

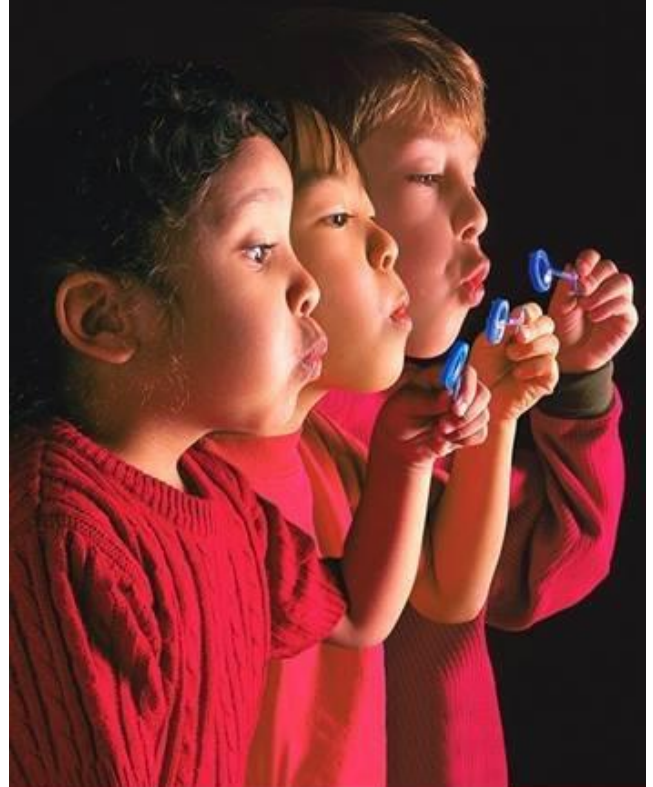
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## 70 Years International Federation of Educative Communities - FICE

“Shaping high quality child and youth care”



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It has been 70 years since FICE International was founded with the main aim to meet the needs of millions of children displaced or orphaned by World War II. Throughout its 70-year history, FICE has undergone many changes in order to reflect the changes in the field of child and youth care and to address the challenges of today's world.

Nowadays, FICE International is a network of organizations and individuals working in the field of child and youth care from more than 35 countries across 6 continents.

Members and partners from more than 25 countries gathered in Trogen, Switzerland from 4 to 7 April to celebrate the Anniversary of FICE International in the very place where it was founded - the Pestalozzi Children's Village, situated in the warm and friendly environment of the Swiss countryside.



## **Characteristics of FICE International**

**By David Lane, Honorary president of FICE**

### **Speech held at the Official opening ceremony of the 70-year Anniversary of FICE “Shaping high quality child and youth care”**

Thank you for the invitation to join in the celebrations. It is a real pleasure both to meet people who were on the Federal Council when I was a member, and to meet those who have joined since then and who are actively taking FICE forward.

Robert Soisson may have been involved with FICE longer than I have. My first FICE Congress was at Paris in 1973, where we were then celebrating FICE’s 25th anniversary. When I joined, founder members were still active, such as Dr Alexander from Great Britain and the long-term President, Louis Francois of France. In other words, I have been around FICE for 45 years, though it was the late 1980s before I joined the Federal Council, and my recent contacts have been mainly through reading the news on the computer.

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I do not propose to give a potted history of FICE; if that is what you want, I would commend the history prepared by Irene Knopfel Nobs in 1988, and Robert Shaw’s 2008 book, *Children, Families and Care – Reflections on the first sixty years of FICE*. Indeed, I would suggest that this book could usefully be brought up to date by adding a chapter or two on the events of the last decade and the ways in which caring for children and young people are changing.

What I propose to do is pick out a few characteristics of FICE, which seem to me to have permeated the work of the organisation, mainly over the five decades which I have witnessed.



## Learning

First, FICE has always offered opportunities to share ideas and to learn about the ways in which people in other countries and cultures meet the need of their children and young people.

Sometimes we can pick up ideas directly and apply them in our own countries. The new ideas may be specific types of provision for children. I recall, for example, the South African delegation introducing us to the brilliant idea of play parks, staffed by trained workers, as a way of supporting the 165,000 children who were then having to act as heads of their families when both their parents had died of AIDS.

The new ideas may concern novel theoretical approaches. I recall the problems for the interpreters at the 1973 Congress in Paris when most of continental Europe was speaking of social education or social pedagogy, and the new British approach at that time was to see residential care as a form of social work. There was no adequate language to convey the nuances of meaning of the terms we were using.

However, perhaps the most important aspect of the sharing of ideas is not the specific ideas one picks up, but the realisation that people in other countries do things differently, and that we need to continually question the validity of our own thinking. I greatly regret the lack of UK involvement in FICE: some people in England think that the country can solve its own problems, and they do not appreciate that they are wearing blinkers.

However, in terms of learning, FICE is probably of most value because of the opportunities it gives for national sections to make contacts and develop joint projects. Over the years there have been many of these, such as the creation of FICE-Europe, the Alps-Rhine Group, the French initiative CERF-FICE, which focused on research, and the many exchanges and visits to other countries by delegations of FICE members.

FICE has always emphasised learning, and if you read the history you will see frequent references to training and to courses, workshops and seminars organised by FICE-International or the National Sections. from 1951 onwards.



## Language

I mentioned problems about language in the Paris Congress. When I joined FICE everything was translated into the three official languages – French, German and English. French was the main language used in FICE in the early decades; then there was a period when German was dominant. Over time, English has gradually been used more widely. If one language is used, it certainly simplifies things and does away with the cost of interpretation, but I think that there may be losses as well. Different languages reflect different ways of thinking, and it is sometimes impossible to put an idea into another language directly without a lot of explanation.

As Julia Ward Howe put it,

*“Some hold translation not unlike to be  
The wrong side of a Turkish tapestry.”*

I have known times in FICE when translation has presented problems. I recall, when we were in Israel, meeting a group of Ethiopian Jews who had recently been dramatically evacuated to Israel. They spoke in Amharic, which was translated into Hebrew, which was then translated into English, and I tried to pass on the gist of what was being said to a French member. Whether what I told him was anything like what the Ethiopians were saying I have no idea.

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On another occasion we were planning a FICE conference in Manchester funded by the EU on services for people with learning disabilities. At that time in the UK we had just abandoned the term mental handicap, but we had problems in conveying the subject to people in other countries. In Romania the children were termed irrecuperable; in Russia they were speaking of defectology, while the Americans were talking of people being differently abled. There was no common acceptable terminology, and the words we used reflected our cultures and the stage of development of our services.



Over the years, FICE was extraordinarily fortunate to have had the support of Christine Karner and Helga Stefanov as interpreters. We could not have asked for better; with all due respect to the interpreters who assisted at other times, they were never as good as our regular team, who got to know the subject matter of FICE and how it worked really well. I think that they both attended the Federal Council meetings longer than any Council member, and their contribution was invaluable.

## **Continuity and Change**

An important feature of FICE has been its continuity despite ups and downs over the years. There are delegates, some of whom are present, who have kept on attending or maintained contact over the years, such as Robert Soisson, Rolf Widmer, Emmanuel Grupper, Thomas Machler, Toma Mares, Julia Blumenfeld, Jim Anglin, the late Carol Kelly, Richard Joubert, Martti Kemppainen, Roland Stubi, Malay Dewanji, and Bettina Terp. I should emphasise that FICE has always depended on the voluntary contributions of the people who have taken on active roles as officers or the organisers of activities, and I apologise to the dozens of individuals whose contributions I should have recognised by naming them. The continuity offered by these people has led to the building of friendships and joint working.

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It is easy for us to become absorbed in current problems, but our work today is only possible because of the achievements of those who have gone before us. We stand tall because we are on the shoulders of giants, such as Johann Pestalozzi and Janusz Korczak.

We have to acknowledge that FICE has had its difficult times, and on occasion in its history it has almost collapsed. Sometimes this has been a question of money, sometimes personal differences, and sometimes the different professional approaches taken by different countries. It is true of organisations that they grow and flourish and die away again, but in FICE's case, after difficult periods, it has always re-invented itself with a new group of people contributing to its survival and growth.



Different countries have at different times been dominant. The French played a major role in FICE's foundation and early years. When I joined the Federal Council in the late 1980s it was the Swiss under Professor Heinrich Tuggener and Franz Zusli who had brought FICE through a problematic time. More recently the Danes when Steen Lassen was President, the Dutch in Theo Binnendijk and Famke Schiff's time in office, the Austrians when Monika Niederle was President and the Bulgarians when Dashenka Tashkova have all played important parts in helping FICE develop. There are national sections which have provided consistent support over many years. Until ANCE unhappily collapsed, France was very active, and the German and Dutch sections have been consistently supportive over the decades.

Historically, FICE has been largely European, with regular Israeli and North American representation, but I am delighted to see a broadening of the membership to include representation of countries all round the world in the twenty-first century. Caring for children is a world-wide matter. As well as continuity we need change, as new ideas are introduced to address new problems.

## **Peace and Friendship**

When I joined FICE the Cold War was coming to an end; indeed, we witnessed aspects of its conclusion at Federal Council meetings in Hungary, immediately before the reunification of Germany, and in what was then Czechoslovakia.

I remember the Prague Congress in 1990 well. It was at the time of the Velvet Revolution, when the Communists had lost power. Prior to the Congress we received no information, and we were concerned as to what we would find. However, the reason was that the country was facing many problems and one was that it had run out of paper; the Congress itself was brilliantly organised by Rudolf Nechvatal and his colleagues, and proved to be one of the best. Despite all the dramatic changes at government level and in the child care services, the Czech FICE section had persisted and delivered an excellent Congress.



In the forty years between the founding of FICE and the Prague Congress FICE was one of the few organisations at which delegates from both sides of the Iron Curtain met. There were at times constraints on the delegates from Eastern Europe as political officers often accompanied them, but the links were maintained.

It was in recognition of these links that in 1987 UNESCO awarded FICE the title of Peace Messenger. I think that this was deserved, and something of which we should be proud.

Peace is not just the absence of war; it takes time and effort to create trust after conflict. From 2000 to 2006 FICE sections in former Yugoslavia, Hungary, Switzerland and the Netherlands set up a Peace Camp, later called Friendship Camps because of the friendships which they engendered, in the wake of the conflict there, in an attempt to heal the wounds. This work required real commitment, and those involved deserve recognition.

The importance of peace and friendship within FICE was summed up for me personally at the last Federal Council meeting attended by Meir Gottesmann, an outstanding Israeli child care worker, who had made his way during the Second World War to Israel on foot as a young man when his family had been deported. He spoke very movingly about FICE being the setting in which, despite the tragic loss of his family, he could become a close friend of Gerhard Haag, the German delegate,

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## **Emphasis on high quality services**

FICE has always emphasised the need for high quality services for children and young people, and I am sure it will continue to do so. What is meant by high quality does, of course, differ from one country to another and from one time to another, depending upon the economic strength of countries, their cultures, public expectations, and the development of the services.

