

Children on the move in street situations:

Challenges and promising practices of protecting and supporting children living and/or working on the street in the context of migration and other forms of movement

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1. Short biographies of speakers:

Sally Shire, Chief Executive, Consortium for Street Children (CSC)

Sally Shire joined the Consortium for Street Children (CSC), the leading international member based network dedicated to promoting and protecting the rights of street children worldwide, from Aviva, the 5th largest insurance company where she was the Group Brand Director. Sally Shire's career to date has spanned 30 years, during which time she has acquired extensive experience across marketing communications, brand development and cause related marketing. Her experience includes working as a spokesperson for British Rail, Barclaycard Marketing Communications Manager and Head of Corporate Responsibility. At Aviva she played a key role in establishing the corporate responsibility programme, Street to School, which helps street children around the world to access education or training. She is a trustee of Family Action, working to free families in the UK from poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion.

Eva Biaudet, Ombudsman for Minorities in Finland

In April 2010 Eva Biaudet was selected as a member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) for the term 2011-2013. Prior to working as the national Ombudsman for Minorities Eva Biaudet worked as OSCE's Special Representative for Combating Human Trafficking in Vienna during the years 2006 - 2009. Eva Biaudet is a former Minister of Health and Social Services and former Minister of Gender issues. She was a member of the Finnish Parliament for 16 years between 1991 and 2006 and served as a Party Fraction Leader for four years. Eva Biaudet maintained membership in committees for foreign affairs, finance, tax, education and science, as well as social and labour affairs, health and equality. During her time as an MP she was engaged in human rights issues, particularly in relation to minorities, children and women. Eva Biaudet also served in various delegations of Finland such as the Nordic Council, OSCE and the Conference of the Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region. Before commencing her political and diplomatic career, she studied Public International Law at

the University of Helsinki, Finland. Eva Biaudet is currently the Governor for Finland at the Board of Governors of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF). Her previous international assignments have included representation in Global Leaders of Tomorrow, as well as membership in the Council for the European Liberal Democrats. She was also a member of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) where she participated in the Moscow Mechanism - an expertise roster on conflict mediation. Eva Biaudet is currently active in a number of non-governmental organizations and agencies such as PLAN International, the Helsinki Safe House for Women and charities such as the Hospital Clowns Association.

Sarah Di Giglio, Save the Children Italy

Sarah Di Giglio has been working for Save the Children Italy since 2007 on European projects on the identification and support of child victims of trafficking and exploitation, and links between child trafficking/exploitation and the use of new technologies. She practiced law in Australia, specializing in Immigration Law and Human Rights, and has worked with refugees and asylum-seekers both in Australia and Italy.

Philip Ewert, Operations Director, World Vision Albania and Kosovo

Phil Ewert has an M.P.H. from Loma Linda University and has worked in a variety of countries including Afghanistan, Zimbabwe, India and Liberia. Before moving to Albania, he worked in South Sudan as the National Director for Samaritan's Purse.

Nadya Kassam, Head of Global Advocacy, Plan International

Graduating with a development degree centred around crop science in developing countries, Nadya Kassam has worked in the not for profit sector in the UK and internationally since 1990. Specialising in advocacy and campaigning – initially with grassroots disability movements in England and progressing to international campaigns such as AIDS and the C8 for UNICEF, she now heads two global campaigns for Plan – Learn Without Fear, which aims to stop violence against children in school <http://plan-international.org/learnwithoutfear> and Universal Birth Registration <http://plan-international.org/birthregistration>, which aims to act as a catalyst for all actors to improve their registration efforts for all children.

Mirela Shuteriqi, Resource Person on Anti-trafficking, TDHIF

Graduated in International and European Law, Ms Mirela Shuteriqi has been working on anti-trafficking and exploitation projects with Terre des hommes since 2004. In 2008, she received a thematic mandate as resource person and coordinator of the International Campaign against Child Trafficking (ICaCT). In both capacities, she has been instrumental to Terre des hommes efforts in West Africa to improve current policy responses to children on the move. She is author of different publications both in the field of child protection and anti-trafficking, as well as on other human rights topics such as the International Criminal Court, women's rights etc.

