



***The third conference of the
Children First***

Children First Why and How?

***A conference on
the universal rights of children***

***11th and 12h February 2005,
Stockholm, Sweden***

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Feb 11th, 10 to 17

The Location of Save the Children in Stockholm
Address: Torsgatan 4, Down Town
Stockholm

Feb 12th 10 to 17

Kista – Träff (Kista Centrum)

"The way a society treats its children is the most telling testimony to its humanity and liberty. Children must come first, above any national, economic, political, ideological, religious and cultural considerations and interests." The Founding Document of Children First.

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List of International Speakers

The conference's proceeding will be conducted in:
English, Swedish, Arabic, Kurdish and Farsi

Guest speakers

France

Siham Habchi, from The French Secular and Egalitarian Organization, member of "Neither Prostitute Nor Smacking".

Speech title: "Neither Prostitute Nor Smacking"

USA

Mona Kosha, from (M.U.N) the Model United Nations (M.U.N) program.

Speech title: "What the facts and reports telling"

Belgium

Sonja Eggerickx, from International Humanist and Ethical Union (IHEU) and school inspector.

Speech title: 'Children's Rights: Taking them seriously, not spoil them!'

UK

Arman Farakish, Chairperson of Iranian Civil Rights Committee (Iran CRC).

Speech title: Children have no rights, help us change Iran.

Azam Kamgoyan, Chairperson of "Committee to Defend Women's Rights in the Middle East". The editor in Chief of "Bikhodayan", an atheist monthly in Farsi.

Speech title: "Why so much fuss about a piece of clothing"?

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Iraq

Houzan Mohammad, Representative of the Organization of Women's Freedom in Iraq (OWFI) and the editor of its bulletin.

Speech title: Female children in Iraq under two circumstances

Sherzad Fatih, Co-Founder and representative of Children Protection Centre in Iraq and the Editor of its bulletin in Kurdish.

Speech title: "Moments with street kids in Baghdad"

Jabbar Mohammad Hassan, Co-Founder of Children Protection Centre in Iraq-Italy branch.

Speech title: "Children and religion"

Iran

Qasem Afshar, Youth and Child worker, working for imprisoned and street kids In Iran.

Speech title: "Children in Iran's Prisons".

Italy

PierCarlo Albertosi, Member of the Central Committee of Communist Party of Italy, member of the leadership of Medical Union of Toscana.

Speech title: "Refugee Kids in Italy"

Organizing Committee

S. Shahabi, S. Ghasemiani, A. Nodinian, J. Aslani

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Sweden

Inger Stark, Member of the "Swedish Left Party", City Council member in Stockholm.

Speech title: "Children, Veil and Religious School"

Hans Iwan Bratt, Vice President of the "Swedish Humanist Organization", activist of "The Network for Democracy for Iraq".

Speech title: "Humanistic perspective of the limits of tolerance"

Gun Zakarias: Writer and Social Worker, working with children living in drug addicted environments,

Speech title: "Children and Drug Addiction"

Sven Winberg, Representative of "Save The Children Sweden" and Representative of "Dialog Project of Save the Children",

Speech title: "Free Boys, Virgin Girls"

Representative of Stockholm Province.

Sara Mohammad, Founder and Chairperson of "Do not forget Pela and Fadime",

Speech title: Equal Education for All Children"

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Children First Speakers

Soraya Shahabi, Founder and Chairperson of Children First, the Editor of its English and Farsi bulletin, Founder of the “International Campaign in Defence of Women's Rights in Iran”;

Speech title: “The universal rights of children”

Soleyman Ghasemiani, Writer, Chair of Children First—Sweden, editor of its Swedish Bulletin, Editor of the Kurdish language literary periodical “Hana”

Speech title: Parents’ rights over children and the inferiority of little citizens”

Halale Taheri, Member of the Office of “Children First-Sweden”, Chair of the Organisation in Defence of Women's Rights in Kurdistan,

Speech title: “ Children and religious Schools”

Leyla Ghasemiani, Chairperson of “Children First-Gotenberg”, Assistant Editor of the literary periodical “Hana”

Speech title: “Do all Children have equal rights?”

Asad Nodinian, Member of the Central Office of “Children First” chairperson of “The project of equality and preventing violence”.

Speech title: “ Homelessness and the Snow Festival”

Parvane Ahmadi, Activist of Children First, Member of Children First-Stockholm”

Speech title: “The new round of struggle for children’s rights in Iran”.

Other programs of Conference

Film presentation

“Moments with street kids in Baghdad”

An original film made by: Sherzad Fatih, Member of "Children Protection Centre in Iraq"
The film will be introduced by Sherzad Fatih

Solidarity Evening

An evening in solidarity with street kids,

Book and Pictur Exabition

Stall of books, brochures, Pictures and information materials

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Poverty, destitution, prostitution, AIDS, substance misuse and death of millions of children have become a distinctive characteristic of a world which thrives on discrimination, injustice and trampling on the vulnerable members of our societies and the abuse of children. In an era where the perpetrators of this deplorable condition, the so called civilised societies, shamelessly parade the images of child victims of poverty, hunger and war before the eyes of the world and where the reactionary theories of cultural relativitism are used to condone these atrocities against children in the religious and poverty stricken societies and portraying child cruelty as an unavoidable and natural phenomena, we in the Children First have decided to organise a seminar to debate the inalienable and universal rights of these little people.

We do not believe that the current deplorable state of children's lives is a doomed fate. We believe the current treatment of children has been engineered and organised by the states against the wishes of the great majority of people in our societies. We believe that societies can be reorganised to incorporate the interest and well being of children. Children First belongs to such an approach and movement. In our defence of children we will not

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recognise any national, ethnic, class, ideological or religious consideration.

Against the portrayal of a dark and miserable situation of children worldwide we have this year decided to convey a humanist image of children before the eyes of the world. We have decided to discuss and uphold the inalienable and universal rights of children and to reclaim the respected, civilised and equal position of children versus that of the existing hapless and destroyed status.

Our third conference will focus on the universality of children's rights. We are of the opinion that the current tragic situation of children can only be improved through a radical and maximalist endeavour. The systematic and entrenched child cruelty and abuse can only be eradicated by upholding and promoting the universality of the rights of children. The third conference is an attempt to demand the rights of all children all over the world. To this end we need, in the first place, to proclaim all the rights of children, and present it as an indictment against the status quo, before the eyes of the world.

Join us and participate in two days of discussions, speeches, presentations, film, music and workshops and be part of an effort to promote children's rights. We will be focussing on children and welfare, personal integrity, education, security and safeguards against religious interference and physical and mental abuse.

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