In particular, over the years there has been much debate about residential care – whether it is good or bad, and whether it should be developed or abandoned. Going back before my time, FICE was at the forefront in the



development of self-governing communities in France, Hungary and Italy. In those days it was necessary to think in terms of large communities because of the numbers of children who needed care. The average children's home in England now has four children. Times change. In my view there is no simple answer; we need different solutions to children's problems as things develop.

FICE-International has developed a number of projects over the years, such as the Code of Ethics; I am glad to see that Emmanuel Grupper is working on producing a new version, as I think that these things become dated, and the subject is important.

There has often been a tension between the need to run FICE as an organisation, and the wish to focus on professional issues. On re-reading FICE's history it has struck me that, mainly for lack of substantial resources, we have failed when trying to set up large-scale projects for the whole organisation, such as Educateurs sans Frontières and the Professional Exchange Programme. They were both excellent ideas, but they required finance and administration, to deal with the complexity of the different systems and legislation in member countries.

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FICE has succeeded where two or more members have come together to develop joint projects. Indeed, the history records literally hundreds of conferences, seminars, exchanges, visits, activities for children, research projects, joint statements, policy drafts, bulletins, books and other publications. Over the last seven decades, FICE has had a massive impact on child care services. It has not hit the headlines, but its influence has been there.

An important factor affecting FICE is that children's services are often underfunded. People generally do not make a lot of money out of meeting children's needs, and this means that FICE too is usually short of resources for what it would like to do. Indeed, there were financial problems from the start. But with the voluntary effort of its officers and the national sections, FICE has kept going. There is a lot which it has achieved, and which in the future it can achieve.



## The Future

When FICE started, there were 20 million displaced children in Europe. Sadly, today there are children in Syria, Iraq, Myanmar and other countries where they are displaced or affected by war.

In another organisation of which I am a member we refer to extreme nursing, meaning nursing in areas of human conflict or humanitarian need, such as earthquakes or the Ebola outbreak. There will, unhappily, always be a need for extreme child care, the work with displaced and refugee children or with those with disabilities or serious social, emotional and developmental problems.

The needs will always be there: I hope that FICE continues to address these needs, despite the limits on its resources. I have been impressed by the current range of activities about which I read. Every spring and autumn I get the feeling that I should be packing my bags and heading for continental Europe, but I am content that you are all keeping up the good work, and that FICE is in good hands, and I wish you well for the future.



## **Learning from the History of FICE International**

**By Hermann Radler, President**

### **Speech held at the Official opening ceremony of the 70-year Anniversary of FICE “Shaping high quality child and youth care”**

In the middle of the Cold War and as Othmar Roden relentlessly pointed out, FICE’s greatest asset was that it – as opposed to many other organisations – had among its members several “East Bloc Countries”. They were East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Hungary. Yugoslavia, a non-aligned country, was also a member. For many of these delegates taking part at Federal Council meetings was their only opportunity to travel to “the West”, but for many westerners it was also a rare occasion to talk to someone “from the other side” or to travel to “the East” and see what the situation was like. Statements made by representatives from the East at the meetings and for the record were totally in line with official policy, pointing out repeatedly that all children in their respective countries lived in sheer paradise and were perfectly cared for by the state.

At meals, after meetings and at social events things were different. Both sides openly talked about their problems, lack of qualified staff, overcrowded huge homes, old buildings, children in care stigmatized at school, no information on the further lives of care leavers – the list was endless. It seemed to me that – leaving aside the political situation in the member countries – the professional problems “at home” were similar for all members.

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Back then FICE had four “Special Commissions”, working groups that dedicated themselves to a particular topic. One of these Commissions consisted of care workers and architects trying to work out together the perfect building plans and layouts for residential institutions.

Big institutions, in some cases with several hundred children, were still the standard. In some member countries empty castles, hospital wings, and even barracks were used for this purpose. FICE tried to come up with models for improvement.

One effect of having big children’s homes and many FC members being directors of such homes was that FC meetings were for many years held in residential care institutions, with delegates staying in staff rooms “given up” for the guests, sometimes even in the children’s rooms when they were away on camps or exchange programmes. Children usually welcomed the international guests with songs and gave them small gifts they had prepared. This was not only the case in Eastern Europe, but also, for instance, in



Switzerland. There was an ongoing discussion, though, whether this was correct and whether FC members shouldn't stay somewhere else and "not walk through the homes like walking through a zoo."

But a new trend had already begun. In 1975 at the Congress in Amsterdam "small living units" and their advantages for children and staff were described and discussed. The concept of simply providing an apartment somewhere in town and have staff and a handful of children live there "anonymously" was widely discussed for its general feasibility. As we know from current care systems the idea has been successful.

For years there had been, sometimes highly emotional, discussions, usually sparked by the French, as to whether children with disabilities would also come under the remit of FICE. In 1978 FICE took the "risk" of putting the topic of working with disabled children on the agenda of a symposium at Graz, Austria. Although the conference was later on often quoted as having been extremely successful, FICE's chief clientele remained "social orphans" as they were often referred to. There were sometimes children with disabilities among them, but their disability was not the chief reason for their being in care.

One of the key publications of FICE "The social pedagogue in Europe" (1) was compiled and published during those years. The terms "social pedagogue" or "Sozialpädagoge" in German were chosen (not to say invented) as neutral terms to solve the terminological chaos prevailing in the field.

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The early 80s brought a change at the top. A newly elected Swiss President (Heinrich Tuggener) was soon joined by a Swiss Secretary General (Franz Züsli) who was employed and paid by the Pestalozzi Foundation.

These were the years of reforms in the child care sector in many countries. There was general agreement in the profession that big institutions with hundreds of children were a thing of the past and should be replaced. Still, the process was a slow one; bureaucracy and a lack of funds worked against speedy change. It also became clear that smaller, specialised units required better trained staff – again a matter of money and also good will on the part of providers.

Among the new trends was that parents should be included in working with their children in care. Children's homes with "guest rooms" where parents could spend the weekend with their children, as in Denmark or the Netherlands, were viewed with great interest but also with doubt by some FICE members. Some doubted whether such contacts were in the best interest of the child, while others considered such methods too demanding on the staff as the parents would also require support.

There were heated debates at FC meetings trying to define FICE's role in a changing "market". On the one hand it was proudly pointed out that FICE was "the only



organisation in the world speaking up for children and workers in homes”, on the other hand homes became fewer and their reputation dwindled.

Another question was: should FICE venture into non-residential forms of care? Which effect would this have on the training of care workers? Where would funding come from?

In the early 80’s the FC had also decided, to change the English name to “Federation of Educative Communities”, following a change of the French name. A move that aggravated the identity crisis.

An attempt to come to terms with all the uncertainties was made at the Congress in Malmö and the “Malmö Declaration” was passed, laying down FICE’s position. In 1988 a history of the first 40 years of FICE was published (2) and FICE tried to define its identity and the way forward at the Jubilee Congress in Switzerland in the same year.

The conference proceedings were presented as a showcase of FICE’s work. Soon afterwards “Residential Child Care” – An International Reader”, edited by Meir Gottesmann from Israel was issued by FICE in association with the British Social Care Association (3) as an attempt on sizing up the professional situation in 22 countries.

“Training” was seen as the key concept for the future and several meetings, in particular one in Hadassah Neurim in Israel, were devoted to this topic. David Lane from the UK recognized the importance of a code of ethics for the profession and among other documents worked out such a code which is still in use.

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The times of inner uncertainty were paralleled by unimagined political changes in Europe. The fall of the Iron Curtain came widely unexpected and its effects touched FICE like so many people, organisations, and institutions not only in central and eastern Europe but in fact throughout the world. In autumn 1989 the FC met in Budapest. While we were there streets were renamed and we watched the names of Communist leaders being taken down and replaced by new names. Prague had been chosen as the venue for the 1990 FICE Congress several years before. Now participants came to see the “new” Prague, to openly exchange views and experience with colleagues from “the East” for the first time, and to discuss with other professionals what the role and standing of (residential) care would be in this new world. Representatives of the FC were invited to a personal meeting with Vaclav Havel the meanwhile legendary president; a most memorable experience for the participants and an act of recognition for FICE.

In 1988 Steen Lassen, from Denmark, was elected President and in 1992 Franz Züsli stepped down as Secretary General and was succeeded by Thomas Mächler, a dynamic, young professional on the staff of the Pestalozzi Foundation.



The congresses in Luxemburg 1992 and in Milwaukee 1994 drew a number of participants from the new countries who enjoyed their freedom to travel but also the freedom to mingle with colleagues and share ideas and visions.

Interest in FICE grew in what used to be called “the East”. Some of the former elderly government employees disappeared and were replaced by young ambitious people who often saw FICE as a launch pad for an international career. This meant that suddenly there were people in FICE who were not necessarily child care workers but lawyers, psychologists, or others trying to fill the vacuum in a field which after the end of communism needed to completely reinvent itself.

They contributed important impulses, e.g. relating to children’s rights following the passing of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. But they soon moved on, realizing that FICE couldn’t do for them what they had expected.

What FICE could and did do was to provide know-how and support to colleagues and decision-makers in the newly emerging child care systems. Staff training seminars were held, children and staff exchange programmes launched; some members engaged in direct advice giving to ministries, others helped with professional literature and by simply “being there”. In my eyes this extremely valuable work went largely unaccounted – people were too busy working and had no time to write or talk about what they were doing. Much of it took place on the bilateral level and remained something seen as the work of national sections or individual professionals rather than of FICE International.

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The approach in most cases was to be careful not to superimpose “our” system on “theirs”, but to make sure that something new was created in true partnership and cooperation.

Amidst these efforts to reposition the organisation in a world where residential care was often considered a thing of the past, FICE was suddenly reminded of its roots. It had been founded after WW II to help war orphans and children traumatised by war. In the mid-nineties the war in former Yugoslavia, in particular in Bosnia and later in Kosovo, left the rest of Europe overwhelmed with the problems in the aftermath of the fighting. FICE realized that education for tolerance and peace was a crucial factor in caring for these children and giving them a future and that this was something it could provide.

The Swiss and Dutch sections took the lead and first held Peace Camps outside Yugoslavia, but in the following years in different parts of the former Yugoslavia that had meanwhile become independent countries. The peace camps, accompanied by expert seminars, were renamed “friendship camps” and the newly founded sections in south east Europe took over the organisation of these highly successful events. Finally, FICE held its Congress 2006 in Sarajevo; it was devoted to helping children overcome trauma and prepared the ground for professional help for many children in that part of the world.



