



## CAUSEWAY : British-Irish Youth Exchange Programme

Causeway has been offering British and Irish youth groups a unique opportunity to develop young people's sense of identity and self-awareness through exchanges and the partnerships they develop. Causeway projects promote working in a team and provide a valuable avenue to dealing with issues of tolerance and diversity and allows for youth exchanges and other activities between groups from Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales.

A Contact Making Seminar will take place from Friday 17 - Sunday 19 June 2011 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

During the Contact Making Seminar participants will:

- ▶ be introduced to potential partners and be given time to develop projects with them;
- ▶ learn about developing a Causeway youth exchange programme of activities, what is required and how to present it in your funding application;
- ▶ be helped to plan Causeway activities from November 2011 onwards (1 September deadline).

[CMS Application Form](#)

[www.causewayyouth.org](http://www.causewayyouth.org)

### EU Youth Conference in Budapest

**The EU Youth Conference in Budapest** which brought together more than 200 youth representatives and policymakers active at EU-level and in the Member States, finished on 4 March 2011. The conference held under the Hungarian Presidency aimed to conclude the current cycle of the **structured dialogue on youth employment**, which was organised during the Trio Presidency of Spain-Belgium-Hungary.

During the Youth Conference, youth delegates and Directors General jointly agreed on a document consisting of **8 concrete policy recommendations** and proposals of actions to improve youth employment policy in Europe. The recommendations are focusing on different aspects of youth employment, including the transition between education and employment, social protection and the recognition of competences, for example, the key role of youth organisations as major providers of non-formal education, informal learning and wider mobility opportunities outside the formal education context.

The participants in the Structured Dialogue asked for sustainable long-term support for their activities in order to equip young people with skills and competences to become active citizens and ease their access to the labour market, which is an important step in achieving the aims of the Europe 2020 strategy and building a competitive, knowledge-based and sustainable Europe. The Conclusions will form part of a **Council Resolution on the Structured Dialogue**, to be adopted by all EU Member States in the May Council of Youth Ministers.

To find out more, visit the website - <http://eu2011.mobilitas.hu/>

# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

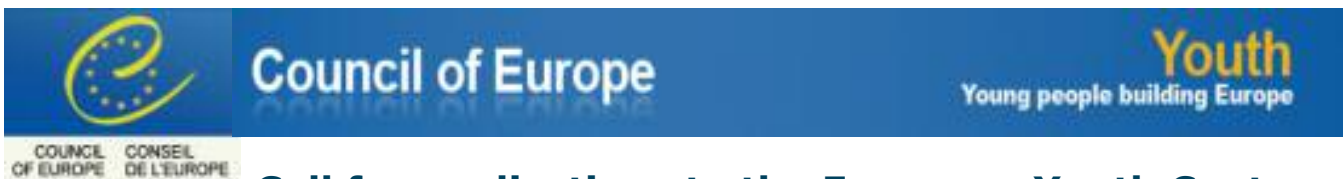


## STUDY OPPORTUNITIES: UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER

University of Ulster is offering several part-time community youth work programmes (undergraduate and postgraduate) for September 2011 entry:

- ▶ **Certificate in Community Youth Studies** (Magee): This one-year programme provides training at pre-vocational level. Attendance is one day each week (Thursday). Application deadline: 8 April 2011.  
Contact: Alastair McKinley (T: 02871.675410, E: [a.ScottMcKinley@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:a.ScottMcKinley@ulster.ac.uk))
- ▶ **BSc (Hons) Community Youth Work** (Magee): This four-year degree NSETS-validated programme (replacing the DipHE in Community Youth Work) leads to a recognised JNC professional qualification in youth work. Attendance is one day each week. Application deadline: 8 April 2011.  
Contact: Alastair McKinley (T: 02871.675410, E: [a.Scott-McKinley@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:a.Scott-McKinley@ulster.ac.uk))
- ▶ **BSc (Hons) Community Youth Work 'Conversion Course'** (Jordanstown): This is the final opportunity to enrol on this NSETS-validated programme. Application deadline: 8 April 2011.  
Contact: Dr Ken Harland (T: 02890.368334, E: [k.harland@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:k.harland@ulster.ac.uk))
- ▶ **PgDip/MSc Community Youth Work** (Jordanstown): To be eligible for this three-year NSETS-validated programme (PgDip: two years; MSc dissertation: one year) applicants should have at least two years' relevant experience in a youth work setting, and currently be employed in community youth work.  
Contact: Dr Tony Morgan (T: 02890.366688, E: [t.morgan@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:t.morgan@ulster.ac.uk))

