

**2000**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

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## REPORT OF THE BOARD

Before you is the 2000 annual report of the European Network on Street Children Worldwide (ENSCW), also referred to below as ENSCW. This report contains the 2000 annual accounts of ENSCW. This report contains the 2000 annual accounts of ENSCW.

### **Establishment of the European Network on Street Children Worldwide (ENSCW)**

The “Stichting European Network on Street Children Worldwide” was established 19 October 1995 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The first aim of ENSCW was to organise a European conference about street children in and out Europe and to set up a European network on behalf of street children. This conference was organised 20 to 23 June 1996 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. In succession, on 28 and 29 April 1997 a ‘Constitutional Conference’ was organised in Brussels, Belgium and laid the basis for the activities of ENSCW: a Constitution and Mission Statement were adopted by the participants and the Board of ENSCW was elected by the participants.

ENSCW unites non-governmental, governmental, multilateral and international organisations that are committed to addressing the rights and needs of street children all over the world. At this moment more than 450 member-organisations are communicating with each other via the network of ENSCW. ENSCW is recognised by the European member states and the European Commission. Organisations like WHO, OECD, ILO, UNESCO and UNICEF have observer-status at ENSCW.

### **Objectives of ENSCW**

The objectives of ENSCW, as formulated in the Mission Statement, are:

- To raise public awareness of the rights and needs of street children within and outside of Europe.
- To facilitate exchange of information between members, to intensify working contact, to share experiences and join forces.
- To encourage the establishment of national and regional networks and aims to work together with southern NGOs and networks.
- To listen to the children themselves and their associations, organisations and movements, informing them about their own rights and providing them with a platform to express themselves.
- To assist members to build up know-how and expertise and to promote good practice.
- To raise political awareness of the rights and needs of street children and thus intensify informed political debate, in particular at the European level.
- To increase the financial resources available for assistance to street children programmes, without acting as a fund providing body.
- To develop and promote effective preventive and supportive strategies of action and through socio-economic analysis to influence policy making and provide political pressure in favour of street children within international, national and local authorities.

## **Projects and other activities**

### **Conference on Non-Formal Education - at the European Parliament, Brussels, 6<sup>th</sup> + 7<sup>th</sup> December 2000**

This conference had been organised over the past three months and involved speakers from Bolivia, the World Bank, UNESCO, ILO and the European Parliament. All speakers were taped during the conference and their speeches were transcribed. (For a full report please contact the Brussels office.) There was also a good participation from the audience which allowed for numerous fruitful discussions. On the evening of the first day, drinks had been organised which allowed for a more casual meeting and an opportunity for our members to ask further questions to the speakers. On the morning of the second day the speeches continued and were then followed by the ENSCW General Assembly.

### **Presentation of Web-site**

The presentation of the web-site was carried out by Hichem Desmidt (WACODE), who introduced the navigation and lay-out of the site. The response from our members was very positive. Some even made suggestions on how it could be developed further and described which functions would be useful for their organisations.

### **General Assembly – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2000**

Despite the fact that the ENSCW General Assembly is scheduled for every second year it was necessary to hold one this year for various reasons. Firstly, it had been requested by members the previous year to have elections in which all members could easily participate in. Therefore a simple, democratic voting system was devised which allowed all members to partake in the election of new Board Members. These results were announced at the General Assembly. Secondly the new staff was presented to the members and thirdly the precarious financial situation and future of the network was evaluated. Due to the uncertain situation it was difficult to provide our members with too many plans for the future but the board laid out three possible scenarios for the following months.

### **Web-site**

Research and preparation work has been undertaken on the basis of the answers received from the ENSCW questionnaire. The collaboration with the Web-Firm WACODE has been a very enriching experience since it has provoked the in depth analysis of our members needs and expectations. It is our aim to make the site as user-friendly and intuitive as possible so that any kind of user can immediately access the information needed without complications. This will be facilitated by our homepage displaying the latest news and events. Through the modern tracking technique it will be possible for us to monitor how many people visit and read our web-site, which material is most interesting and where users spend most time. This will allow us to focus and develop these areas and thereby automatically feedback to our members.

