is currently the Terre des Hommes Regional Coordinator on Access to Justice for the Europe office.

Panelists

1. Rebecca O'Donnell

Director, Child Circle. She has extensive experience in EU law and child rights, with a focus on child friendly justice, child protection and migration. Previously worked as a senior child protection advisor for the EU office of Save the Children and as a partner in EU law in an international law firm.

2. Bruno Monteiro

Project Manager, Validity Foundation. Has extensive experience working in the access to justice field as a victim support case-worker, legal researcher and project coordinator in different NGOs, universities and IGOs. He has conducted research and assisted in the management of international projects on crime prevention, juvenile

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justice, legal aid, victims’ and defence rights and algorithm discrimination with UNODC and EU Agency for Fundamental Rights.

3. Maartje Berger

Legal Advisor Child Rights and Child Protection, DCI Netherlands. An expert on the implementation of children’s rights in youth law. She advocates for child-friendly justice at national and EU level and has published a report and several articles on police custody and children’s rights.

4. Nelli Petrova

Dimitrova, SAPI Bulgaria. Professor of social pedagogy at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Chairperson of SAPI Managing Board and leading methodological consultant on SAPI’s projects since 2015. Trainer on social work, case supervisor and an international consultant on child welfare reform, UNICEF.

5. Emma Harewood

Lighthouse Strategic Lead. Trained as a paediatric dietitian, before moving into system leadership and change management. She leads the Lighthouse, a multi-agency service providing safeguarding, advocacy, health, justice and therapeutic support to children and families that experience child sexual abuse.