**Online prospectus:** [www.ulster.ac.uk](http://www.ulster.ac.uk)



## Call for applications to the European Youth Centres

The Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe invites non-governmental youth organisations, networks and other non-governmental structures involved in areas of youth work relevant to the Council of Europe's youth policy to submit applications for activities to be held in co-operation with the European Youth Centres in Strasbourg and Budapest (study sessions, 1<sup>st</sup> semester 2012).

The study sessions are organised in co-operation with youth organisations and networks and the Council of Europe's Directorate of Youth and Sport, and are hosted by one of the European Youth Centres. They are international youth events lasting between 4 and 8 days which bring together members of youth organisations or networks and experts for discussions on a specific subject relevant to the priorities 2012-2013 of the Council of Europe Youth sector.

Further detailed information may be consulted on the [info page on study sessions](#)

# GETTING FROM WHY TO HOW – PARTICIPATION & YOUTH DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

**Inside Out** in partnership with **Clubs for Young People NI** would like to extend an invitation to you and members of your club/organisation/unit to participate in a special young person's 'Open Space' event to be held at The Playhouse, Artillery Street, Derry~Londonderry on **Tuesday 29 March** between the hours of 11.00am and 4.00pm.

'**Getting from Why to How – Participation and Youth Democracy in Action**' forms part of a joint Inside Out and Clubs for Young People Youth Democracy project known as The 'Why?' Project which, is funded by the British Council under the EUs Youth in Action Programme.

Twenty young people from The Playhouse's 'What IF?' Project, Eglinton Community Limited's Network Earth Group and the Inside Out Youth Programme in Claudy are currently involved in The 'Why?' Project.

Up to a further 30 young people from across Northern Ireland are invited to take part in this special event and it is open to young people aged between 15 and 17 (exceptions can be made for young people either younger or older but please talk to us in advance about this).

Two Open Space Facilitators from Berlin (with experience of more than 150 Open Space events) will facilitate the programme therefore providing a genuine and unique experience.

Using Open Space Technology '**Getting from Why to How – Participation and Youth Democracy in Action**' proposes to engage young people in discussing a range of related issues with a view to identifying a number of

action points for The 'Why?' Project and making recommendations that can be 'delivered' to local and national politicians in anticipation of an International Youth Assembly scheduled for the city in late October. The event will also facilitate participative processes enabling young people to play a significant role in taking ownership of particular issues.

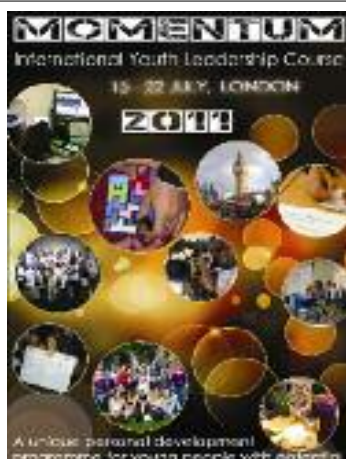
'Open Space' is one of the few proven approaches which actually makes participation happen. It provides space for self-organised and self-determined learning in which the creative potential of the participants can unfold.

It is also a methodology which is widely used across Europe and the America's but only sparingly in Ireland or Britain. For this reason alone it is worth coming along to see it in action but more importantly, if you really want to see Youth Participation in action and pick up more ideas as to how you can engage young people in your organisation then you should make this a priority for yourself and your young people.

There is currently no limit to numbers attending from a particular group but depending on levels of interest it's possible we may have to impose a restriction on this in due course.