The International Congresses 2010 in Cape Town, 2013 in Bern and 2016 in Vienna opened up many new perspectives to participants, and brought contacts with courageous, inspired colleagues from Africa, the Latin Americas, Asia and also the Arab countries, and with new networks based on innovative methods and strong beliefs.

In all its efforts, involving projects, publishing or training, FICE appears to be constantly searching for its identity, for its place in the concert of international organizations. When reference is made to “children’s homes” in the media today it’s tragically almost only with reference to the cases of abuse that have recently become public, the claims for damages, and the search for the culprits. The public image of “children’s homes” has never been good, but in my eyes, it has deteriorated even further over the past few years.

Another factor depreciating the work with children in institutions is the ongoing economic crisis. It’s definitely cheaper for governments to place children with foster families or leave them with their original families and provide some outside support, than to place them in residential homes. Considering the public opinion on the matter, politicians can only win, if on the one hand they save money and on the other “save” children from a life “in residence”.

It will probably take some time for the pendulum to swing back in the other direction and make us realize, that traumatized children, survivors of sometimes unimaginable violence and neglect, need well-trained, professional care workers to come to terms with their past, no matter how caring and well-meaning some foster parents may be. But, as already mentioned, it’s also a financial question and sadly enough, children in need aren’t society’s highest priority when it comes to spending money.

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So FICE International will stand in the future for a high quality professional care of children at risk and in need. And this even when the wind is blowing hard against our faces. But looking around in the world there are not so much organizations who have a high quality care on their agenda. Let’s go on for the next 70 years and find the pearls in our heritage and cumulate the enormous mass of knowledge stored in our archives and brains for a better world. A better world for those children who has no lobby and are endangered to be a match ball for politicians and societies.

Before I end I want to say that this speech is based on the wonderful work of Helga Stefanov who has worked as an interpreter for FICE since 1973 and she has therefore had an unparalleled view of the discussions and developments in international child care, but especially in Europe, over nearly forty years. Until her recent retirement she was a Professor in the Department of Social Work at FH Campus Wien – University of Applied Sciences, in Vienna, where she taught on Intercultural Communication, Comparative Social Work, Social Work. She was also coordinator and evaluator of several European projects.



Let me also say thank you to all the wonderful presidents, board members and members of National section who contributed in the last 70 years to FICE International.

And a big thank to all our partners who worked and supported us in the recent years.

And a special thank to Pestalozzi villages and FICE Switzerland for organizing this wonderful event.

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## FICE African Network

National chapters participating in FICE Africa	<p>Active participants in the FICE Africa are: Zambia, Kenya, South Africa and Lesotho</p> <p>The following countries have not been participating regularly: Ghana, West Africa and Ethiopia.</p>
Meetings and conferences held	<p>FICE Africa held two face to face meetings in 2017 in Johannesburg in South Africa in February and in Kimberly during the FICE South Africa conference.</p> <p>The meeting held in 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 was financially supported by FICE International and the following delegation were able to attend: Zambia, Lesotho, Kenya and South Africa.</p> <p>The second meeting was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 during the FICE Africa (NACCW) 21<sup>st</sup> biennial conference held in Kimberly attended by delegation from Kenya, Zambia, Ghana, Lebanon, Lesotho, South Africa and FICE International represented by the FICE International President Mr Hermann Radler.</p>
Associations	<p>The importance of professional associations for child and youth care workers was discussed at the meeting held during FICE South Africa (NACCW) conference in July 2017. Financial support was requested from FICE International and UNICEF South Africa for the development of founding documents and guidelines to establish an association and received an indication that such will be considered.</p> <p>So far the following countries that have established and registered professional associations are: South Africa, Zambia and Kenya. Lesotho is in the process of establishing its own. FICE South Africa has committed to supporting any national chapter interested in starting an association.</p>
Projects	<p>South Africa continues to share its knowledge and skills with other countries. The Safe Park program was replicated in Zambia and Kenya. West Africa has shown interest too and Lebanon through the Himaya organization with the support of Rolf Widmer from FICE International have established Safe Parks as well.</p> <p>FICE-Kenya has established a fully fledged Youth Friendly Centre where biomedical services are offered within a youthful atmosphere.</p>
Documents to support the work of FICE Africa	<p>FICE Africa has revised the Marketing document providing further clarity to the vision, objectives, activities and benefits of national chapters who are members of FICE Africa.</p> <p>Fundraising concept paper has been developed and approved. It is</p>



	now ready to be used to source projects funding.
International activities undertaken	<p>Attendance at FICE International Federal Council and conference held in Kenya – Kisumu in February 2017.</p> <p>Delegates from the different national chapters attended the 21<sup>st</sup> FICE Africa (NACCW) biennial conference in South Africa – Kimberly in July 2017.</p> <p>FICE Africa was represented at the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference held in Hungary in Esztergom in September.</p>



## FICE Europe Network

### National sections participating in FICE Europe Network:

FICE Austria, FICE Bosnia and Herzegovina, FICE Bulgaria, FICE Croatia, FICE Denmark, FICE Finland, FICE Germany, FICE Israel, FICE Macedonia, FICE Luxembourg, FICE Netherlands, FICE Romania, FICE Switzerland, FICE Serbia, FICE Spain, FICE Hungary, NENESZ Hungary.

### Meetings and conferences held:

The board met three times: in April in Trogen, in July in Frankfurt a.M. and in October in Bucharest. In addition to the ongoing business, a questionnaire was designed to inquire regarding the current situation and the needs of the member sections. The results will be presented and discussed at the General Assembly in April 2019 in Bucharest.

The ordinary General Assembly 2018 was planned in the fall of 2018, in conjunction with a convention in Birmingham. Due to insufficient registrations the congress had to be canceled and the General Assembly had to be postponed to April 2019.

### Projects and campaigns:

*FICE Europe is part of the Opening Doors Campaign.*

The main goals achieved within Opening Doors campaign, have been the advocacy made related the Multiannual financial funds that means the operative fund programmes for the next period 2021-2026.

The main source which has been worked out was the European Social Funds, % reduction de poverty and social inclusion from 20% to 27%, 2% for capacity building and the new presence of Child guarantee programme with 5,9 billions allocated on it. This is the core point.

It was agreed that the campaign will run until end of 2019 and focus primarily on influencing the EU's next Multi-annual Financial Framework.

Excerpts from the OD- Report:

*"In February 2018, Members of the OD CT, CT+ and SC (Reka, Katerina, Mani, Michela, Olgica and Radostina) participated in the ESF Conference "Investing in People- the Way forward" in Sofia. For this event, we launched our 3rd Call for Action – the Recommendations to the European Union on the post 2020 MFF*

[https://www.openingdoors.eu/wpcontent/uploads/2018/02/OD\\_recommendations\\_201802](https://www.openingdoors.eu/wpcontent/uploads/2018/02/OD_recommendations_201802)



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*Recommendations this time were detailed and this set of recommendations served as a basis for the OD Publication “Maintain, Strengthen, Expand: How the EU can support the transition from institutional to family and community based care in the next MFF”. During the same event, the EEG position paper on post 2020 was launched. Opening Doors also contributed in this paper.*

<https://deinstitutionalisation.com/2018/02/14/eeg-position-paper-on-the-funding-of-the-european-union-eu-post-2020/>

*In March 2018 the European Commission event and Opening Doors meetings in March focused on the next MFF.”*

Outcomes of the campaign for the next MFF (2021-2027) regarding European Social Funds +

- The transition from institutional to family and community based care is maintained.
- The 20% of ESF+ for social inclusion has been increased to 27%
- 2% for capacity building for Civil Society Organizations and social partners has been added under the article on partnership principle
- 5,9 billion has been proposed to be allocated for child guarantee

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The Opening Doors Campaign will be finished 2019 with a final event of the campaign. Due to the European Parliament Elections in May, we have to wait for further decisions on the Social field and the field of Children’ care in Europe until the end of 2019/beginning of 2020.

### **Collaboration with other organizations:**

FICE Europe Network established a partnership with the European Social Network (ESN).

FICE Europe is involved in the European Observatory for good practices “PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”, organized by ENSACT (European Network for Social Action) and partners.

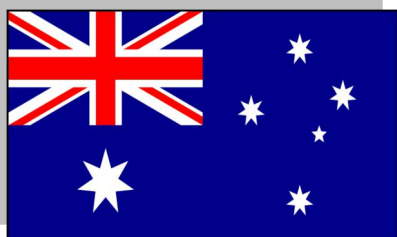
### **Upcoming events:**

A General Assembly of FICE Europe Network will be held in Bucharest, 12th April 2019 with the elections of the president, the board members and the invoice auditors. In the beginning of 2018 Gitta Griffioen, President of FICE Europe Network resigned from her position as president due to personal issues.

In 2018, four board members had to resign for personal reasons. We would like to thank them at this point for their great commitment.



## Reports of the National Sections



*FICE Australia - Full member*  
*President: Dr. Jennifer Brooker*  
*Members: 2*  
*New members: 0*

Both members were part of the FICE Academy working group.



*FICE Austria - Full member*

*President: Christian Posch and Bettina Terp*

*Members: 14*

*New members - 1*

### Projects realized:

- **Leaving Care – An Integrated Approach to Capacity Building of Professionals and Young People**

The project is carried out in cooperation with the national organizations of SOS Children's Villages in Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Italy and Romania - as well as FICE Austria and FONPC Romania – and aims to train care professionals in how to apply a child rights-based approach in their work with young people leaving care and works to strengthen support networks for young care leavers.

Local ownership and sustainability of the project's impact after 2020 is ensured through National Steering Groups in each country. Youth participation is central and integral to all project activities.

National Youth Expert Groups (YEGs) have been organised in each of the implementing project countries. The young people with alternative care experience form part of the national and project steering group, informed the scoping report by conducting peer-to-peer interviews and co-facilitate the trainings to ensure their perspective is recognized and their needs are addressed. The trainings will reach 400 care professionals, 45 of whom in Austria.

Furthermore, the Online platform "Youthlink" has been launched, which gives Care Leavers the opportunity to interact with care professionals and corporate volunteers who function as mentors. On the one hand, Youthlink will help the young people with a better integration into the job market and on the other hand to cope with the challenging situations they are facing in everyday life after leaving care, ranging from access to first housing, to bureaucracies and psychosocial support.

Finally, national policy recommendations and Sustainability Roadmaps will be developed.

Lead organization is SOS Children's Villages International and this project is co-funded by Rights, Equality and Citizenship (REC) Programme of the European Union.

- **FORUM – Foster care for unaccompanied migrant children**

The Project Forum aims to promote and optimize foster care for unaccompanied migrant children (UAMC) in Europe through three channels.