### **Newsletter**

The newsletter which contains a variety of articles, announcements and news, continues to be produced as before, however it is now also available in Spanish and French. The newsletter is a great opportunity for our members to voice their opinion and to exchange information since it provides them with a platform that also reaches the political level. We are of course open to suggestions since our aim is to create a useful tool for as many people as possible.

## New ENSCW Logo

The office collaborated with the web company “Wacode” for the creation of the visual representation of our network, in other words the realisation of a new logotype, the graphic line of the web-site, visit cards and headed paper. First of all it was important to unify the presentation of all our material and secondly it was helpful to have a logotype that people will remember more easily. The three children holding hands (as can be seen on the Logo) symbolise friendship, support and an empowerment of the children themselves.

## Web- site Developments

Our aim was to mainly focus on the content of the members and associates ‘s database by using the questionnaires filled out by several organisations. We presented during the general assembly the argumentation of the structure of the future web-site, explaining each part of it ( the homepage; the parts of : ENSCW / documents of reference / members and associates/ policies / funders database / facts, figures and topics / employment / forums and interesting links ). This was an opportunity for the participants to exchange ideas, questions and advises. The idea was to be able to launch our web-site at the end of February.

On-going activities include:

- encouraging and facilitating joint actions;
- briefing and advising politicians, officials and other key decision makers;
- tabling parliamentary questions in the European Union and national parliaments;
- enhancing informed debate;
- global advocacy;
- organising workshops and seminars;
- seeking increased budget allocation.

## Board

The members of the Board are persons from different European countries with a professional engagement with street children. Four members of the Board are appointed the Executive Committee; the chair, vice-chair, treasurer, secretary and staff liaison. Besides members of the Board are head of different task groups on communications/Internet; EU Institutions; Public Awareness and Lobby/Fund raising. A group of Board members is responsible for different regions, for relations with academic institutions, with street workers organisations, the United Nations and the Council of Europe.

Members of the Board as of 31 December 2000 are:

### Executive Board:

- Chair:** Mrs. Maartje van Putten, Member of the Inspection Panel of the World Bank,  
**Vice -Chair:** Mr. Nicolas Fenton, International Charity Consultant, UK,  
**Honorary Treasurer:** to be appointed in 2001  
**Honorary Secretary:** Mrs. Trudy Davies, UK  
**Staff Liaison:** Mr. Edwin de Boevé, Director Dynamo asbl, Belgium

### Other Board-members:

- Mrs. Matilde Sirgado - Instituto de Apoio a Criança, Portugal
  - Prof. Dr. Walther Specht - International Society for Mobile Youth Work, Germany
  - Mr. Alphonse Tay - UNESCO, France
- Since 7 December 2000:
- Mr. Erki Korp - Tallinn Child Support Centre, Estonia
  - Mr. Georgio Sklavounos - ECOSOC + Child Friendly Cities, Greece
  - Prof. Dr. Artur Rean - East European Association for Psychology + Social Work, Russia

On 7 December 2000 two members stepped down:

- Mrs Gloria Svensson
- Mrs Gabriela Alexandrescu

The Advisory Committee has 20 representatives based in Europe and 10 representatives based in developing countries.

Multilateral organisations and donor agencies are observers of ENSCW.

Finally the General Assembly is a meeting of all members of ENSCW.