This really is a special opportunity for engaging young people in real participative processes so please do not fail to take up the opportunity.

For further information please reply to Fergal Barr - [thekingisalive@hotmail.com](mailto:thekingisalive@hotmail.com) T: 07944.595864



## MOMENTUM INTERNATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP COURSE 2011 15-22 July 2011, London

The Momentum International Youth Leadership Course is a one week, fully residential programme which brings together young people from different parts of the UK and Europe. This diverse mixture of social, educational and cultural backgrounds, combined with the exciting challenges and innovative activities on offer, make this course one of the most enjoyable and effective personal learning experiences available to young people anywhere. It is an ideal way for youth organisations to reward and develop their most active young people.

All applicants must be nominated or endorsed by an official representative of their organisation or group (eg. a youth group leader, project director or other close professional mentor). For further information visit the website: [www.youthmomentum.org](http://www.youthmomentum.org)



## TURKEY

### 'Turkey Impressions in Europe'

'TUNA' is a group based in Ankara and is looking for partners to participate in a YiA Action 1.2 Youth Initiative Transnational Project. The project will explore young people's consciousness about their own history, culture and social values.

Contact: [gruptuna@yahoo.com.tr](mailto:gruptuna@yahoo.com.tr)

### 'For Your Move'

The aim of the project is to motivate young people to start projects in the Youth in Action programme and to improve the quality of these projects and conflict management. The project is primarily connected with conflict, conflict resolution and conflict management learning for Youth Workers.

For more information visit the website:

<http://www.caleidoscop.org/news/for-your-move-turkey-1-5-july-2011>

## HUNGARY

### 'Discover Yourself'

This project is tailored to young people with physical difficulties and aims at preventing situations of prejudice and self-discrimination by improving their social competencies, self-esteem and communication skills.

Each partner group should have 5 participants (4 x 18-25 yr olds + a group leader).

Contact: Cen Qiu [miacbdn@gmail.com](mailto:miacbdn@gmail.com)  
[www.egyhajoban.hu/](http://www.egyhajoban.hu/)

## EVS Opportunities in GERMANY

The **Maximilian-Kolbe-Schule** is a catholic school which combines a primary school, a secondary school and a day care centre. Maximilian-Kolbe-Schule is reaching out to adolescents, particularly those having difficulties in school, with single parents and socially disadvantaged families.

**Bregtal School, Furtwangen** is a project giving support to mentally and physically handicapped children/young adults. The volunteer has the possibility to get to know other areas of the institution like the early-advice centre or the physiotherapy department. Depending on the volunteer's interests, there are lots of ways to get involved into different schemes or initiate their own project.

Further information on these two projects, contact Florian Schneider - [schneiderfl@yahoo.de](mailto:schneiderfl@yahoo.de) or visit the YouthNetworks website - [www.youthnetworks.eu](http://www.youthnetworks.eu)

### 'German Spirit in Gyumri'

To facilitate 'European Corner' run by the Youth Initiative Centre. The volunteer will be based in Gyumri and daily activities will revolve around the theme of cultural exchange and raising awareness about the different cultural dimensions of Europe and Germany.

Contact: Artur Najaryan, E: [artur\\_najo@yahoo.com](mailto:artur_najo@yahoo.com)  
W: [www.yic.info.am](http://www.yic.info.am)

## EVS Volunteering Opportunity - TULLAMORE, IRELAND

St. Mary's Youth & Community Centre provides youth services to over 650 young people ranging in age from 7 to 25. Programmes are delivered in age appropriate settings with groups for the following:

A recent audit shows that on average 1100 individuals pass through the Centre on a weekly basis. This number is made up entirely of people attending the different programmes and activities organised by and in the Centre.

The Centre caters for the complete development of each member providing in its programme for the physical; mental and social development of the young person.

The volunteer will be working with young people from all types of social backgrounds and assisting in the delivery of a planned programme.