1. Advocate at local, national and European level for foster care services development. Which was done through the dissemination of information and a national conference.

2. Transfer specific knowledge from more experienced partners to the less experienced ones. An interdisciplinary group of experts produced a training package which referred to questionnaires answered in every country and set out national standards for Unaccompanied Migrant Children foster care which are now adapted to the national context.



3. Provide new tools and fresh knowledge on Unaccompanied Migrant Children foster care services to professionals of the project target countries. These trainings and knowledge sharing sessions will be held in the next months.

Leading organization: FADV - Fondazione L'Albero della Vita Onlus

Project partners in target countries: ACCEM (ES), Organization for Aid to Refugees - OPU (CZ), Family, Child, Youth Association - FCYA (H), FICE Austria (A) and Slovenska Filantropja (SLO).

Expert partners: CORAM (UK), Fondazione ISMU (It), EUROCHILD is an advocacy network of organizations who promote the well-being of children.

#### • **CareLeaving Dialog**

The EU project "CareLeaving Dialog" is an Erasmus+ project in the category "Structured Dialogue".

The leading organization is FICE Austria, project partners are the BJV; Federal Youth Council - Coordination Office for Youth Dialogue and the DÖJ, umbrella organization of Austrian child and youth welfare institutions.

In this project adolescent and young adult "Care Leavers" are empowered to evaluate their own situation, opinions and wishes with regard to their transition into a socially and professionally integrated and independent life. Based on the needs and the necessary support, the young people develop proposals for solutions and demands and discussed these in direct dialogue with experts and political decision-makers. The dialogue process was prepared and organized with the Care Leavers at state and federal level. In the 1st part there were three participation workshops held in Innsbruck, Klagenfurt and Tulln. Afterwards the country dialogues took place and in the "result-workshop", the experiences were collected and universal demands to the government as well as a brochure for the presentation of these were elaborated.

At the final conference of the project, the Care Leavers were once again able to enter into dialogue with the relevant decision-makers from politics and the professional world with their concrete demands and suggestions. In addition, experts and care leavers from Germany and the Netherlands were invited to present and discuss best practices from the EU region.

Additionally, the young people took part in a Media-Workshop and created poems and pictures to reflect their situation and demands, which was exhibited in the House of the European Union and shown to the politicians and participants during conference.

#### • **"New ways of learning for Care Leavers through short term volunteering"**

The European Voluntary Service offers young adults the opportunity to work for a certain period in a social organisation in another European country.

FICE Austria is particularly keen to offer Care Leavers - young adults who have grown up in alternative care homes or foster families and are now in transition to an independent life - these important opportunities of learning and gaining new experiences.

With the project "New ways of learning for Care Leavers through short term volunteering", FICE Austria, together with its Latvian partner organisation Jaunatne Par, has created this opportunity especially for young adults who have lived in out of home care. With the support of reinforced mentoring both from Austria for adequate preparation, support and follow-up as well as locally by a constant reference person, the young people have successfully completed their one-month volunteer assignment in Cesis, Latvia.



According to the reports of the participants, the experiences of the young people were extremely positive and formative. The cultural exchange, the breaking down of language barriers and the independent involvement in the projects led to a significant strengthening of self-esteem and self-confidence. Especially the teaching in the state penitentiary for adolescents required the assumption of special responsibility and created a new perspective and appreciation of one's own situation. We recommend all organisations working with Care Leavers to promote their participation in EVS projects and other Erasmus+ youth exchange programmes and thank the Austrian National Agency for their generous support in financing this project!

For more information in German, see: <https://www.fice.at/new-ways-of-learning>

Or contact [office@fice.at](mailto:office@fice.at)

- **Quality Standards for alternative care settings in Austria**

In autumn 2017, FICE Austria initiated a cooperative process for the development of quality standards for professional alternative care settings in Austria. 19 organizations working in the field of alternative care participated in that joint process. The project, which was co-funded by the Austrian Fonds Healthy Austria (Fonds Gesundes Österreich), resulted in the publication of a quality standards handbook in May 2019.

The publication presents quality standards for different areas and processes of the clearing and care for children and adolescents in professional alternative care settings ("social-pedagogic group homes"). The standards were defined and formulated from a pedagogical perspective and aim to ensure the best possible care for children and adolescents within this child protection setting - precisely fitting, transparent and comparable across Austria.

In terms of content, the quality standards focus on the process level. Thus, they put the focus on the specific support and care processes provided by specialists in child and youth welfare as well as in alternative care facilities. The total of 66 quality standards are assigned to 11 topic areas (as clearing and help planning, admission process, participation and protection in the group home, participation of parents and relevant other care persons of the child, health promotion, education and care leaving processes etc.). For each of these areas, the publication presents professional introduction, essential professional attitudes, central legal framework conditions, the developed quality standards and the specialist literature used.

The standards offer child care experts in social-pedagogic group homes a framework for quality development and self-assessment. In addition, they can be used as a set of verifiable aims and criteria that allow controlling bodies to assess the quality of the services. As these standards are (so far) a non-binding instrument, their implementation depends in the first instance on the shared commitment of private organizations, controlling bodies and child protection services.

For the first time the standards were presented to a professional audience in May 2019, hosted by the Austrian Ombuds Board (Volksanwaltschaft) in Vienna. Further conferences are planned in five state capitals of Austria: Innsbruck (26th of September), Salzburg (11th of November), Bregenz (12th of November), St. Pölten (18th of November) and Klagenfurt (28th of November).

The publication can be ordered under: [bestellung@fice.at](mailto:bestellung@fice.at) at a price of € 19.90 plus shipping.



#### **Other activities:**

**Opening Doors Campaign II:** Since 2016, FICE Austria is national coordinator of the Campaign "Opening Doors for Europe's Children". The priorities for Austria in the frame of the Campaign are (1) Quality standards assurance in alternative care, (2) Improving the situation of placement of unaccompanied migrant minors and (3) Professionalization of foster parents.

In the frame of the Campaign FICE Austria established a working group on quality in alternative care. This working group was the starting point for the above mentioned project on the development of quality criteria for alternative care in Austria.

In 2018 FICE Austria has provided all relevant information for the Country Fact Sheet for Austria, implemented advocacy work in line with the campaign and attended several Webinar Meetings with Eurochild.

#### **Participation in events:**

- Attendance at the Conference "Child Friendly Justice and Integrated Child Protection Systems - Lessons Learned from EU projects organized by the European Commission (Maximilian Ullrich)
- Attendance at the Social pedagogical Symposia "Leaving Care. And what next" organized by the Alpe Adria University of Klagenfurt and SOS Kinderdorf AT (Maximilian Ullrich + Gabriel Hangel)
- Attendance at WORLD CAFÉ - Current Challenges in Child and Youth welfare "AKTUELLE HERAUSFORDERUNGEN DER KINDER- UND JUGENDHILFE" organized by the National Coalition for the Implementation of the UN CRC – Austria (Roger Winandy)



***FICE Bulgaria - Full member***

***President: Dashenka Kraveva***

***Members: 48***

***New members: 0***

### **Projects realized:**

- Project "Equal Opportunity for the Children of Vratsa" was aimed at introducing the innovative REMELKA methodology into the daily work of teachers in the process of inclusive education of children with special educational needs and educational difficulties in schools and kindergartens in the municipality of Vratsa. The main objective of the project was to support the process of inclusive education of children with special educational needs and to increase their skills in the field of social competence - communication and dealing with numbers and units by introducing the innovative methodology REMELKA. Through the implementation of the project activities, the professional competences of 16 teachers from the schools and kindergartens in Vratsa municipality were enhanced.
- Project „Developing Centers for Children’s Rights for Children in Conflict and in Contact with the Law”, funded By Velux Foundation, in the framework of which FICE-Bulgaria opened a child rights center in the town of Vratsa. The service started working with clients at the beginning of April 2017. The team of the center consists of a social worker, psychologist and legal advisor.
- Project “CYCLES - Child and Youth Caretakers Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship Skills”, FICE Bulgaria is a partner in project “CYCLES” under the “Erasmus+” Program. The leading partner is FH JOANNEUM (University for applied sciences, Graz, Austria), and among other partners are: IKJ (Germany), Groupe SOS Jeunesse (France), Therapeutic Communities (Austria), Fundacja Samodzielni Robinsonowie (Poland). The project aims at improving the knowledge and abilities of professionals, working with children and youth in the area of finance and entrepreneurship. As a result of this, the professionals will be able to transfer this knowledge and skills to children and young people they work with and to prepare them for independent life. The main output which will be developed during the project is the training program. It will consist of 6 modules. The members of the consortium will work together for its creation by sharing the specific experience in the field.
- Project “You have the right to live without violence!” was realized in 2018 with the financial support of the Bulgarian women’s fund on the territory of the municipality of Vratsa. The project was aimed at providing psychological support and legal assistance to women and girls who have experienced domestic violence. The main activities included consultations, providing information, counselling.
- Project “Development of programmes for prevention of violence”. The project aims to develop programmes for prevention of violence in school and kindergartens for training children, parents and teachers. The project was realized in partnership with “Gender education, research and technologies” Foundation. It was funded by the National Network for children.
- FICE Bulgaria implemented project “U.P.G.R.A.D.E. – United professionals for generating resources for adults delivering education”, №KA104/AE-38/07.11.2017, funded by the Erasmus + Program of the EC, in partnership with the Therapeutic Communities, Austria( Bundesverband Therapeutischen



Gemeinschaften). The aim of the project was to increase the capacity of FICE Bulgaria for providing high quality trainings for professionals working with children in residential care, especially children who have had traumatic experiences.

The specific objectives of the project included:

1. Increasing the competencies of the trainers of FICE-Bulgaria in order to increase the quality of teaching and satisfying the educational needs of the specialists in the field of education and social work.
2. Improving the language skills of trainers.
3. Achieving a higher level of internationalization of FICE-Bulgaria.

Two mobilities of child and youth care professionals were realized. The first one took place from 24 to 30 June in Vienna, Austria. 8 Bulgarian child and youth care professionals were trained on "Trauma Pedagogy. Theory and Practice" by Hermann Radler.

The second mobility was realized from 26 August to 1 September. The 8 Bulgarian professionals were trained on "Methods and techniques for training adults, providing social services for children who have experienced trauma".

#### **Other activities:**

In 2018 several trainings for child and youth care professionals were held. A total of 144 specialists participated in the trainings. The supervisors of the association carried out more than 200 supervisions of professionals from various social services: both residential and consultative. Hermann Radler, was a guest-trainer on the topics: "Sexual Pedagogy", "Trauma Pedagogy", "Broken Windows Theory".

Parenting Capacity Assessment Tool was developed and professionals were trained how to use it.

