



Announcements

Seventh International Child and Youth Care Conference – Promise into Practice, 20-23 August 2003, University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

Congress website: www.promiseintopractice.ca

From the website:

"This conference seeks to move beyond defining the problems of children, youth and their families into highlighting what we have learned about what is working and what can work in a positive way with them. We need to appreciate the successful efforts of child and youth care, large and small, and to share these with each other across diverse cultures and disciplines. All forms of practice – direct care, educational, research and policy-making – need to be highlighted.

Following the Second World War, a new professional approach emerged focused on the care and development of children and youth who had been traumatized, injured and abandoned. Known by such titles as "educateur", "social pedagogue" and "erzieher" in Europe, this approach has become known as "child and youth care" in North America. Today, young victims of deprivation and violence can be found in every country of the world, and child and youth practitioners are needed now more than ever.

The last millennium ended with an unprecedented set of promises made to the young people of the world. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the World Summit for Children, and Health and Education for All are just a few of the markers along the way. This conference will be a gathering of practitioners, educators, researchers and policy makers from around the globe, who are concerned with children and youth, and who share a commitment to ensuring that all nations put these promises into practice. In the words of a United Nations' document, it is about making "a world fit for children".

You are warmly invited to join child and youth care practitioners from around the world in beautiful Victoria, Canada, to share your learning, to support "best practices", and to help each other to make this millennium truly fit for the children and youth of the world!"

SIRCC Symposium – Towards a European Policy on Secure Accommodation for Children and Young People?, 12-14 November 2003, Glynhill Hotel, Renfrew, Scotland

SIRCC (Scottish Institute for Residential Child Care) is a member of FICE, International Federation of Educative Communities, and is running the events jointly with FICE Scotland. It's on secure care. Wendy Cox is the symposium organiser and can be contacted at SIRCC (<http://www.sircc.strath.ac.uk>).

**FICE International Congress – Creating a Place for Children, 8-10 September
2004, Glasgow, Scotland**

Further information: The organisers are Meeting Makers who can be contacted at vicki@meetingmakers.co.uk.