For further information contact: Bill O'Hanlon, [stmmarysyc@eircom.net](mailto:stmmarysyc@eircom.net)



## European Commission articles on Diversity & Non-Discrimination Activities

### Report on good practice exchange seminar - Berlin

Government representatives from 14 EU Member States took part in the Good Practice Exchange seminar organised by the European Commission and hosted by the German authorities on **public policies combating discrimination based on racial or ethnic origin in employment** that was held on the 4th and 5th of October 2010 in Berlin. Based on the seminar presentations and discussions that allowed a deeper examination of the good practice in this field, the [seminar report](#) identifies the key elements and the factors that enabled the development of this good practice.

### Improving the tools for the social inclusion & non-discrimination of Roma in the EU

Bottlenecks at national, regional and local levels are limiting the effective use by Member States of EU funds for Roma inclusion, but solutions do exist. This is what a new report released by the European Commission in December highlights. The report is the main output from a study of Roma inclusion measures in 18 EU countries. It identifies successful policy and project approaches and points also the way to an improved use of funds for Roma inclusion. The report includes examples from successful practices and lessons learnt that could be particularly interesting for national and local decision-makers as well as practitioners working with the Roma. Press release: [MEMO/10/701](#)

### Early Childhood Development discussed at the European Platform for Roma Inclusion

The fourth meeting of the European Platform for Roma inclusion took place in Brussels on 13th December 2010. The meeting was co-organised by the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU and the European Commission. The meeting took stock of recent developments in Roma inclusion at European level and focused specifically on the issue of Early Childhood Education and Care of Roma children, an item chosen by the Belgian Presidency within the Platform's roadmap. The discussion was based on a paper presented by the Belgian Presidency that sets out the main challenges for Roma children and proposed a few recommendations addressed to the EU as well as to national decision-makers. Participants were invited to comment on the paper; a finalised version will be available in the first trimester of 2011.

### Adoption of the Code of Conduct removes the last barrier to the formal conclusion of the UNCRPD

On 2 December 2010 the Council adopted the Code of Conduct, which provides the details of EU internal arrangements for representation of the Union's position on the international scene, for speaking and voting arrangements and for the coordination of positions relating to the UNCRPD.

The adoption of the Code of Conduct was the last legal step, which cleared the way for the deposition of the instruments of formal confirmation of the Convention with the UN in New York on 23 December 2010. A month later the UN Convention officially entered into force for the EU

European Commission website on anti-discrimination [Click here](#)

Sign up for Equality News : [www.equalitynews.eu](http://www.equalitynews.eu)

## EU CULTURE FUNDING - UK SUCCESS

2011 has proved to be another great year for UK applicants to the EU's Culture funding programme: 43 UK cultural organisations will receive money through their involvement in transnational European cultural projects, and a further 5 UK-based networks or cultural ambassadors are also to be funded. Around €3.5 million will be allocated to all these successful projects run by UK-based organisations. The UK had the highest success rate for successful projects of any of the big member states (France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain, UK) and the highest number of successful projects of any applicant country in the most popular strand, 1.2.1. ...>>

## EUROPE 2020 AND CULTURE

The contribution that culture makes to the fabric of life in Europe was firmly in the spotlight at the third annual Culture in Motion Conference: Pathways to EU 2020 on 15 and 16 February in Brussels. The aim of the conference was to highlight a few examples of transnational culture projects which are supported by the EU's Culture Programme, as well as other EU programmes, such as the Lifelong Learning Programme, the Europe for Citizens Programme, the Framework Programme for Research, the Creativity and Innovation Programme and the European Regional Development Fund. ...>>



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Still can't find what you're looking for	>>	write to: <a href="mailto:youth@coe.int">youth@coe.int</a>

The **partnership programme** between the Council of Europe and the European Commission in the area of youth also offers a number of publications:

**Tkits** – Training kits are thematic publications written by experienced youth trainers. They are easy-to-use handbooks for use in training and study sessions. The 10 manuals published so far can be consulted, in several languages, on the [partnership website](#).

