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World Day Against Child Labour 2013

No to child labour in domestic work!

The World Organization of the Scout Movement and the ILO's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour have worked together for a decade now to raise awareness of human rights and social justice, in particular about child labour. The enthusiastic participation of youth in jointly planned ILO-Scout activities has created local and global interest and developed new networks involving IPEC field offices and National Scout Organizations (NSOs). In 2012, we signed a third Memorandum of Understanding (posted on the WOSM and the ILO websites - links below) extending our cooperation for a further five years. During that time we want to strengthen the role of young people as advocates against child labour using IPEC's Supporting Children's Rights through Education, the Arts and the Media (SCREAM) programme and to engage Scouts even more in activities which reach out to children in or at risk of child labour.

On 12 June each year, people around the world mark World Day Against Child Labour by joining hands to raise public and political awareness to build the campaign to end it. The theme of the 2013 World Day is child labour in domestic work. Once again, we ask WOSM NSOs and IPEC field staff to join forces to organise activities and events to raise awareness and mobilise action. Reports, promotional materials on the World Day theme and other useful links are indicated below.

Of an estimated 15.5 million children engaged in paid or unpaid domestic work in the home of a third party or employer, 10.5 million are estimated to be in child labour either because they are below the legal minimum age for admission to employment or because their work is regarded as hazardous. These children are particularly vulnerable to abuse: their work is often hidden from the public eye, they may be isolated and they may be working far away from their family home. On the 2013 World Day Against Child Labour we call for:

- Legislative and policy reforms to ensure the elimination of child labour in domestic work and the provision of decent work conditions and appropriate protection to young workers in domestic work who have reached the legal working age.
- ILO member States to ratify and implement ILO Convention No. 189 concerning decent work for domestic workers, along with the ILO's child labour Conventions.¹
- Action to build the worldwide movement against child labour and to support the capacity of domestic workers' organizations to address child labour.

We can all take action to end child labour and every contribution is valued. We would like to thank those Scouts who continue to add their voice to the worldwide movement against child labour. Now let's work together to ensure that all 30 million Scouts, youth and adults, girls and boys, both know about child labour *and* are able to take an active part in the worldwide movement, engaging with socially excluded children to help prevent and remedy this continuing violation of their human rights.

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¹ Convention No. 138 on Minimum Age for Admission to Employment and Convention No. 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labour.

Links

- 2012 Memorandum of Understanding:
http://www.ilo.org/ipec/Events/WCMS_193114/lang--en/index.htm
- Reports and promotional materials on the theme of this year's World Day Against Child Labour:
<http://www.ilo.org/ipec/Campaignandadvocacy/wdacl/2013/lang--en/index.htm>
- Tools and initiatives to inspire children and youth to take action to raise awareness on child labour on the Youth in Action section of the ILO/IPEC website:
www.ilo.org/ipec/Campaignandadvocacy/Youthinaction
- SCREAM (Supporting Children's Rights through Education, the Arts and the Media) Education Pack (available in 20 languages) and the SCREAM Special Modules on HIV, AIDS and Child Labour and on Child Labour and Armed Conflict:
www.ilo.org/scream
- Videos on child labour:
ILO TV on YouTube – child labour playlist
<http://www.youtube.com/ilotv#g/c/418A6833A1C5B483>
Child to child solidarity concert – images of child labour combined with music played by children
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BF6y9Hfpn4>
- The WOSM Guidelines on Scouting for Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances:
www.scout.org/reachingout
- The video on Scouting and Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances, prepared in collaboration with ILO/IPEC:
www.scout.org/en/information_events/media_centre/audiovisuals/video_clip_u_fund
- The 12 to 12 Community Portal – www.12to12.org – to share pictorial reports, photos and videos on the events you organise for the World Day Against Child Labour.

We would also like to hear from you! Please send information, together with any supporting material such as drawings, writings, and photographs, to:

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