#### **Participation in events:**

Annual Meeting of National Network for Children, meetings of "Childhood 2025" Coalition, working groups and meetings with UNICEF, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, State Agency for Child Protection, Agency for Social Assistance in connection with current events related to provision of social services and work with vulnerable groups.

In 2018 FICE International celebrated its 70th Anniversary in Trogen, Switzerland - the place where it was founded under the auspices of UNESCO. The event combined a Federal Council meeting of FICE and a professional conference on the topic "Shaping high quality child and youth care". The event was attended by more than 50 participants from 15 different countries. FICE-Bulgaria was represented by Dashenka Kraveva and Katerina Ivanova.



*FICE Croatia - Associated member*

*President: Ljiljana Ban*

*Members: 9*

#### **Projects realized:**

- LeaveCare-LiveLife – Building the European Care Leavers Network for youngsters leaving foster and residential care and actively living and participating in life, is a European project within the Erasmus + KA2 Partnerships Strategic, Youth, call 2017.

LeaveCare-LiveLife, which targets young people leaving care (in communities, group homes and foster care), intends to create a space for their participation and active citizenship (the Care Leavers European Network), so that they become protagonists of exchange and reflection activities and propose suggestions and ideas to improve policies for the extra-family reception and the actions needed to support the youth during the delicate phase of “exit” from care system.

The goal is to give young care leavers more tools to better face the future independent life.

- Opening doors campaign - continued since 2016.

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#### **Public events:**

Presentation of the organisation on the Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences. The organisation and the work was presented to students, Austrian guests and other colleagues.

#### **Participation in events:**

FICE Croatia was represented at:

- Opening of the first house for Care leavers in Croatia.
- Round table of the World Bank on DI in Croatia.



*FICE Czech Republic - Full member*  
*President: PaedDr. Bc. Jana Koubová*  
*Members: 180*  
*New members: 6*

**Projects realized:**

Started participation in project “Persist” dealing with preparation of youth to leave institutional care.

**Public events:**

Organized two educational conferences.

**Participation in events:**

Cooperation with department of education focused on care of children outside of family



*FICE Finland (Central Union for Child Welfare (CUCW) - Full member*

*Chairman of the Board: Professor Pentti Arajärvi*

*Members: 135 (96 NGOs and 39 municipalities or federations of municipalities)*

*New members: 3*

### Projects realized:

Coordinated two grant programmes funded by STEA (Funding Centre for Social Welfare and Health Organisations):

- 1) Coordination programme Kaikille eväät elämään ("Opportunities in life for everyone", 2017–2020) includes 23 programmes of NGOs working with children and families. The aim is to promote equal opportunities for children and families, to reduce inequality and to prevent over generational exclusion.
- 2) Perheet keskiöön! ("Families to the centre!", 2018–2020) is the coordination programme for 54 NGOs. It aims to link the support activities and services organized by NGOs to the family centres around the country. The programme supports local development work with six NGO county agents.

CUCW coordinated the national network on the communication of children's rights. The main responsibilities of this network include the compilation of up-to-date information about children's right on the lapsenoikeudet.fi website, coordination of communications regarding children's rights, sharing knowledge of children's rights through campaigns as well as planning and organising the Children's Rights Week events.

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CUCW was a co-partner in many other projects such as a project Social Investment Bond (SIB) for children, youth and families and a project Growing up in the digital age – perspectives on data protection and children's rights (2017–2018).

### Public events:

Two main national child welfare seminars gathered altogether about 1700 participants. As part of them, CUCW organized workshops for young people as well as two experience libraries in which young experts by experience were borrowable books.

Held other national and international seminars and trainings on various issues related to child and family policy and child welfare together with other NGO's, public authorities and other networks. Coordination programmes organized seminars and network meetings.

Organized programme in cooperation with our member organizations in SuomiAreena which is a public debate forum held in July in Pori.

### Other activities:



According to the ongoing strategic plan (2018–2021), the activities of CUCW focused on key thematic target areas (reduction of inequality, children’s rights, child focused child and family policy, participation of children and young people and effectiveness of child welfare).

*Advocacy work:*

Made over 25 statements, comments and motions and several public hearings on draft laws, committee reports and memoranda, international conventions etc. related to children’s rights and child welfare.

Was represented in about 80 bodies, committees, steering groups, expert groups and networks set up by public authorities, NGO’s and other networks (both national and international).

Organized and participated in round table discussions.

Realized three consultative committees and two other committees.

Staff members held over 90 presentations and speeches in various events.

Prepared a target programme and coordinated an advocacy campaign of NGOs for the Parliamentary Elections (to be held in April 2019).

*Communication:*

CUCW carried out surveys, published 6 reports, several articles and other writings.

Published a magazine “Child’s World” (11 numbers) and maintained related webpage [lapsenmaailma.fi](http://lapsenmaailma.fi).

Published 4 member bulletins (about 200 subscribers), press releases, blog posts, videos, animations and other visualizations. Sent altogether 80 newsletters.

Maintained webpages including [www.lastensuojelu.info](http://www.lastensuojelu.info) (information about Finnish child welfare in 11 languages).

Realized a national campaign “Bring Your Child to Work Day” together with the Finnish Ombudsman for Children and the Ministry of Employment and Economy of Finland (<http://www.lapsimukaantoihin.fi/in-english/>)

**Participation in events:**

CUCW is member of 8 national and 5 international organizations. Staff members participated in seminars, working groups and other activities organized by them and other bodies as well as held several presentations. CUCW participated in the Nordic Child Welfare Conference held in Reykjavik in September.



*FICE Germany- Internationale Gesellschaft für erzieherische Hilfen (IGfH)- Full member*

*President: Dr. Hans Ullrich Krause*

*General Manager: Josef Koch*

*Members: 1450*

*New members: 64*

#### **Projects realized:**

- Development of new project idea and grant application for future outlooks on residential care
- Coordination and sponsoring of the founding process of the association "Bundesforum Vormundschaft und Pflegschaft", a nationwide association in the context of tutelage/fosterage and guardianship
- Project „Well accompanied into adulthood“ focussing on Care Leaver and transitions from out-of-home care into adulthood. Research on Care Leaver's needs, advice and manifold materials for professional's use, publication of studies and brochures. Special focus on homelessness and young adults.
- Care Leaving Statistics: Statistics and numbers on Care Leavers in Germany are underdeveloped. The aim of this project is to improve the nationwide statistics concerning the situation and needs of young adults leaving care.
- Dialogue Forum "Foster(Child)Care" - association for exchange and expert rounds including former addressees to show research and legal demands for action and deficits, to improve qualification of professionals, to raise quality and to further develop foster care for children in the German context. Publication of brochures and guidancies with special foci on migration and diversity, (dis-)ability and inclusive foster care.
- Publication of member's research and book projects: legal guide/handbook on children's and young people's rights in child and youth and residential care specially designed for young people
- Book publications on practical pedagogical methods and empirical studies, such as a study on children's and young people's everyday life experiences in residential care and opportunities for participation

#### **Public events:**

26.11.2018: "Together we're helpful?!" Chances, risks and side effects of cooperations between child and youth care and the health system

08.11.2018: National Conference of our expert's group on "Day Care" with more than 400 participants



26.09.2018: Expert's conference on Care Leaver: Good cooperations between Job Centers and Youth

12.09.2018: Conference on socio-pedagogical diagnosis referring to family systems: towards an inclusive approach

16.05.2018: Conference on current reformation process on Germany's children and youth law/act towards more inclusion and participation

19.04.2018: Federal Conference on on-call/emergency foster care

**Other activities:**

- Advanced education for professionals in child and youth care
- Educational Trip to Ireland/Dublin with a focus on feminist social work
- Research Colloquium for new and innovative research projects in the field of child and youth care
- FICE Board Meeting in Frankfurt am Main

**Participation in events:**

- FICE conference in Trogen
- Hosting FICE Board
- National Anniversary Conference of the German youth and child care associations


***FICE India - Full member***
***President/Chairperson/Director: Malay Dewanji, Hony. General Secretary, Liberal Association for Movement of People(LAMP)***
***Members: 27 organizations***
***New members: 9***
**Major Activities undertaken during the year - 2018 :**

Several socio-cultural action programmes have been specially designed for the identified 2,520 children at risk ( Street and Working Children, Children of Leprosy-sufferers, Commercial Sex Workers, HIV/AIDS infected persons and Prisoners etc, ) . These programmes have been specially organized for the deprived children to meet their own socio-cultural and education needs and also to develop the children's leadership. The target children are provided with bridge education, residential care, vocational training and advocacy, awareness generation for their mainstreaming into the civil society.

a. Open Shelter for boys and girls at risk : Three member organizations of the FICE India – LAMP, GUP and GPFSC have been successfully running four Open Shelters for Boys and Girls at Kolkata and Siliguri, with the financial support of the Govt. of India and the State Govt of West Bengal. LAMP has been successful to run two “Open Shelters” for 25 boys in each centre- Surya Sen Street, Kolkata and Ward No. 5, Siliguri town; GUP(Gana Unnayan Parshad) Has been successfully running one “Open Shelter for 30 boys at risk, at Kasba, Kolkata, and GPFSC(Gandhi Peace Foundation South Calcutta) has been successfully running one Open Shelter for 30 girls, at West Chowbaga, Kolkata-700105.

Besides, each Open Shelter is supported by three Contact Points covering with about 100 children(Both boys and girls) at risk. Thus about 500 children at risk are supported by 3 member organizations of the FICE India. LAMP under the leadership of the FICE-India, has been exploring the possibilities of extending sponsorship support towards about 200 street children, by motivating different member units of the FICE International.

b. Sports for children: Education center level sports have been organized in every year for all children coming to total education centers(TECs). Prizes for successful children and individual consolation prizes for every participant have been arranged from organization. Successful children from TEC level sports have represented their concerned TEC in the Central level sports.

c. Excursion programme: This programme has been arranged for selected 99 children at risk, from different centers only after having written permission of their parents or legal guardians. Organizing once in a year, children have participated spontaneously and they all have enjoyed the day long trip to nearby location- Canning,, South 24 Pgs.

d. Day observation: Important national and international days have been observed through organizing meetings on the relevant issues such as National Children's Day, National Literacy Day, International Women's Day, Indian Independence Day, National Teachers' Day etc. These meetings have been organized to make community people aware specially reaching out to deprived children in every corner.

e. Sit & Draw competition: These programmes have been specially organized for the children of all the “Total Education Center(s)”. As a part of organizing special days these programmes have been organized



for them. Necessary drawing materials like-drawing sheets, pencils, erasers, crayons have been supplied by the FICE-India . Drawing materials have been given to the children at risk as gift.

f. Awareness generation programme on Elimination of Child Labour: This was held at the Sevashree Hall,, Kolkata -700009, in collaboration with Liberal Association for Movement of People (LAMP) and the FICE-India. The main objective of the programme was to create mass awareness on ill effects of joining work force at early childhood stage thereby elimination of child labour.