**Coyote magazine** – A magazine on issues around 'Youth-Training-Europe', published once or twice a year. Its main target group is trainers and leaders of youth organisations. It contains articles written by experienced youth workers and specialists on issues of European-level youth worker training - [available online](#)

**The 4 Nations Child Policy Network is a partnership between National Children's Bureau, Children in Northern Ireland, Children in Scotland and Children in Wales**



**4 Nations Child Policy Network**  
Empowering the children's sector

## Cross National E-Briefing

### **DHSSPS: Bamford Centre for Mental Health and Wellbeing opens**

Dr. Andrew McCormick, Permanent Secretary in the Department of Health, attended the opening of the [Bamford Centre](#) for Mental Health and Wellbeing at the University of Ulster's Magee Campus. The Centre will be a multidisciplinary and multiagency centre for excellence in the field of mental health and wellbeing. Staff will provide supervisory sessions for trainee mental health professionals which will boost the prestige of current courses in mental health and health promotion.

### **Government unveils new plans to expand volunteering and training opportunities for the unemployed in England, Scotland and Wales**

Under the [new scheme](#) advisers from youth charity The Prince's Trust and other local government voluntary organisations will be located in Jobcentre Plus offices to signpost jobseekers of all ages to volunteering and training opportunities in their area. The initiative is intended to benefit young people and enable them to get more support with jobs, education and training.

### **UTV: Over 2,000 NI children on protection register 15/02/11 [NI]**

Over 2,000 children in Northern Ireland were on a child protection register last year, a [study](#) by a leading children's charity has found.

## DOCUMENTS

### **Health and Social Care Board: Early Intervention for the Prevention of Offending 2008-2011, 01/11 [NI]**

Independent Research Solutions (IRS) was commissioned to carry out an [evaluation](#) of the Early Intervention Programme (EIP), looking at the first two and a half years of the three year Programme.

### **Professor Eileen Munro: The Munro Review of Child Protection: interim report, the child's journey**

[Second report](#) of the review of child protection in England. This phase of the review looked at how the system could be reformed to keep a

focus on the child's journey - the journey from needing help to receiving it. This covers a number of areas, including work with children and families who have not yet met the threshold for child protection.

### **Child Poverty Strategy for Wales**

The [Welsh Assembly Government \(WAG\)](#) published its child poverty strategy on 3 February 2011. The strategy has been developed following the duty placed on Welsh Ministers to publish a Child Poverty Strategy for Wales by the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010. The Child Poverty strategy builds on the WAG's previous strategy "A Fair Future for our Children" which was published in 2005.

## CONSULTATIONS

### **Department for Education: Bailey review on the commercialisation and sexualisation of childhood (Industry and wider stakeholder version)**

Reg Bailey, Chief Executive of the Mothers' Union, is carrying out an [independent review](#) to address parents' concerns about the pressures on children to grow up too quickly. Responses are requested from organisations and individuals with an interest in these issues. Views submitted through this questionnaire will help him develop his recommendations which will be published in May.

### **DHSSPS: Consultation on Service Framework for Mental Health and Wellbeing launched**

The [Service Framework for Mental Health and Wellbeing](#) is the fourth in a planned series of Service Frameworks to be developed. It sets out 58 standards in respect of the prevention, assessment, diagnosis, treatment, care, and rehabilitation of individuals / communities who currently have, or are at greater risk of developing, mental illness.



## The booklet

**Globa-l-inks Booklet** looks at local and international work for social transformation in more than 30 organisations, from Africa, Europe and Latin America, which forms part of the Globa-l-inks Network. The project aimed to connecting local actions to the global context. The first part of the booklet contains theoretical basis of the concepts of Democracy, Human Rights and Global Citizenship. The second part includes good practices of social transformation promoted by the members of the Network. The focus is on aims, methods applied and achievements. The last chapter is dedicated to the lessons learned from all those projects and initiatives. You may find this a useful resource for your work.

[Global Links Booklet](#) (pdf format)

## The influence of family and friends on young people's drinking

This Round-up examines family and friendship influences on young people's drinking habits, in order to shed light on how the negative aspects of young people's drinking culture in the UK might be changed.

