

Get Ready for Geneva!

Get ready for Geneva project update June 2007

Website

The website is now live! We have been really busy promoting it to everyone we know and we need you to do the same! Here are some ideas to get people using the

website and completing the surveys:

- Put a link to it in your school newsletter...
- Ask a teacher if some information can go on your school's website...
- Tell at least five friends about the survey and send them the link...
- Use your internet connections. If you have myspace or Facebook pages, include a link to our survey...
- Run an assembly about the project and mention the surveys...
- Ask your citizenship teachers to promote it in their lessons...
- Write an article for your local paper...
- Ask if you can run a session for some other children and young people at your local youth or community centre.

The surveys will change every month so we'll need to keep promoting them. If you have got any good ideas about ways to do this, please let me know. If you want more postcards to promote the website, email Margaret at mmakena@crae.org.uk.

Remember, this is **your** website. It will only look its best if all the members of the project team regularly comment on the site and share their views. Log on and have your say!

Children's rights investigation

Ciara, the senior children's rights investigator, joined the Get ready for Geneva team on 4th June. She has been busy planning the investigators' training weekend in Birmingham on 7th and 8th July.

Ciara will support and advise the investigators in carrying out research with groups of children over the summer. The residential programme will be packed with lots of exciting sessions to help the investigators develop their research skills.

A sneak preview... we'll be looking at different kinds of research methods and how to make sure research results are taken seriously. The investigators will be designing surveys for the website on family, freedom, health, crime, and play. It should be an action packed residential!!!

Spreading the word

- There have been articles about the website launch in First News, Children Now and Young People Now. We have also been trying to get Newsround to cover the project.
- On June 10th there was a big article in the Independent on Sunday. It looked at the reporting process and children's rights. One of our children's rights champions, John O'Neill from Salford, was

interviewed for the project.

- Daniel-Sean, from the steering group told Children Now that if he was PM he would make sure the all of the rights in the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child were available for all children.
- Project staff have been busy emailing all CRAE members and other contacts to tell them about the project.

Children's rights champions:

Krishna visited the National Youth Advisory Service's Young Person's Advisory Group in Birkenhead last week, where she ran a session on the Geneva project. She has also been busy working on the resource pack and the Informed & Influential training day.

If you would like Krishna to visit your school or youth group, or would like some help preparing a presentation or assembly, please email her: kmaroo@crae.org.uk

Government report to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

Members of the steering group and website team came to the CRAE office earlier this month to write a response to the Government's draft report to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.

The final Government report will be sent to the UN in the middle of July.

CRAE membership

It is free for under-18s to join, so please fill in the membership form attached and send it back to us. You'll receive lots of great information on children's rights!

Young advisers

We are looking for three young advisers to work with us over the summer holidays on various aspects of the Get ready for Geneva project. See the attached advert for more information.

Coming up...

- Investigators residential July 7-8th Birmingham
- Steering group meeting August 7th London
- Informed and Influential for children's rights champions August 15th London
- Website and communications team: we are looking into setting up some training on how to use the website. Watch this space for more information...

For more information on the project please email: info@getreadyforgeneva.org.uk

