

## **Firelight Newsflash! 31 March 2008**

### **Toolkits for Working with Street Children**

The website below contains a collection of Toolkits from various organisations which focus on Street Children and Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC) on such topics as police training, child protection, etc.

[http://www.streetchildren.org.uk/resources/details/?type=theme&Reg%3Cbr%20/%3Eion=&country=&key\\_theme=&theme=125&other=&publication=](http://www.streetchildren.org.uk/resources/details/?type=theme&Reg%3Cbr%20/%3Eion=&country=&key_theme=&theme=125&other=&publication=)

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### **World of Children invites nominations of individuals working to improve the lives of children**

Deadline: 11 April 2008

World of Children recognizes individuals who make a difference in the lives of children. In 2008, two grants of up to \$100,000 will be given to adult award winners. The Humanitarian Award recognizes an individual who has made a significant lifetime contribution to children in the areas of social services, education, or humanitarian services. The Health Award recognizes an individual who has made a significant lifetime contribution to children in the fields of health, medicine, or the sciences. Also this year, two Founder's Awards for Youth of up to \$25,000 will be presented to young people (under the age of 21) who are making extraordinary contributions to the lives of other children.

For more information, see: <http://www.worldofchildren.org/Awards.htm>

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### **Publication: Children's Property and Inheritance Rights, HIV and AIDS, and Social Protection in Southern and Eastern Africa**

A recently released report from the Food and Agriculture Organization's HIV/AIDS Programme promotes children's property and inheritance rights within a larger social protection agenda and is now available. Children's Property and Inheritance Rights, HIV and AIDS, and Social Protection in Southern and Eastern Africa acknowledges that children's property and inheritance rights constitute the essential building blocks of an interconnected system of rights, making children's property and inheritance rights as much a fundamental human rights issue as an economic issue. The report calls for existing social protection programmes to be redesigned and new programmes to be developed to reflect this. As a part of this effort, it calls for existing programmes that have been redesigned to be scaled up within a national context or adapted to and applied within other national contexts.

To access the document, click

here: <http://www.crin.org/docs/Childrens%20Property%20&%20Inheritance%20R>

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**COURSE: Monitoring Children's Rights**

Date: 17 September - 16 December 2008 Location: Distance learning

Application Deadline: 1 June 2008 This distance learning course is a basic introduction to measuring and monitoring the status of children, including basic health and welfare, education, civil rights and freedoms, and special protection measures. The course will address the full cycle of monitoring, including tool development; methodologies for carrying out monitoring (both organisationally as well as through the involvement of children); and the application of results for improving the promotion and protection of children's human rights. For more information, contact: Human Rights Education

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**Can we talk?** Next time you strike up a conversation, think about this:

**Open-mindedness:** Listen to and respect all points of view.

**Acceptance:** Suspend judgment as best you can.

**Curiosity:** Seek to understand rather than persuade.

**Discovery:** Question assumptions, look for new insights.

**Sincerity:** Speak what has personal heart and meaning.

**Brevity:** Go for honesty and depth, but don't go on and on.