Najat M'jid Maalla, Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

Ms. Najat Maalla M'jid (Morocco) was appointed Special Rapporteur in May 2008. Ms. Maalla M'jid is a medical doctor in pediatrics, who has been involved for the past two decades in the protection of vulnerable children. She has notably been involved in the training of social workers in her country, and in the drafting of studies on the situation of children victim of trafficking, of

violence and of sexual or other forms of exploitation; children living in the street; children in institutions; unaccompanied children; children deprived of parental care, etc. She participated in the elaboration of the Moroccan national policy on the protection of the child, and has worked with several non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations. She is a member of the Commission on the Rights of the Child of the Moroccan Consultative Council on Human Rights, and the founder and honorary president of the non-governmental organization BAYTI, the first programme addressing the situation of children living in the street in Morocco. <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/children/rapporteur/index.htm>

2. Background on the NGO co-sponsors:

International Save the Children Alliance (known as Save the Children) is an NGO with general consultative status with ECOSOC since 1993. Save the Children is the world's leading independent children's rights organization, with members in 29 countries and operational programmes in more than 120. We fight for children's rights and deliver lasting improvements to children's lives worldwide. In May 2009, Save the Children launched the global Child Protection Initiative to strengthen children's right to be protected from abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence. One of CPI's priority areas is children without appropriate care, including neglected and/or abused children in their families, children in institutions or other forms of alternative care, and children on the move, including child refugees, child migrants and trafficked children. <http://www.savethechildren.net/alliance/index.html>

Terre des Hommes International Federation (formerly known as IFTDH) is a network of eleven national organisations working for the rights of children and to promote equitable development without racial, religious, political, cultural or gender-based discrimination and has special consultative status with ECOSOC. Terre des Hommes organisations develop and implement projects designed to improve the living conditions of disadvantaged children in their own environment (including families and communities). The Convention on the Rights of the Child constitutes the conceptual framework guiding the activities of the Terre des Hommes organisations. TDHIF ensures coordination among the Terre des Hommes organisations and representation at an international and European level. <http://www.terredeshommes.org/>

International Catholic Child Bureau (Bice) is an international network of organizations committed to promoting and protecting the dignity and the rights of the child. It has special consultative status with ECOSOC since 1952. Bice works at the service of all children without discrimination or proselytizing, respecting their nationality, culture and religion. Bice's three action pillars are: field action with children in difficulties; international advocacy; reflection and research on childhood.

The Consortium for Street Children (CSC) is the leading international member-based network dedicated to advocating, promoting and campaigning for the rights of street-involved children. It has special consultative status with ECOSOC since 1997. CSC is committed to creating a better and sustainable future for some of the most disadvantaged and stigmatised children by working together to inform and inspire research and action that influences policy and best practice worldwide. CSC currently has 60 members operating in over 130 countries. www.streetchildren.org.uk

Defence for Children International (DCI) is an independent NGO with ECOSOC consultative status since 1998. It has been promoting and protecting children's rights on a global, regional, national and local level for 30 years. DCI is represented through its national sections

and associated members in 40 countries worldwide. Its International Secretariat is based in Geneva, Switzerland. <http://www.defenceforchildren.org/>

Plan International. Founded over 70 years ago, Plan is one of the oldest and largest children's development organisations in the world. Active in 48 developing countries across Africa, Asia and the Americas to promote child rights and lift millions of children out of poverty. Plan works with more than 3,500,000 families and their communities each year. Plan is independent, with no religious, political or governmental affiliations. Plan's vision is of a world in which all children realise their full potential in societies that respect people's rights and dignity. Plan has ECOSOC status. <http://plan-international.org/>

World Vision International is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. It has ECOSOC general consultative status. World Vision does community development, disaster relief and advocacy. <http://www.wvi.org/wvi/wviweb.nsf>