The programme was started at around 12-00 noon, with a sit & draw competition for the children who previously joined in work force, now studying at different child labour elimination schools. The main participants of the programme were 225 children and the concerned child welfare activists.

g. Vocational training for youths(18-35 years) at risk: Several vocational training programmes on different trades like Tailoring and Knitting, Beauty and Fashion Design, Driving, Computer basics, Computer Hardware, Computer Accounting(Tally), Mobile phone repairing , Nursing and Home Care etc. have been successfully organized by the LAMP and its associate organizations, at Kolkata, Chennai and Bengaluru cities, under the guidance of the FICE-India and 918 poor youths have been benefitted in the year-2018. Moreover, entrepreneurship development and personality grooming programme have been successfully undertaken for all these youths at risk.

h. Residential School-Hostels Programme for the deprived children : Three hundreds children of three residential school-hostels ( Cossimbazar School, Haranath School and Saheed Smriti Mandir ), run with the support of the both Union and West Bengal State Governments, under the scheme - Sarva Siksha Mission, are being benefitted by full time education and full Meals and all other needs, which are run by two important FICE-India member organizations namely – LAMP and GUP, in the north and south Kolkata within the area of Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

i. Child Rights & Library Development programme: The children leaders of the Shishu Jagat have been successfully running their small library(s) in Kolkata city. This library was set up for street and working children and children at risk with the assistance of the Hong Kong University and its students in 2007. Members of Shishu Jagat use libraries for their better education and up gradation of general knowledge etc.

It is now planned by the LAMP to start a Child Counselling and Guidance Centre at its Central office – Kolkata. Moreover, a “Research Fellowship Programme” is started from 1st July, 2018, at Kolkata for the Indian and International students at Master Degree level. A very nominal charge( EURO 5.00 for both boarding and lodging ) is to be paid by each student for undertaking research activities. 3 Indian Universities and 5 national level NGOs have been actively participating in this programme. We are now going to invite International Universities and NGOs to participate in our programme. .

Publication of Wall Magazine(s):

Children of Shishu Jagat of all TECs run by its network member organisations across the country are encouraged to bring out ‘Wall Magazine’ in their respective schools/education centres. These wall magazines give ample opportunities to these children at risk to express their opinions and aspirations on any subjects or issues they face by posting their articles, poem, drawings and other such compositions to share with each other. Through this process , children become more creative and attentive to their learning.



A committee comprised with the potential children, the teacher and the coordinator of the programme is formed in every school and institutions for publication of wall magazines from time to time. Children are provided with sketch pens, colours and painting brushes, pens & pencils from respective institutions for finalisation and publication of the wall magazine(s) from time to time. They are also given necessary orientation training for best output in this regard.

FICE India has been taking necessary initiatives for publishing newsletters on different issues related to the area specific problems and aspirations of the children at risk across the country. Network member organizations of FICE India, active in different parts of India support the initiative for publishing these newsletters in local languages of the children. Accordingly, children at risk of respective areas are encouraged to contribute their writings, opinions and understanding of the problems they face as well as their suggestions for solution of the same in these newsletters, which are published from time to time throughout the year.

Besides, it is planned to publish an Edited volume on “Street and Working Children of the World”, will be published by the FICE India, which will cover the situation on the above issue in 15-20 countries throughout the world. As the undersigned has completed his doctoral thesis on “The Problems of Street Children: A Sociological Study of Kolkata, India”, the forthcoming volume will be edited by Malay Dewanji, President, FICE India along with two experts on the subject and related with the FICE International.

#### **Annual General Meeting of the FICE-India:**

On 10th December, 2018, Annual General Meeting of the FICE-India was successfully held at the registered office of the “ Liberal Association for Movement of People”, Pratapbagan, Bankura -722101 and 54 representatives of 36 member organisations of the FICE-India, actively participated in the said meeting. Annual Report and Audit report are submitted and discussed and passed unanimously.. New Executive Committee of the FICE India with 9 members has been formed.

FICE-India and its member organisations have actively participated in running various development activities especially children development activities of the all India NGOs' Network - "All India Association of Voluntary Agencies(AIAVA).



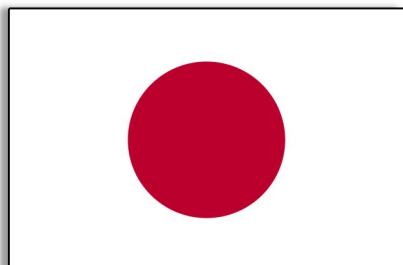
*FICE Israel - Full member*  
*President: Prof. Emmanuel Grupper*  
*Vice-president: Yoav Appelbaum*  
*Members: 80*  
*New members : 20*

### Projects and activities:

FICE Israel's major activity in 2018 was to create collaborations and develop a large group of volunteers working together on the preparation of the 34th international congress of FICE.

Further, FICE Israel:

- joined a public forum creating a special lobby group among parliament members to support residential care and make pressure on government to increase the payments for treating children in therapeutic communities.
- organized a group of researchers who met with the leaders of Ministry of welfare to discuss with them the reform they are planning in residential care facilities
- participated in the Federal council meeting in Switzerland in April and in the Executive Committee meeting in Vienna.
- participated in the EUSARF Conference in Porto in October and in another professional meeting of AIEJI Board in Seville, Spain in November



*Japanese Society of Social Pedagogy - associated member*

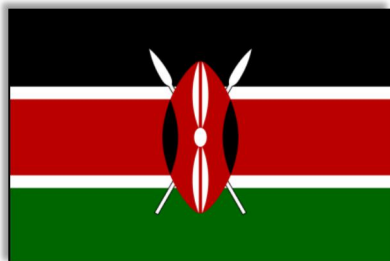
*President: Shigeyuki Mori*

*Members: 45*

The Japanese Society of Social Pedagogy is a newly founded organization. It was accepted as FICE associate member at the Federal Council in Trogen, Switzerland (April 2019). The Society spent its first year for organizing the society through two committee meetings and continual e-mail exchanges.

The Society planning to have two conferences in a year, one in Tokyo area, the other in the west part of Japan (mainly in Kansai area). The very first conference of the society was held on the 28th of January 2018 in Tokyo. A total of 49 professionals took part.

The second conference was planned to be held on the 30th of September 2018 in Kobe (Kansai area) but was postponed due to an approaching typhoon to the 27th of January 2019.



*FICE Kenya - Full member*  
*President: Simon Peter Otieno*  
*Members: 30*

**Projects realized:**

- Implementation of AIDSfree project supporting pregnant and lactating adolescent Girls of between 9 and 19 years old.
- Orphans and Vulnerable children's program taking care of over 11,000 orphans and vulnerable children
- Adolescent sexual reproductive health and rights program in schools and community

**Public events:**

- FICE Kenya awareness creation in Homa-bay County
- Three Stakeholders forums on Adolescents sexual reproductive health and rights held

**Other activities:**

- Annual General Elections held in February
- Annual event where youths participated in various competitions including Debates, Public speaking, games and dancing.
- Monthly children's clubs at the children safe park
- Age Appropriate Adolescents Sexual reproductive health awareness in 27 schools held
- Establishment of children's clubs in 27 public primary and secondary schools
- Three members participated in an online course (MOOC) on "Getting Care Right for all children"

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**Participation in events:**

- World Aids Day
- World Orphans Day
- The Day Of An African Child
- World Contraception Day
- World Menstrual Hygiene Day
- Children Clubs



***FICE Luxembourg - Full member***

***President: Charel Schmit***

***Members: 150***

***New members: 10***

### **Projects**

We are part of EUR&QUA - an Interreg EU project about "The development of transborder relationships for Childhood's International protection.

### **Events**

We co-organized in May 2018 the EUR&QUA inaugural conference in Luxembourg with the University and the other partners.

We organised in March 2018 a big conference with the Luxembourgish Minister of Justice M. F. Braz on « Quo vadis... Protection de la Jeunesse ? » It was about reforms on childhood protection in Luxembourg. Following the night conference we had within the association different cycles of workshops to debate on the subject.

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### **Other activities:**

We participated also in March 2018 to the conference "Theorie a Praxis am Dialog" on Campus Esch BELVAL Luxembourg, and to the workshop on « Kannerheemer am 21. Joerhonnert: eng Erfolgsgeschicht? » for a global reflexion concerning the the 21st century child reception centres.

### **Representation at events:**

FICE Luxembourg representatives went to

(1) Geneva UN and In Brussel for workshops : NGO-Panel zu Genf zur global study <https://childrendeprivedofliberty.info/>

(2) Paris in the UNESCO national commission and workshop on «how to reinforce children justice systems »

4 members of ANCES to participated in the FICE anniversary in Trogen.



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***FICE Netherlands - Full member***

***President: Martine Tobé***

***Members: 28***

### **Projects**

FICE Netherlands has made contacts and has written a project application for Erasmus grant on the theme of building a sustainable social network together with Scotland, Serbia and Belgium.

Young people from My Circle from Serbia gave a workshop on the "for the Youth Day" and participated in a panel discussion about how experiential experts can contribute to caring for the youth.

FICE NL is the driving force behind the FICE Inter working group on sexuality. The substantive ideas for an international congress are on paper. Exploration of the realization has started and will be part of the annual plan 2019.

For the Youth day, workshop by Young people from My Circle from Serbia.



*FICE Romania - Full member*

*President: Prof. Toma Mares*

*Members: About 7900 members in local communities from 18 counties*

*New members: 300 new members in 20 new school communities*

### Projects

In 2018, FICE Romania has made a constant effort to organize the already established actions (FICE Romania "brands") for the protection of children's rights, the continuous improvement and informing of FICE members and sympathizers in their work with children, especially those in difficulty, who encounter obstacles in solving some personal or family existential problems.

In a logical continuum, FICE Romania has focused on children whose growth and education are outside the family, which have obvious material difficulties with possible traceability that can easily be identified at the level of physical, cognitive, emotional, health and lacking moral and spiritual order. FICE Romania has designed, funded and developed social projects and programs that, through value and impact, have become a source and resource of the sustainability of its members' concerns, coupled with initiatives from other partners.

We have retained some of the actions that have enjoyed national participation, success and continuity over time:

- "Being a parent - helping you to help yourself";
- "Know and Decide", anti-drugs prevention program;
- "The Joy of Reading" Festival, for which I have submitted the National Mention Calendar (CAEN) project (including for the 2019-2020 school year);
- "Solidarity Campaign";
- Campaign "19 Days of Activism to Prevent and Combat Abuse against Children and Young People", launched by the Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF), Geneva and promoted in Romania at national level by FICE Romania.

