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

Workshop Programme

Strategies, Experiences, and Intergenerational Action for the Follow-up to the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty in Europe

Date	Wednesday, 17th November 2021	
Timing	18:00 - 19:30 CET	17:00 - 18:30 London
Organiser(s)	Kristen Hope	
Institution	Terre des hommes	
Type of Workshop	Panel Discussion	
Topics	Ensuring that the voice of the child is heard in child justice systems.	
Region	Europe	
Language	English	

Abstract

In October 2019, the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty was presented to the United Nations General Assembly. Two years on, high-level advocacy efforts continue, led by the UN Task Force and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children, with civil society backing through the NGO Panel on Children Deprived of Liberty. Meanwhile, the Global Campus of Human Rights has been developing multiple tools and resources, including online e-learning modules, for a wide range of stakeholders to support the implementation of the recommendations of the Study. Children and young people are also increasingly recognised as key stakeholders in advancing the recommendations of the Global Study and, to that end, an animated educational video has been recently developed, using participatory methods. However, in the wake of the Covid pandemic, progress has been slow. The series of regional workshops conducted during the World Congress provide a unique opportunity to reinvigorate intergenerational action to reduce the number of children deprived of liberty worldwide.

Three key take-aways of the session

- Refresher of the main content of the Global Study through the video
- Hearing lived experiences from children & young people

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- Understanding of experiences of other organisations in the region to compare / contrast / build alliances.

Objectives

Reinforce connections between governmental authorities, professionals working in the justice system, civil society, young people and children to work together in implementing the recommendations of the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty. The workshop will screen the animated video of the Global Study, which was co-created with children and young people, and provide a space for exchange about actions taken and challenges and opportunities in moving forward the recommendations of the Study.

Expected outcomes

- Proposed strategies to take intergenerational advocacy work around the Global Study forward.

Speakers

- **Moderator**

Manfred Nowak

Secretary General, Global Campus on Human Rights.

- **Panelists**

1. **Milica**

18 year old with experience of deprivation of liberty.

2. **Damien Hernon**

Director, Oberstown Campus.

Damien was appointed Director by the Oberstown Board of Management in March 2021. He served as Interim Director from November 2020 and is a former Deputy Director of Oberstown.

He has an extensive working knowledge of and experience within the children detention arena which stretches back almost 30 years. He has gained wide-ranging frontline knowledge along with a broad operational understanding which contributes to a holistic approach to developing the

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campus.

3. Benoit Van Keirsbilck

Director, DCI Belgium, Member of Committee on the Rights of the Child.