

Firelight Newsflash! 13 December, 2010

Dear Friends,

This year the Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children released their all-Africa report. This document has useful background and guidance information such as cited laws and studies by country. It could be very useful to inform your organization, and should be shared with youth and children to empower them as well. The report is attached to this Newsflash! and can also be found at the Global Initiative's website. Enjoy and have a beautiful week.

Sincerely,
Firelight Team

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(Call for nominations) International Bremen Peace Awards 2011

In November 2011 the Threshold Foundation will award the International Bremen Peace Award for exemplary commitments to Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation for the fifth time.

With this award we want to honour people and organizations that set an example through their work contributing to reconciliation, human rights, overcoming of racism, preservation of Creation as well as to intercultural and inter-religious understanding.

Awards will be given in three categories to individuals or organizations during a public ceremony at the Bremen Town Hall. The awards are endowed with a total amount of 15000 Euros, i.e. 5000 Euros in each category. Moreover, an award brochure will be published presenting other outstanding personalities and projects selected from a wide range of proposals. Thereby, we seek to draw public attention to remarkable achievements of dedicated people worldwide. Award brochures are available in English and German.

Award for the Unknown Peace Worker (category A)
Award for Exemplary Organizations (category B)
Award for Public Engagement (category C)

Proposals for the Bremen Peace Award should be submitted by third parties or organizations. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

Proposals should be submitted, preferably in German or in English, by **January 31, 2011**.

For more information, go here: <http://www.dieschwelle.de/index.php?id=45&L=1>

(Call for nominations) University of British Columbia International Student Humanitarian Award

The Donald A. Wehrung International Student Humanitarian Award (ISHA) recognizes outstanding international students from impoverished or war-torn areas, who have achieved academic excellence under difficult circumstances and who would be unable to pursue post-secondary education without financial assistance.

The value of awards is commensurate with demonstrated financial need, and sufficient to cover tuition costs for the relevant program of study, and living expenses. An ISHA award can be renewed for up to three additional years of undergraduate study, or to degree completion, whichever is less, provided the recipient achieves satisfactory academic standing in their Faculty, continues to demonstrate financial need, and maintains their Canadian Study Permit (visa).

Deadline is **January 31, 2011**.

For more information, go here: <https://you.ubc.ca/ubc/vancouver/isha.ezc>

(Call for nominations) Grinnell College Social Justice Prize

Up to three \$100,000 prizes will be presented annually to individuals under the age of 40 who have demonstrated leadership in their fields and who show creativity, commitment and extraordinary accomplishment in effecting positive social change. Half of the monetary prize will be given to the recipient, and half will be contributed to an organization committed to the winner's area of social justice.

Nominees may be nationals of any country and the program encourages a global and diverse pool of candidates.

Deadline is **February 1, 2011**.

For more information, go

here: <http://www.grinnell.edu/offices/chaplain/socialjusticeprize/nominationcriteria>

(Call for nominations) The Right Livelihood Award

The Right Livelihood Award was established in 1980 to honour and support those "offering practical and exemplary answers to the most urgent challenges facing us today".

It has become widely known as the 'Alternative Nobel Prize' and there are now 141 Laureates from 59 countries.

Presented annually in Stockholm at a ceremony in the Swedish Parliament, the Right Livelihood Award is usually shared by four Recipients, but not all Laureates receive a cash award. Often an Honorary Award is given to a person or group whose work the Jury wishes to recognise but who is not primarily in need of monetary support. The prize money in 2010 was 200,000 €. The prize money is for ongoing successful work, never for personal use.

From Peace to Spirituality and Agriculture

Unlike the Nobel Prizes (for Physics, Physiology/Medicine, Chemistry, Literature, and Peace), the Right Livelihood Award has no categories. It recognises that, in striving to meet the human challenges of today's world, the most inspiring and remarkable work often defies any standard classification. For example, people who start out with an environmental goal frequently find themselves drawn into issues of health, human rights and/or social justice. Their work becomes a holistic response to community needs, so that sectoral categories lose their meaning.

Anyone - except Right Livelihood Award Jury and staff members - can propose anyone (individuals or organisations), except themselves, close relatives or their own organisations, to be considered for a Right Livelihood Award.