National Festival "The Joy of Reading" - 14th edition, 2018, organized by FICE Romania in partnership with Gymnasium School Nr. 96 Bucharest took place between February and June 2018 and was enrolled in the School Contest Calendar, CAEN, Annex no. 6 to OMEN no. 3076 / 17.01.2018, item 193.

At the 2018 edition of the "Joy of reading" National Festival, a total of 35,100 children from 18 kindergartens, 128 gymnasium schools, 68 colleges and colleges, 1 day center, 2 children's palaces (99 units from rural area and 116 units from urban area) in 38 counties and 6 sectors. Stages of the competition were organized at the local and national level and the national gala at the National Children's Palace in Bucharest, where there were 1,100 prizes consisting of books, plaques, diplomas.

The Solidarity Campaign, enshrined in the fundamental work of the organization, that of supporting by concrete actions of helping, educating and raising children, has also been successful during the year 2018 - especially near Easter and Christmas celebrations, but also on the occasion The International Children's Day and the debut of the school year 2018-2019. The Campaign has reached its goal of developing a spirit



of solidarity among children, parents and teachers, and it took place in Bucharest, especially in the 5th Sector schools and in Caraş-Severin, and the direct beneficiaries of the generous gestures were the children from disadvantaged backgrounds in Vaslui, Arges, Caras-Severin

### Events

To celebrate the International Family Day, FICE Romania organized in Bucharest, in May, 15, 2018, at the Romanian Senate, the Seminar with International Participation "Family in the Romanian Society and the Preparation of Children and Youth for Family Life". The event was attended by both Romanian specialists as well as from Spain, Germany and Bulgaria.

On October 25, 2018, in Bucharest, at the headquarters of the National Anti-drug Agency, FICE Romania and its partners organized the debate "Combating and Preventing Violence in the Romanian Educational System", which launched the 2018 edition of the 19 Days of Abuse Prevention Campaign violence against children and young people.

On 31 October 2018, at the Neamt County Council, the project MADRE ("Motivation and Improvement of Didactics of Educational Employees POCU / 73/6/107381") was launched, initiated by Neamţ Didactic Corps House and Neamţ County Council, project prevention of school abandonment and absenteeism in disadvantaged social areas and environments through the Regional Conference on "Addressing absenteeism and school dropout from the perspective of social ecosystems", supported by Prof. Dr. Eugen Simion, as president of the Neamt branch of FICE Romania.

More than 350 teachers and school directors, CCD Bacău, Botoşani and Iaşi, as well as representatives of local public authorities, local and county councilors, mayors, NGOs participated in the event, showing that the problem of school absenteeism is not just the family and the school but the whole community.

### Other activities

The publishing activity of FICE Romania took place at the same high level of professionalism by continuing the publication of the Social Protection of Children magazine with two double numbers, the first focused on the problem of non-residential child protection and the second one on social protection and school integration of children with special educational needs. It is still remarkable on this component (journalistic) the special contribution of Prof. Univ. Dr. Emeritus Ioan Neacşu, the magazine's editor and Mr. Eugen Simion, editor-in-chief of the magazine since 2014.

The collective volume "Public Policies for Preventing Abuse and Violence against Children and Young People" (coordinated by Ioan Neacşu, Toma Mareş and Eugen Simion and appeared at Semne Bucureşti Publishing House) was published, containing the in-extenso papers presented by the specialists Romanians and foreigners at the International Conference "Prevention of Child Abuse and Violence - Public Policy Responsible in the Field of Protection and Promotion of the Rights of the Child" organized by FICE Romania at the Parliament Palace on November 16, 2017.

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The potential for civic activism of FICE Romania consisted also in the set of actions at central, zonal and local level, such as symposiums, conferences, roundtables on topical issues, press articles addressing pressing issues of child education, their future education citizens. Their themes covered a wide range of approaches and topics such as preventing and combating violence, reducing absenteeism and school drop-out, the impact of electronic gaming and virtual communication on children, the use of children's free time, environmental education, entrepreneurship education, road education, moral conduct in civic education, health education and healthy lifestyle, etc.

Such actions took place in Bucharest and in the counties of Vaslui, Călărași, Neamț, Teleorman, Caraș-Severin, Iași, Satu-Mare, Constanța, Giurgiu, Argeș, Suceava, Alba Iulia.

FICE Romania has successfully organized exhibitions and open, open and employee art competitions designed for pupils, preschools and teachers, for children from placement centers. Such exhibitions were presented even within the Senate of Romania as a final product of the National Festival "The Joy of Reading" and on the occasion of marking the International Family Day, through a seminar organized under the high patronage of the Romanian Senate, the European Affairs Committee, supported on May 15, 2018.

Initiatives, opinions and achievements presented by FICE Romania benefited from a convincing media coverage, the interest of several publications, radio and television stations materializing in presentations with a visible impact.

In particular, FICE members and supporters appreciated the debates organized in partnership and broadly reflected in the media, especially in the Tribune of Education, debates attended by top-notch specialists, decision-makers, numerous teachers, as well as parents, students, media representatives, other factors, and social agents of choice.

In the same vein, it is appreciated by the Tribuna of Education to be receptive to the appeals, programs and initiatives launched by FICE Romania, making them accessible to a large audience of the pre-university, academic and research environment as well as to the central and local public authorities.

### **Representation at events**

FICE Romania was invited on April 4-7, 2018, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the establishment of FICE International, the work of the FICE International Federal Council and the Professional Program (conference) "Modeling High-Quality Care Services for children and youth ", which took place in Trogen, Switzerland. The Romanian Delegation was composed of Mr. Toma Mareș, President of FICE Romania, Mr. Eugen Simion, Member of the FICE Romania National Office and Neamț Branch President and Mrs. Dumitrița Stan and Mrs. Despina Cucu-Iane, DGASPC Constanța (and members of the Constanța branch of FICE Romania). The FICE International Federal Council's work has been decided that the 34th FICE International Congress on Better Opportunities for Children and Young People in Multicultural Societies will be held in Israel from 30 October to 4 November 2019.

FICE Romania has begun discussions to develop partnerships and educational projects and to protect children and youth with countries such as Japan, England, Hungary (Nenesz Organization), Serbia, Bangladesh, hoping that their results will be reflected in the expansion of the service network and innovative work methods for families, children and young people at risk.

From July 1-8, 2018, the visit of the FICE Israel delegation to Romania took place. During this period, specialists from Israel benefited from high quality professional exchanges, participated in scientific events



and visited local and central public institutions (mayoralities, county councils, general social assistance departments, Parliament Palace, multifunctional centers for young people in difficulty, medical-social care centers, placement centers, children's palaces, after-school centers, as well as significant historic and cultural objectives). The main contributors to the successful development of the professional and cultural exchange program were the Senate of Romania - the European Affairs Committee, county councils, the Romanian Communes Association, the mayors, local public authorities as well as the General Directorates for Social Assistance and Child Protection (Vaslui, Bacău, Argeș, Ialomița and Constanța).

To capitalize the experience gained by two Romanian specialists (members of the FICE branches in Argeș and Constanța counties), participants in CIF-PEP Switzerland, FICE Romania, in partnership with FICE Switzerland, 5th City Hall Bucharest, DGASPC District 5 Bucharest, DGASPC Calarasi, DGASPC Vaslui, DGASPC Argeș and DGASPC Constanța organized the second edition of the national seminar on "Romanian-Swiss Realities" on June 13, 2018. Comparative study of ways of working in social assistance for the child, the young and the family". The event, in addition to the dissemination component, made it possible to carry out a comparative analysis of the systems between the two countries.

In the area of professional training and continuous training of specialists in the field of child protection, activities were organized within a partnership between FICE Romania and FICE Switzerland, Roland Stubi. Thus, a workshop on "Reflection of case and theory on children committing criminal offenses" took place in Călărași between June 11 and 12, 2018. The beneficiaries were 14 specialists from Ialomița and Călărași counties and between 14 and 15 June 2018, the workshop on the same topic was held in Bucharest, Sector 5, with 16 specialists from DGASPC Sector 5 and DGASPC Sector 4.

On 2 July 2018, in the commune of Padureni, Vaslui County, the symposium "The role of the community in the prevention of family separation" was held, with participants from Romania and Israel as participants in a professional exchange program FICE Romania -FICE Israel.

On July 6, in Bucharest, the Palace of Parliament, took place the conference "20 years of collaboration and friendship between FICE Israel and FICE Romania, landmarks of good professional exchanges". Through this activity, the national sections FICE Israel and FICE Romania marked the good collaboration initiated in 1998, thus strengthening the bilateral relations and the partnership built on common values and the effort of the specialists to support disadvantaged children and young people and to give them new chances for a better future through education.

The experience gained since 2012, the year when FICE Romania carried out the first national campaign to prevent abuses and violence against children, initiated by Women's World Summit Foundation, Geneva, led to the registration and participation in the Campaign 19 days of activism for preventing and combating abuses against children and young people run in 2018 of about 200,000 pupils from 640 schools from all counties.

This led to Mrs Elly Pradervand, CEO / President of the Women's World Summit Foundation, conveying a congratulatory message stating that if all countries in the world would organize events of such impact and national involvement, the world it would show otherwise, and that our report is a serious impetus to continue work worldwide to prevent child abuse and violence.

As in 2017, the 19 Days of Prevention of Abuses and Violence against Children and Youth took place under the high patronage of the Romanian Senate (Commission for European Affairs) and in collaboration with the Ministry of National Education, the National Authority for the Protection of Child's Rights and Adoption, The National Anti-Drug Agency, which created the framework for active involvement in the



prevention of abuse and violence of any kind against children and young people for local communities, ministries, schools, kindergartens, children's and youth centers, children's clubs, day centers etc .

In September 2018, FICE Romania sent the call for campaign association and concluded partnerships with the Ministry of National Education, the Ministry of Labour and Social Justice, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the National Anti-Drug Agency, the National Agency Against Human Trafficking, the Ministry of Health and again at the regional and local level, with their decentralized structures (school inspectorates, general directorates of social assistance and child protection, public health directorates, county police inspectorates, county centers for evaluation and counseling against drugs, regional centers against human trafficking, etc.). as well as with other institutions and NGOs.

