

2018 WORLD CONGRESS ON JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN

Strengthening Justice Systems for Children: Challenges, including disengagement from violent extremism

**UNESCO House, Paris
28, 29, 30 May 2018**

CALL FOR PAPERS and WORKSHOPS for 29 May 2018

INTRODUCTION:

Under the *haut-patronage* of UNESCO, this World Congress on **Justice for Children** will be held from 28-30 May 2018 to address three major issues:

- The global trend towards children's involvement in violent extremism and possible responses,
- The need for more effective ways to reduce juvenile offending and recidivism,
- How to improve protection mechanisms for vulnerable children, including early prevention.

The **2018 World Congress on Justice for Children** aims to bring together professionals and stakeholders from all around the world to share their perspectives on:

- youth and family justice,
- the prevention of offending and violent extremism.

CALL FOR PAPERS and WORKSHOP CONTRIBUTIONS

This call is for proposals to organise a workshop or contribute a paper to a workshop. Workshops will take place on **Tuesday 29 May 2018**. If you wish to submit a proposal to the Congress organisers, please complete the attached application form, giving details of your proposal and how it will address the Congress themes. Guidance notes are on the reverse of this page.

The International Congress will be in: English, French, Spanish and Arabic.

Completed applications must be received no later than 26th January 2018.

GUIDELINES FOR WORKSHOP CONTRIBUTORS

Workshops will consider **strategies or experience to strengthen juvenile and family justice systems** around the world, by proposing **concrete** and **promising** practices concerning child protection, youth crime prevention, diversion and alternative programmes to detention, after-care and reintegration. All presentations should involve consideration of one or more of the following points:

- A. Influences in adolescence that lead to criminal behaviour and violent actions.
For example:
 - Ideological
 - Societal
 - Social media
 - Peer pressure
 - Environmental

- B. Strategies to reduce influences that lead to criminal behaviour and violent actions.
For example:
 - Diversion/prevention programmes
 - Child protection measures
 - Hearing the voice of the child / participation

- C. Reintegration programmes
For example:
 - What works?
 - Experiences of some young adults who have come through criminal behaviour / involvement with violent extremism

Individuals, entities or groups of experts can propose either a workshop paper on a topic of interest to the Congress or a full workshop on one of the topics defined above. The application form invites you to provide an abstract of your contribution and to place it in one of twelve topic categories. Each topic can be addressed from the perspective of **legal reform, scientific research, or validated practice**. Applications must be received by **26th January 2018** at info@j4c2018.org

The length of each introductory speech should be a **maximum of 20 minutes**. Each workshop will last **90 minutes**. The Congress will be in: **English, French, Spanish and Arabic**. Please indicate which language(s) you wish to use.

Once The World Congress Organising Committee and Scientific Committee have considered the abstracts received; you will receive an answer and an invitation to participate in the Congress. Speakers whose papers have been selected will have their registration fees covered which includes all conference documents, coffee breaks, a meal per day and a welcome drink.

APPLICATION FOR ABSTRACTS AND WORKSHOPS

The **Organising Committee of the 2018 World Congress on Justice for Children** invites you to submit proposals for presentations /or workshops on any of the subjects indicated.

Those experts interested in presenting papers / or in organising a full workshop, have to send their abstracts by email, before the **26th January 2018** to the following address info@j4c2018.org indicating:

- Title of the Presentation / or Workshop

- Name of the author(s) / or speakers

- Name of the organization and work position

- Email of the author / or workshop organiser

- Address and telephone of the author / or workshop organiser

- Biography (half page maximum)

- Abstracts must present **strategies or experience to strengthen juvenile and family justice systems**, always taking into account **child participation**. **Please tick the box below which most closely represents the topic you are proposing to present**. These 12 topics can be addressed by speakers **from the perspective of legal reform, scientific research, or validated practice**. The most innovative papers bringing best-practices, meta-analyses and research from evidence based policies and practice will be selected.

	1. Improving protection systems for children. How can their voice be heard?
	2. Juvenile Crime Prevention : Making children actors of their own changes.
	3. Diversion and Alternatives programmes: better understanding of children’s needs and development.
	4. How to reduce the number of children in pre-trial and other kind of detention ?
	5. Aftercare and reintegration : Children and their community, engaging in dialogue.
	6. Promoting multiagency actions between child protection, justice, education and health eg children who appear in both Youth and Family Court jurisdictions.
	7. Gender responsive approach for girls in the justice system.
	8. Strategies to ensure that children accused or suspected of being involved in violent extremism are treated as children and afforded due process.
	9. Situation of “ returnees ’ ” children: current trends and specific programmes.
	10. Preventing children from violent extremism and promising experiences in the process of disengagement .
	11. A fair justice for children in every context: hybridity and concurrent ways of approach in formal and informal justice systems.
	12. Advocating children’s rights: strategies to abolish inhuman sentencing: death penalty, life sentences, torture, and solitary confinement of children.

- Abstract (one page maximum) in English, French, Spanish or Arabic

- Please list your needs of audiovisual material:

PowerPoint presentation.

Video and sound

- Please list the possible languages you can present in (you are invited to tick several languages):

English

French

Spanish

Arabic

For any further information do not hesitate to contact us at

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