Drawing on five research projects, it concludes that:

- prevention and harm reduction approaches need to take into account how family circumstances vary;
- public health messages need to connect more with the realities of parents' attitudes and practices;
- interventions should consider group behaviour, not just individuals' behaviour;
- the potential for using price as a harm reduction measure and the need for more appealing spaces for young people to socialise require further consideration.

Download the [Summary](#) from the website



**FAIR COP** is a new idea - it is about getting communities more involved in improving policing, discussing policing and human rights issues and generally helping to build more democratic communities.

Visit the interactive website - [www.faircop.org](http://www.faircop.org) and [Twitter@fair\\_cop](https://twitter.com/fair_cop)

Help create real community engagement on important issues. Fair Cop is an independent voice on policing and justice issues.

## The Prince's Trust and Fairbridge to join forces

Two of the UK's leading youth organisations - The Prince's Trust and Fairbridge, are joining forces to form one organisation. Last month, The Prince's Trust and Fairbridge agreed to work together towards integration into a single organisation and intend to continue to deliver the high quality Fairbridge and Prince's Trust programmes. The united organisation will bring together their management and administration to provide the most effective and efficient delivery of services enabling them to reach more young people.

## Being Young Being Heard

Citizen's Advice Scotland's latest report 'Being Young Being Heard', outlines the impact of the recession on young people in Scotland in their own words.

Unemployment and redundancies have been the most visible effect of the recession on young people. More than half of young people in the survey identified employment as their biggest problem at the moment.

The unemployment rate for young people is around 20%. Young people in the survey talked about the depressing nature of being unemployed.

Download a copy of the [report](#)



## Early Years International Conference & AGM Shaping the Future for Young Children in Northern Ireland

**Date** : 9-10 June 2011  
**Venue** : Best Western Magherabuoy House Hotel,  
Portrush

Early Years - the organisation for young children will host a major International Conference focusing on shaping the future for young children in Northern Ireland. The conference will offer a range of learning and networking opportunities including Master Classes, Workshops, Field Visits and Key Notes aimed at parents, child minders, practitioners from pre-school groups, daycares, crèches, Sure Starts and teachers in Nursery and Foundation Stage I and II.

For details please contact: Joanna Loane, Events Officer,  
T:02868.633098 or E: [joannal@early-years.org](mailto:joannal@early-years.org)



### What's Working for Children Conference 2011 (Ireland)

**Date** : 11-12 May 2011  
**Venue** : Chartered Accountants House, Dublin

This conference is organised by Archways in conjunction with the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs (OMCYA) and The Atlantic Philanthropies and supported by Barnardos Ireland, Barnardos Northern Ireland, The Centre for Effective Services, and Preparing for Life.

This conference will provide a unique opportunity to bring together key stakeholders to broaden the conversation taking place around evidence based practice and early intervention and prevention strategies for children, young people, and families. The conference will outline the work being done throughout Ireland, and showcase the progress which has been made in implementing evidence based practice and early intervention and prevention initiatives for children, young people, and families.

#### Conference themes

- The value of evidence based practice in shaping policy
- Building evidence based strategies for children, young people and families
- The economics of early intervention & prevention
- Emerging Irish research in the area of children, young people, and family support services
- Connecting Irish projects to international evidence based models

#### Who should attend?

- Those involved in developing and delivering programmes for children, young people and families
- Policy makers and public servants involved in the development of services for children, young people and families
- Non-profit organisations delivering services for, and advocating on behalf of, children, young people and families
- Elected representatives
- Professionals working with children, young people and families
- Academics and research and training organisations
- Those with an interest in issues impacting children, young people and families
- The media

For registration log on to: [www.whatsworkingforchildren.org/index.php](http://www.whatsworkingforchildren.org/index.php)



### **Protecting Children Through Family Support Conference (Ireland)**

**Date** : June 16, 17, 2011  
**Venue** : Áras Moyola Building,  
Nat. University of Ireland, Galway

The 5th biennial conference of the Child and Family Research Centre NUI, Galway will address the challenges and opportunities in effectively realising children's rights to be cared for safely within their families. It has been devised intentionally in order to offer practitioners and other key stakeholders the space to listen, reflect and discuss these current challenges facing services for children. The central theme of the conference is how to develop family support interventions that are mindful of the child's right to be protected and child protection (and related) interventions which are mindful of the child's right to be supported within their family. The theme will be explored through keynote presentations and practice workshops addressing Family Support in universal and preventative settings.