#### Call for initiation of 19 Days Campaign to Prevent Abuse and Violence against Children and Youth 2018

FICE Romania launched the 2018 edition of the 19 Days Campaign to Prevent Abuse and Violence on Children and Youth through an analysis of the phenomenon of violence at the level of the younger generation, an analysis that was presented and debated in the meeting "Combating and Preventing Violence in the Romanian Educational System", organized by FICE Romania in partnership with the magazine Tribuna Învățământului and in collaboration with the Association of Romanian Communes, the National Association of Parents in Pre-university Education, the Association of Directors of the General Directorates for Social Assistance and Child Protection and the National Anti-Drug Agency. The event took place on 25 October 2018 at the headquarters of the National Anti-drug Agency. The event was attended by representatives of the Ministry of National Education, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Bucharest Municipality Police Office, the Bucharest School Inspectorate and several County School Inspectorates, the local public administration, the General Directorates of Social Assistance and Child Protection, pre-university education teachers, academics and scholars, parents, pupils, the media.

Following the conclusion of the protocol, the Ministry of National Education has submitted the methodological guide for the 19 Days Campaign, the campaign registration card, the visual aids for all 41 County School Inspectorates and 6 School Inspectorates of the Bucharest City Sectors, the school inspectorates sending in their turn information and requests to participate in the campaign to all schools in the country. At both national and campaigning localities, the purpose and objectives of the campaign were presented through media (printed media, central or local TV channels, social networks - facebook, twitter).

When performing the activities, both the WWSF submission kit and its own materials (posters, posters, flickers, etc.) were created during the campaign.

The topics covered throughout the 19 days of the campaign focused on sexual abuse, bullying, neglect and exploitation of children, physical abuse (corporal punishment), child prostitution and child pornography, child trafficking, harmful traditional practices (early marriage of girls in Roma communities), street children, drug addiction and dependency (addiction), juvenile justice, special attention being given to November 2, November 19 (International Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse) and November 20 (International Day of Child Rights).

The direct beneficiaries are students in schools, children's clubs, placement centers and coordinating teachers.



Indirect beneficiaries are schools, parents and local communities that will have children with greater social integration capacity, more protected from the destructive phenomenon of abuse and violence of any kind.

As we already said, the 2018 campaign was attended by 193,000 pupils from 640 schools from all counties of Romania and Bucharest. We attached at the end of the material the list of all the schools that participated in the campaign.

More than 23,000 teachers, psychologists, policemen, social workers, journalists, physicians and parents also participated in the Campaign.

Also, have been involved in Campaign local institutions (social service public services from the 600 localities involved), county institutions (General Directorates of Social Work and Child Protection, County Police Inspectorates, County School Inspectorates, County Centers for Drug Prevention and Evaluation), regional institutions (Regional Centers for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings) and central institutions (National Authority for the Protection of Children's Rights and Adoption, Ministry of National Education, Ministry of Internal Affairs) in the field of child protection and order and security as well as other NGOs activating in the field of child protection (Association of Directors of DGASPCs / AD-DGASPC, Association of Romanian Communes / ACoR).

In the participating schools, the children made drawings, posters, posters displayed on their halls, on boards made specifically for their messages to be seen, read and known by other children, officials, parents, under the guidance of teachers.

The 19 Days Campaign to prevent abuse and violence against children and young people in data, figures and images:

Over 100 workshops, roundtables, debates, participations in local, regional and national TV station broadcasts

Over 6.000 direct activities with and from children in kindergartens and participating schools

More than 500 activities carried out with parents or grandparents and relatives of children (in situations where parents are working abroad)

More than 3000 meetings with specialists (policemen, doctors, psychologists, priests, etc.)

Over 100 circles of compassion

forum theater and puppet theater (puppets

At the level of the education units enrolled in the 19 Days Campaign to prevent abuse and violence against children and youth were chosen and carried out by children under the guidance of teachers (workshops, making posters, collages on topics related to prevent abuse, the drafting of letters, thematic essays that children send to local authorities, politicians, making drawings to highlight the anti-violence messages of children, making media projects, films and videos with anti-violence messages, meetings with specialists - doctors, psychologists, sociologists, policemen etc.).

Throughout the campaign, schools and institutions enrolled in the project sent, at the special email address defined for the campaign, activism19zile@outlook.com and on the FICE Romania website, [www.ficeromania.wix.com/ficeromania](http://www.ficeromania.wix.com/ficeromania), photos or videos from activities



*FICE Serbia - Full member*

*President: Zeljka Burgund*

*Members: 26 group members(organizations and institutions)*

*New members: 1*

**Project realized:**

FICE Serbia organized 15th Year's Anniversary in 2018 and realized five projects or activities with its members.

- 1.CARE LEAVERS AS A PEER SUPPORTERS IN ALTERNATIVE CARE (in partnership with SOS Foundation Serbia)
- 2.Project AKADEMIA, with Center for urgent care of abused children
- 3.Training for implementation "FAMILY SETTING"(DUPLO)technique(part of Jubilee program)/for all members
- 4.Diagnostic project( in partnership with Center for youth with Behavioral problems/Roland Stuebi
- 4.Youth Camp"My tomorrow"
- 5.Support in founding new social service in the region of Balkan(SOS Child Line Montenegro)

**Events organized:**

- Jubilee of FICE Serbia present activities of NGO
- Youth Camp

**Other activities:**

Participation of different events, FICE Inter Anniversary, national conferences, seminars, etc...

Give the written supporting initiatives to prevent secondary traumatization of children and young people in criminal proceedings

FICE Serbia presented its members at the Chamber of social care. FICE Serbia offers education in the field of youth care(two accredited training programs).



*FICE Spain - Full member*  
*President: David Astiz*  
*Members: 10*

### Projects:

- Development of proposals at a transnational level. FICE Spain members collaborate with each other and with European organizations for the development of innovative projects and the exchange of good practices in the field of child care.

### Public events:

- Gizarteratzen Conference (organized by FICE Spain- Basc country). 18 years. and now <http://gizarteratzen.agintzari.com/programa/>
- Organization of the 1st International Congress of Education and Family Intervention, that is planned to be held in Palmas de Gran Canarias (21-23 March 2019).
- Meetings of FICE Spain members. The members of FICE Spain meet with a regularity of 2-3 times per year to advance in the various common lines of action.

Fice Spain Meeting: May 10, 2018

Fice Spain Assembly: December 10, 2018

### Other activities:

- Incidence oriented towards Deinstitutionalization and the promotion of community based services: Meeting with the DESK OFFICER of the ESF in Spain at DG EMPL. We delivered the document "conceptual Framework of FICE Spain in relation to DI" and presentation of the "country fact sheet", quantitative and qualitative data of the protection system of childhood and adolescence in Spain (2016), taken from the report of the Children's Observatory of the Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality.

### Participation in events:

- Active participation in Eurochild. FICE Spain is also a member of Eurochild and actively participates in the federal councils organized by the federation.
  - o Eurochild Assembly: Brussels, 18-19 April 2018
  - o Active participation in the board of directors of the "Opening Doors" campaign: March 19th and September 7th



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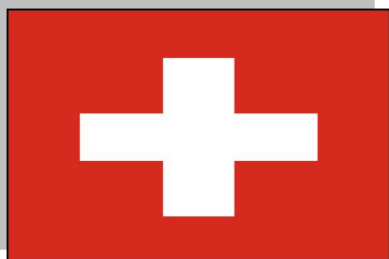


- Opening Doors Campaign. FICE Spain participates in the European Opening Doors campaign promoted jointly by Eurochild and FICE International and other European organizations to promote a more community-based model of child protection.

Participation at the Opening Doors meeting, Brussels, 19-20 March 2018

- Active participation in FICE Europe- International. FICE Spain, as the Spanish section of the International Federation of Educational Communities, FICE International, actively participates in the federal councils organized annually by the federation.

FICE Federal Council: Trogen (Switzerland): 4-7 April 2018



***FICE Switzerland - Full member***

***President: Clara Bombach & Christoph Keller***

***Members: 113***

***New members: 3***

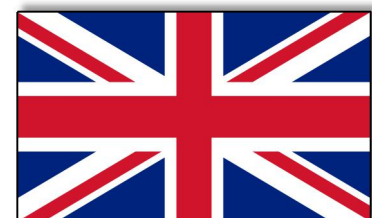
**Projects realized:**

Projects, continuing from 2017:

- Safe Parks in the Lebanon
- Generation Change in our national section because of Rolf Widmers resignation
- Preparing the project for 2019 "Creating Futures" in collaboration with the Zurich University of Applied Sciences and University of Pécs (Budapest)

**Public events:**

- 60 years FICE International (Trogen, Switzerland)
- For our general assembly, we visited the exhibition of Rolf Widmer's biography and achievements in his career



*FICE UK ( The Mulberry Bush) - Associate member*  
*President: John Diamond*  
*Members: 120*

The Mulberry Bush School provides specialist therapeutic residential care, treatment and education for up to 31 children aged 5- 13 who have experienced early years trauma. We work in close partnership with each child's family and referring authority. As well as 38 week residential care, we opened our new 52 week children's home in July 2018. The home has provision for up to 6 children and has a downstairs suite of rooms for family work.

The Mulberry Bush Charity also runs an Outreach Service which provides training, support and consultation to teachers and teaching teams in mainstream schools. Across 2018 we worked with over 100 schools.

Our International Centre for Therapeutic Care Alliance now has 350 members across the world. See our online 'The Therapeutic Care Journal' [www.thetcj.org](http://www.thetcj.org)

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We have acquired a new event and conference site: The Mulberry Bush Third Space. This contains the Planned Environment Therapy Archive and the National Child Care Library which David Lane (long time FICE member) has bequeathed many FICE documents from across his 40 year membership of FICE.

John Diamond attended the FICE 70th anniversary event held at the Pestalozzi Children's Village in Trogen, Switzerland.

He also attended a meeting of the FICE Europe Board to develop the strategic plan in Bucharest in October 2018.

At this meeting John was selected as interim Chair of FICE Europe.



*FICE USA - Full member*  
*CEO - Dennis W. Felty*  
*Members: 7*

**Projects realized:**

FICE USA, through its member organization InVision Human Services, provided support to child serving organizations in South Africa to include Tlangelani - funding the Director's attendance to NACCW conference, supporting "safe spaces" for children, computer classes and social workers for children in child-headed households. Funding also supported training for social workers in Western Cape Town, experiential training in Educo Africa, and support to Chance Children's Home to include funding from FICE USA for meals there over the Christmas holiday. Total support provided to South Africa was \$9,902.

**Public events:**

Dennis Felty (CEO) was able to attend the Association of Child and Youth Care Practice Inc's Annual Meeting in Wisconsin and present about FICE USA and FICE International. Dennis was also honored at that event with the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dennis Felty (CEO) and Janet Wakefield (FICE USA Member and conference organizer) with Herman Radler attended the Second International Youth Worker Symposium on the Sea in Mexico, and presented about FICE USA and FICE International.

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**Participation in events:**

In addition to the above, Member Janet Wakefield was able to attend the FICE International Federal Council meeting in Switzerland.