Deadline is **March 1, 2011**.

For more information, go here: <http://www.rightlivelihood.org/home.html>

(Call for applications) GO Ingenuity Award

Artists, inventors, and small business entrepreneurs who have the desire, time and ability to organize and implement workshops for youth are invited to apply by completing the GIA 2011 application.

GO Campaign will award a maximum of five GO Ingenuity Awards per year in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 each. Award recipients are required to hold a minimum of 3 workshops for youth at schools, orphanages, or youth

organizations within 6 months of receiving the Award. Youth is defined as ages 25 and under.

GO Campaign strongly encourages applicants to collaborate with non-profits, community-based organizations and local businesses to complete the application and, if selected as an Award recipient, conduct the workshops.

Submission deadline for the 2011 GIA is **January 31, 2011**. Only complete submissions will be reviewed.

For more, go here: <http://gocampaign.org/gia/>

Child Rights Information Network (CRIN)

CRIN empowers the global child rights community through the exchange of information and the promotion of children's rights. CRIN has 2,209 member organisations. There are 20,996 information resources on the site. In addition, you can subscribe to many "CRINmail" newsletters in several languages.

For more, go here: <http://www.crin.org/resources/publications/>

Ending Legalized Violence in Africa

Children, like all human beings, have a right to respect for their human dignity and this means protection from all forms of violence, including corporal punishment. This new report – Ending legalised violence against children: All Africa report 2010 is published jointly by The African Child Policy Forum, the Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children and Save the Children Sweden. It documents the progress that is being made across Africa in enacting laws which prohibit corporal punishment and promoting positive, non-violent ways of parenting and educating children. It also highlights the amount of work that is still to be done on the issue, providing a state by state analysis of corporal punishment of children in all settings—the home, schools, penal systems and alternative care settings—and an overview of current opportunities for achieving legal reform.

For more:

-see the attached document or go

here: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infodetail.asp?id=23665>

-go here: <http://endcorporalpunishment.org/pages/frame.html>

Inter-Agency Task Team on Children Affected by AIDS

The IATT works to strengthen and harmonize efforts to mitigate the effects of

HIV. They have 3 main working groups: 1) Monitoring and Evaluation, 2) Social Protection and 3) Communities and Resource Tracking. Their website contains a list of publications including guidelines, toolkits and studies.

For more, go here: <http://www.iattcaba.org/web/guest/publications>

UNICEF Child Protection System Mapping and Assessment Toolkit

The Child Protection System Mapping and Assessment Toolkit, which was released in May 2010, directly responds to the Child Protection Strategy to "develop and apply an analytic tool for mapping and assessing existing child protection policies, laws and services for adequacy and to identify obstacles and opportunities in implementation, especially in reaching vulnerable or excluded groups".

Its content draws from an extensive array of materials representing the latest thinking in child protection from around the world. It benefits from testing in seven countries - Bangladesh, Cambodia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guatemala, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, and Tunisia - and input from a reference group of practitioners and academics from various child protection perspectives.

The ultimate objective is to support the development of comprehensive effective and efficient child protection systems, appropriately structured and resourced, to reach and cater to children and their families. The Toolkit is intended to help users to identify and prioritize actions which will contribute to this process.

The toolkit (a complex excel document which includes helpful links to resources) is a great way to organize your country's current context. The tool walks you through the most important factors to consider when considering the safety and well-being of communities (including HIV rates, population trends, national and local laws, and more). Even if your organization is not assessing child protection, the tool provides a great opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of your country's situation.

For the toolkit and guide, go here: http://www.unicef.org/protection/index_54229.html

As part of the Firelight Foundation's Capacity Building Program, Firelight provides "Newsflashes" to share relevant resources and information with our active grantee-partners via weekly emails and via post on a monthly basis. We hope that by facilitating access to information for grassroots, community-focused organizations, programming for children and families, as well as organizational development, is enhanced. Past editions of the Firelight Newsflash can be found on our website: <http://www.firelightfoundation.org/newsflash.php>.

We welcome your comments, feedback and ideas for upcoming Newsflashes at newsletter@firelightfoundation.org.