

European Forum on Street Children
Youth Rebellions in European Metropolis - Second and third generation migrant children and adolescents in search of their place in society: challenges to national and EU policies under the new Lisbon Treaty.

25-26 November 2010

Ealing Town Hall, New Broadway, Ealing, London W5 2BY

The youth rebellions of the past few years in certain European Metropolis, particularly in France, showed the urgency of the integration and inclusion issue for second and third generation migrant children and youth in the societies of wealthy EU countries. This has highlighted the importance of approaching the integration issue not only in terms of fighting poverty, but also through consideration of the complexity of the culture and identity-related aspects of social inclusion: these young people were asking for respect before asking for better living conditions.

This conference aims at investigating the long-term social impacts of migration and the situation of ethnic minorities, analysing the risk factors for second and third generation migrant children and young people experiencing poverty and social exclusion; even if their families have reached a relatively affluent economic status, they still face prejudice, discrimination and violence. Whenever they lack identification and belonging, they are more vulnerable to violence and exploitation and may become more easily involved in crime. The danger of ending up in the street may be more closely linked to complex aspects of a personal identity crises within society, than to conditions of poverty in a material sense.

On the occasion of the European Year 2010 to Combat Poverty and Social Exclusion, The European Forum on Street Children will focus on raising awareness of the relatively under-investigated issue of these children's social exclusion. Tackling this issue requires actions which are targeted at the beneficiaries and their complex needs in terms of culture, taking a holistic and long-term perspective. Based on the experiences of selected experts and EFSC member organisations, the existing problems and available solutions will be analysed in order to identify innovative concepts and answers to the inclusion needs of these children while safeguarding identity and cultural needs at every stage of integration. At a policy level, the conference will aim at contributing to the discussion on the post-2010 Lisbon Agenda, by reminding policy-makers that the assumption that growth and jobs will "trickle down" to contribute to better social cohesion should not be considered as sufficient for realising a "Social Europe". The social impact of migration will be analysed in view of contributing to mainstreaming it in the 2010-2012 NSR SPSI round, and trying to contribute to the available knowledge on these relatively less investigated aspects. The role of the Open Method of Co-ordination in ensuring that specific culturally-sensitive measures are addressed to specific social problems while approaching the person in a holistic fashion will be analysed, and a joint declaration on the need for a more "social" Lisbon Agenda will be produced as a result of the conference. The approval of such a declaration will be proposed

Target group: Representatives from voluntary sector organisations, commissioning bodies, national and local government, EU institutions, European NGOs, welfare associations, universities and EFSC Member Organisations.



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The European Federation for Street Children (EFSC) is a non-profit Brussels-based association committed to the improvement of the rights and living conditions of children at risk, particularly street children.

As a platform for lobbying and advocacy towards the European Union, we provide non-governmental organisations, both inside and outside the EU, committed to this cause with information and advice concerning all children and youth-related policies and assistance programmes of the EU and facilitate the exchange of best practice between them.

EFSC aims at the improvement of rights and living conditions of young people at risk by raising public and political awareness with the EU Institutions.

EFSC promotes and facilitates a better mutual exchange and cooperation between EU policy makers, national governments and NGOs working for children and youth at risk. To achieve this goal, we organise seminars and conferences for our partners, professionals, experts, researchers and politicians to encourage networking and information exchange at international, European, national and local level.

For further information about EFSC's mission and objectives, please consult our statutes : <http://www.efsc-eu.org>

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PPP currently support over 300 young people per year, offering: individual mentoring; group and family therapeutic work; counselling; therapeutic residential work; crisis intervention; and access to supported vocational education, accredited key skills and GCSE programmes.

PPP's innovative approach, based on sound theoretical principles and experience, involves working with young people, their families and communities through the provision of holistic support services. We focus on young people who are struggling at or have been excluded from school, are in care, in trouble with the law or are newly arrived asylum seekers or refugees. Through our work, we re-engage young people by providing key life skills and addressing issues related to their past and present impacting on their vision of the future.