To register please visit [www.conference.ie](http://www.conference.ie) for online registration. For further queries please contact: [julie.moane@nuigalway.ie](mailto:julie.moane@nuigalway.ie)

### **15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Thinking (Northern Ireland)**

**Date** : 20-24 June 2011  
**Venue** : Queen's University Belfast

The purpose of the conference is to foster collegial and educational exchange on the topic of thinking, the development of thinking, and the relationship between thinking and action. 'Thinking' is broadly understood to include any kind of thinking and learning and to acknowledge cultural, psychological, historical and interdisciplinary diversity and richness. Contributions from different disciplines, from researchers, practitioners and policy-makers are welcome.

The conference will bring together leading thinkers, researchers and practitioners to debate and discuss the nature of high quality thinking - how it can be cultivated and valued in education, in business, for healthy living, for sport and leisure, for sustainability, and for working and living in a democratic and just society.

The conference will be of interest to those working in education, business, health sciences, the arts, sports, government, and community development. For more information go to:

[www.whatsonatqueens.com/CurrentEvents/EventDetails/?cid=224663](http://www.whatsonatqueens.com/CurrentEvents/EventDetails/?cid=224663)

### **Care Proceedings: Understanding & Developing Practice Conference (British Association for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect) (UK)**

**Date** : 24 June, 2011

This conference focuses on care proceedings and their outcomes, using evidence from newly published research. It will present findings on the current operation of care proceedings under the PLO from the ESRC funded Parents' Representation Study (2011). It will look at alternatives to traditional court when parental substance misuse is a key factor, drawing on the findings of the 'Family Drug and Alcohol Court Evaluation' funded by the Nuffield Foundation. As this conference will take place in the wake of the interim proposals of the government's Family Justice Review, practitioners and managers from law and social work will have an opportunity to consider them in the light of the evidence relating to current practice.

For more information and to book your place go to: [www.baspcan.org.uk/booking.php](http://www.baspcan.org.uk/booking.php)

## The Employment, Social & Health Priorities of the Hungarian Presidency

Hungary holds the 6-month Presidency of the Council of the European Union from 1 January 2011 until 30 June 2011. The Hungarian Presidency programme, "Strong Europe with a Human Touch", closely matches the joint 18-month one presented along with Spain and Belgium as part of the new 'trio' presidency format. This article intends to briefly highlight some of the main priorities in the field of employment, social affairs and health

### **Growth, Jobs & Social Inclusion**

In the light of the Europe 2020 Strategy, the Hungarian Presidency will suggest a debate on the perspectives of job creation. The Council prepares a joint employment report, formulates recommendations for the assessment of the National Reform Programmes developed on the basis of the Europe 2020 strategy and adopts resolutions on guidelines related to Member States' employment policies. While not neglecting the issues linked to the employability of the older generations, the Hungarian Presidency will also pay special attention to two flagship initiatives of the Europe 2020 strategy ('Youth on the Move' and 'Agenda for New Skills and Jobs'), which aim to improve the employment in general. The work of the Hungarian Presidency in this area will be closely linked to the joint Spanish-Belgian-Hungarian Presidency programme, since youth employment is a comprehensive topic of the Trio. The forthcoming discussions should focus on improving job opportunities for young people/career starters with different levels of knowledge and skills and to create attractive job opportunities for the younger generations. In terms of employment, the legislative work of the Hungarian Presidency will also cover the review of the directive concerning the protection of workers from the risks arising from exposure to electromagnetic fields and waves and the extension of six labour directives to maritime shipping industry workers.

