

The International Institute for Child Rights & Development (IICRD)

2007 Training Children's Rights in Practice: Tools for Social Change

Draft Agenda

**February 25th – March 2nd, 2007
University of Victoria's Dunsmuir Lodge
Sidney, British Columbia (near Victoria)**

Since 1994 IICRD has developed the foundations of a practical and culturally grounded approach to children's rights that makes a positive difference in children's lives. Our approach respects the natural resilience of children, as well as their families, communities and cultures. IICRD puts its approach into action with tools that use a Child Rights Ecology grounded in the universally endorsed UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and build on the strengths of children and their lives.

This training will help build international, national and local expertise in children's rights by:

- Exploring IICRD's child centred and strength-based child rights models, strategies and tools;
- Sharing international and local child rights experiences and practices;
- Working with participants to integrate child rights approaches and tools into existing program and child policy development; and
- Building stronger networks of child centred specialists and youth.

Read on for a sneak preview of the training agenda and a list of current international and local presenters that will be joining us.

Please note that all training days will draw on the experience of the participants and contain a mixture of formats including plenary presentations, experiential activities, workshops/group activities and discussion.

Sunday February 25 Setting the Stage for Child Rights Practices

Welcome Dinner

Introduction: The Challenge of Implementing Child Rights

**Keynote: The Opportunity and Responsibility of Bridging the Gap
between Child Rights Rhetoric and Practice**

Monday February 26

Child Rights in Context

Child Rights and Human Development

IICRD's Child Rights Ecology Approach

Child Rights in Practice Examples – Local and International

Challenges and Opportunities of a Child Right's Ecology Approach

Applying a Systems Approach to Children's Rights

Creating a Critical Mass of Understanding and Practice: Education of Professionals - The CRED-PRO Model

Tuesday February 27

Children as Partners and Agents of Change

IICRD's Approach: Children as Partners

Children as Agents of Change Across the Lifespan: Meaningfully Supporting Children's Evolving Capacity for Engagement

Creative Examples of Success

Workshops

Children as Partners in Policy and Practice

IICRD Youth Café

Wednesday February 28

Strength-Based Approaches to Children's Rights

A Developmental, Child Rights Approach to Child Protection

Keynote: Children's Resilience, Assets and Protective Factors

Strength-Based Approaches to Children's Rights: Tools and Examples in Practice

Workshops

Strength Based Assessment Tools

Working with Communities for Action Using the Triple "A"

Participatory Child Rights Strategy

Restorative Justice, Family Group Conferencing and Family Law

Thursday March 1

Supporting the Rights of Indigenous Children

Panel Discussion: Child Rights in the Context of Culture

Culturally Appropriate Tools for Child Protection and Family Support

Supporting the Rights of Indigenous Children: Examples in Practice

Workshops

Supporting Children's Rights within First Nation Communities and Families

Building on Cultural Strengths

Civil Society: Examining Child Protection Policy

Friday March 2

Creating a Culture of Children's Rights

The Application of the Child Rights Ecology in Policy and Front Line Practice

Panel Discussion: Human Rights Mechanisms and Alternative Dispute Resolution as Tools for Social Change

Workshops

Building Accountability, Strengthening Assets, Reinforcing Protective Factors and Promoting Advocacy

Strengthening the Child Rights Ecology Within and Across Sectors

IICRD Team

Dr. Philip Cook, Executive Director, IICRD

Dr. Stuart Hart, Deputy Director, IICRD

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Dr. Natasha Blanchet-Cohen, Research Director, IICRD

Michele Cook, Program Director, IICRD

Jocelyn Helland, Community Liaison, IICRD

Derek Peterson, Assets and Community Capacity Facilitator, IICRD

Bill White (Xelimux, Kasalid), Coast Salish, Nanaimo

Dr. William Myers, Adjunct Professor, University of California at Davis

Other Guest Speakers

(in alphabetical order of last name)

Dr Sedfrey Candelaria, Human Rights Centre, Ateneo University, Manila, Philippines

Dr. Louise Chawla, International Coordinator for Growing Up in Cities, UNESCO (TBC)

Kim Recalma Clutesi (Ogwilogwa) Kwagiulth

Jennifer Corriero, TakingITGlobal (TBC)

Adam Dick (Kwaxistala), Kwagiulth elder

Jaap E. Doek, Chair, United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child

Lesley du Toit, Deputy Minister, British Columbia Ministry of Children & Family Development

Jeff Goldhagen, MD, Child Rights Specialist, American Academy of Pediatrics

Nicole Herbert, Federation of BC Youth In Care Networks

Dr. Cindy Kiro, Children's Commissioner, New Zealand (TBC)

Gerison Lansdown, Expert on Child Participation

Dr. Victor Karunan, Senior Advisor, Adolescent Development and Participation (ADAP) Programme Division, UNICEF Headquarters, New York

Dr. Maureen Maloney, Director, Institute for Dispute Resolution, University of Victoria

Dr. Landon Pearson, Director, Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights

Brent Parfitt, Member, United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child

Dr. Ann Skelton, Centre for Child Rights and the Law, Pretoria, South Africa

Chief Judge Hugh Stansfield, Provincial Court of British Columbia

Stan Williams, Chair, Youth Advisory Committee, British Columbia Ministry of Children & Family Development