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PROGRAMME
Thursday 25th November 2010

13.30 Registration of participants.

14.00 Welcoming speeches and Introduction:
 Sue Thurston *Chair of Directors Pupil Parent Partnership (PPP)*
 Anthony Simpson *Board Member* and Reinhold Müller *Director European Federation for Street Children*
 Antonia Carparelli (tbc) *Head of Unit "Inclusion, Social Aspects of Migration and Streaming of Social Policies" European Commission*
 Javed Khan *Executive Director Victim Support*
 Baroness Sarah Ludford (tbc) *Member of the European Parliament*

15.30 Coffee break

I. Youth Rebellions in European Metropolis. Root causes of the phenomenon: political, social and structural reasons for the unresolved problem of second and third generation migrants
Moderation: Brian De Lord - Chief Executive Officer, PPP

16.00 **Jonas Grimheden**, Programme Manager and Legal Researcher *Fundamental Rights Agency* *The situation and needs of disadvantaged youth with migration backgrounds - political, legal and administrative requirements and fundamental rights*

16.45 **Ivan Ivanov**, Executive Director *European Roma Information Office (ERIO)* *Integration at what price? How to combine Roma cross-border mobility with successful integration of their youth in European societies: A fervent challenge to policy making in Europe*

17.30 **Bernd Hemingway**, Representative of the Mission with Regional Functions, Brussels *International Office for Migration (IOM)* *Identity and participation as key words for inclusive strategies for youth with migration backgrounds at the local community level*

18.15 **End of presentations**

19.00 **Brian De Lord**, Chief Executive Officer *Pupil Parent Partnership* *Field visit to PPP St. George's Community School: An alternative approach to inclusion: education and therapeutic support for marginalized young people*

20.30 Dinner at PPP St. George's Community School
Presentation by re-integrated young people from PPP

Friday 26th November 2010

II. Early prevention and integration: Approaches of voluntary sector organisations and local authorities to ensuring the sustainable inclusion of migrant children and young people. Case studies in the UK and other key EU countries.
Moderation: Reinhold Müller - Director, EFSC

09.00 **Brian De Lord**, Chief Executive Officer *Pupil Parent Partnership* *The road to integration: Identity as key to breaking the cycle of migrant child and youth violence*

09.45 **Heather Ureche**, Consultant and **Lucie Fremlova**, Head of Programmes *Equality*, London *Roma migrants from the new EU Member States in the UK: The work of Equality*

10.15 Coffee break

10.45 **Merién Amouri**, Director of Frances du Nord *Les Francas*, Paris. *From the outbursts to inclusion? Education and culture as methods of improving the integration of second and third generation migrant youth in the French suburbs: Concepts and methods used by Les Francas*

11.15 **Alessandro Padovani**, *Istituto Don Calabria*, Verona *The way back into society: Social re-insertion of marginalized children and youth through schooling, vocational training and participation in the re-habilitation projects of Istituto don Calabria for children and youth at high risk*

11.45 **Lorand Gyenge**, *Kapocs Youth Self Help Service* Budapest *Self-acceptance as a means of integration. Creating strong communication and aid channels for marginalized young people to develop natural helping abilities, self-acceptance and social-inclusion capacities*

12.15 **Paula Paçó** *Instituto Apoio a Criança*, Lisbon *Improving the access of marginalized youth with migration backgrounds to high quality services through the involvement of civil society actors: Concepts and methods used by IAC*

12.45 Open Debate and Adoption of a Joint Declaration

13.15 Lunch

III. Panel Discussion
What can the EU contribute to ensure better inclusion of young people with migration backgrounds into society? European policy concepts in the light of the reality of urban scenarios
Moderation: Juliette Alexander - Journalist

14.30 **Javed Khan** *Victim Support*
Antonia Carparelli (tbc) *European Commission*
Jonas Grimheden *Fundamental Rights Agency*
Baroness Sarah Ludford (tbc) *Member of the European Parliament*
Cedric Foussard *Fondation Diagrama Intervention Psychosociale*

16.30 Concluding Remarks

17.00 Close

