SEMINAR SERIES: ‘European Responses to Global Children’s Rights Issues: Exchanging Knowledge and Building Capacity’

SEMINAR 5: LEGAL AND POLICY RESPONSES TO CHILD MIGRATION IN EUROPE

Foresight Centre, University of Liverpool, 12th January 2015

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

The European Children’s Rights Unit (University of Liverpool), in collaboration with the Department of Politics and International Relations (University of Southampton) and Brussels-based network NGO, Eurochild, invite you to a seminar on Child Migration in Europe on Monday 12th January (10.00-16.00) at the University of Liverpool, England.

This interdisciplinary seminar will explore the legal rights and experiences of different groups of migrant children in Europe. In particular it will look at the quality and accessibility of legal, social and financial provision for migrant children, particularly in the wake of cuts in legal aid and welfare support across Europe.

This is the fifth in a series of seminars bringing together children and young people, academics, and representatives from civil society, local government, the European institutions and practitioners from across Europe, to critically explore the nature, added value and impact of European efforts to address various aspects of children’s rights.

The seminar is free of charge but, as places are limited, participation will be selected on a first-come-first-served basis. We particularly encourage children and young people and their advocates to attend. All participants can register to attend this event at the following link:

http://payments.liv.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&modid=2&catid=16&prodid=720

A provisional list of speakers and themes is included below. If you would like to present a paper, please send your title and abstract to Helen Stalford (Stalford@liverpool.ac.uk) and Ingi Iusmen (i.iusmen@soton.ac.uk) by 15th December 2014. You will be notified of whether your paper has been accepted for presentation by 20th December 2014. The travel and accommodation costs of speakers will be covered.

There are also two bursaries available to cover all travel and accommodation costs of PhD students who wish to attend. Interested PhD candidates are invited to send an abstract (150 words maximum) showing how their current research fits with the theme and objectives of the seminar. The selected PhD students will have the opportunity to contribute a short paper to the seminar and will be asked to compile a report on the seminar discussion for subsequent circulation. They will also have the opportunity to contribute to the key published outputs arising out of the seminar.
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THEMES AND SPEAKERS (PROVISIONAL)

10-4pm

I. CHILDREN’S RIGHTS AND THE FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS: PRIVILEGED MIGRANTS?

- Dr. Charlotte O’Brien, University of York: ‘Accelerating EU child poverty: dehumanising the European migrant child through the social security system’
- Dr. Eleanor Drywood, University of Liverpool: ‘Migration, children’s rights and professional football recruitment.’
- Dr. Ingi Iusmen: ‘Migrant Roma children’

II. SUPPORTING UNACCOMPANIED MINORS IN EUROPE

- Samantha Arnold, Children’s and Young Persons’ Officer, Irish Refugee Council
- Marine Uzleck, Slovene Philanthropy
- Dr. Nando Sigona, School of Social Policy, University of Birmingham

III. MIGRANT CHILDREN’S ACCESS TO JUSTICE

- Kamina Dorling, Coram Children’s Legal Centre
- Dr. Sarah Woodhouse, Liverpool Law Clinic
- Baljeet Sandhu, Migrant and Refugee Children’s Legal Unit, Islington Law Centre.