### **Social, Family & Youth Affairs**

The aim of the Hungarian Presidency of 2011 is to deal with questions and common problems close to the European citizens and social policy plays an important role in this context. Within this sphere, the Presidency will focus on family policy, ageing society, challenges of demographic issues, equality between women

and men, child protection, youth policy, disability and effective actions against drug abuse. Hungary will stimulate a comprehensive debate on demographic trends, with a special view to the impact that reconciling work and family life has on demographic processes. The Presidency supports the initiative to declare 2012, the European Year of Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity. A further priority of the Hungarian Presidency will be to renew the European Pact for Gender Equality, to support the current Structured Dialogue process on youth and the active youth participation, and to facilitate the implementation of the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 and that of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the light of the Europe 2020 Strategy.

### **The European Framework for the Social & Economic inclusion of Roma**

In accordance with the joint Presidency programme, the Trio Presidency set forth the importance of the social and economic integration of Roma in the Córdoba Declaration adopted on 9 April 2010, while also pledging to keep the issue continuously on the agenda. The Hungarian Presidency wishes to deal with the issue of social inclusion of Roma through the use of a horizontal approach and intends to build on the results of the different civil society events that are to be organised during the Presidency. Hungary intends to organise a meeting of the Roma Informal Contact Group and the Integrated European Roma Platform. The work of the Hungarian Presidency will strongly rely on the European Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies to be developed by the European Commission by early April 2011. The objective of the Hungarian Presidency is to have the Heads of State and Governments discussing and adopting the European Framework for National Roma Strategies at their summit in June.

The increased attention to fundamental rights issues in EU measures addressing irregular migration is welcomed. In this context, the Hungarian Presidency is encouraged to promote discussions concerning the evaluation of return mechanisms, including voluntary return and readmission, as well as advocate for a greater and more homogeneous EU protection area. Hungary can also bring

continuity to important processes by ensuring that the proposed Integrated Strategy on Fighting Trafficking in Human Beings will reflect the ongoing debate and priorities set. As a Member State with a significant Roma minority and experience as the pilot for the first EU High-Level Event on Roma Integration in October 2009, Hungary is in a unique position to provide leadership on Roma inclusion and to ensure continuity of the initiatives launched under the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU. It is of utmost importance that the most vulnerable groups, including the Roma, people with disabilities or those marginalised on the labour market benefit from increased support.

### **Social Protection & Social Inclusion**

With respect to combating poverty, support for the most vulnerable groups and communities - such as the Roma population, those living with disabilities and those excluded from the labour market - is of outstanding significance. The Presidency will organise the 10th EU Meeting of People Experiencing Poverty. In relation to the flagship initiative of the Europe 2020

strategy, "European platform against poverty", the Hungarian Presidency expressed great interest in managing the issue of child poverty, and to promote children's welfare in accordance with the Trio Presidency Declaration of 3 September 2010 in Marchen-Famenne with a view to the European Commission's envisaged recommendations on child poverty and well-being. The European Disability Strategy developed by the European Commission for 2010-2020, which sets out the EU policy, priorities, means and objectives for people living with disabilities, is a priority of the Trio Presidency and Hungary alike. In its Zaragoza Declaration the Trio Presidency committed itself to continuous work in this field, stating that the main task stemming from the Strategy is to have the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities ratified and implemented in as many Member States as possible.

For more information, visit the website (<http://www.eu2011.hu>)

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# £unding Opportunities

## ★ **AWARDS FOR ALL**

Awards for All is delivered and funded by the Big Lottery Fund in Northern Ireland and awards funds of between £500-£10,000



The scheme can make a difference by helping:

- people to participate in their communities to bring about positive change;
- people to develop their skills and widen their experiences;
- people to work toward better and safer communities;
- to improve people's physical and mental health and well being.

You can apply to the 'Awards for All' programme if you are a voluntary, community or statutory organisation.

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## **TESCO CHARITY TRUST**

The Tesco Charity Trust aims to support the local communities in which they operate. The Trust runs two funding schemes:

### **Community Awards**

The Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000 to local projects that support children and their education and welfare, elderly people and adults and children with disabilities.

### **Larger Grant Applications**

The Trustees also consider grant applications at their tri-annual meetings. These grants range between £4,000 and £25,000 and are to support local, national or international projects in areas where they operate.

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