## Future

- **Fund raising** - of course depended on the reply from the European Commission but alternative financial strategies had been developed. This will be carried out as planned.
- **Advocacy Strategy** - One of the Board Members, specialised in advocacy, will produce the lay-out for a brochure, which provides them with tips of how begin or carry on with advocacy campaigns. This will then be distributed to our members and be made accessible on the web.
- **Press and Public Relations** - it will be an important task for the network to build up relationships with the press and other organisations. This will aid the dissemination of information, allow for more effective awareness raising and strengthen the network.
- **Forum** - once the Web-site has been launched the Forum will be one of the interactive parts of the ENSCW site, and will allow members from all over the world to participate and to exchange ideas with one other.
- **Updating of Web-site** - the Information Manager will receive training on the development and updating of the site. This is a very important aspects in order to increase productivity and the efficiency of the work
- **Meticulous execution of Project** - the success of the satellite project depends on thorough planning,
- **New material for newsletters** - the Satellite Project will provide new sources for articles and reports. This can then also be placed on the internet
- **"Satellite Street Children Project"** - The 'Satellite Street Children Project' is a more complex version of the previous Musical Chairs project and will be displayed and monitored over the internet. This project will allow the direct involvement of our members and of course provide a wide range of material for street children, and social workers active in this field, all over the world. Below is a summary of the project but for further details please contact the ENSCW office.

The main aim of the "Satellite Street Children Project" is to of the allow the street children to actively enjoy their rights by providing them with educational workshops, knowledge and practical skills. The project is composed of four phases :

1. **Preparatory** - this phase involves the selection of countries, social workers and trainers who will take part in the project.
2. **Training** - this 5 -7 day course will help to identify the requirements and needs of the institutions, and outline suitable methodologies for the implementation of inter-active workshops with the children.
3. **Exchange** - social workers participating in the project will have the opportunity to visit each others countries and to spend up to 3 months learning from and exchanging ideas with the host institution.
4. **Awareness Raising** - the material produced through out the exchange (training evaluations, reports, video films, etc;) will be the content of a final conference, a documentary and further awareness raising activities.

### **Financial situation**

In 2000 ENSCW received a grant from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the database and website and newsletter for the period 15 March 2000 to 15 March 2001. The running cost of the Network of course could not be charged to these projectactivities completely. Besides the starting date of the project as financed by the Netherlands ministry was 15 March 2000, which meant that the running cost for the period 1 January to 14 March 2000 had also to be covered by other income. The negative result for 2000 amounted to EURO 24.315. This amount is deducted from the capital. The capital as of 31 December 2000 amounts to EURO 2.615.

It is the intention of the Board to increase the capital to have a solid financial base. Since it is not possible to establish an increase of capital with projectmoneys granted by donors, the possibilities for ENSCW for this increase are limited. However the contributions of the European Commission and Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs for 2001 and 2002 will enable ENSCW to also pay attention to the financial position and continuity of ENSCW also after 2002.

As usual a lot of fund seeking activity has been going on. Foundations in the US and in Europe were investigated and project proposals were developed. Still the largest project involved the continuation of the European Commission budget-line into which most of our time and energy was invested in. Through out September and October continuous discussions were held with an external expert in order to finalise the last changes to the project proposal - which finally led to a success. However during the AGM in December 2000 the financial situation of the network was still unclear and therefore not a lot could be said about future developments. With the contributions of the European Commission and the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the "Satellite Street Children Project" for the period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2002 the future forecast of ENSCW is much better than the past years. For an organisation like the Network fund seeking will always be a point of attention. In 2001 ENSCW will work hard to convince its members even more of the usefulness of the network. This will, in the opinion of the Board, also result in an increase of income from membership fees.

Brussels, 4 May 2001

On behalf of the Board,  
Mrs Maartje van Putten, Chair

## **ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES**

### **VALUATION PRINCIPLES**

Fixed assets are shown at purchase cost under deduction of depreciation based on the useful life (three years).

All other assets and liabilities are shown at their nominal values.

Assets and liabilities in foreign currency are calculated at the rate at 31 December 2000. The used rates at 31 December 2000 are as follows:

1 EURO = 40,34 BEF

1 EURO = 6,56 FRF

1 EURO = 0,688 GBP

1 EURO = 2,20 NLG

1 EURO = 1,956 DEM

1 EURO = 1.936 LIT

1 EURO = 200,5 PTE

Exchange rate differences are debited or credited directly to the result.

### **PRINCIPLES OF DETERMINING RESULTS**

Taking account of the valuation principles, the result is determined as the difference between the income allocated to the year in question and the expenditure allocated to the year in question.