

“ To realise the right of all children to live free from child prostitution, child pornography and child trafficking for sexual purposes ”

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ECPAT remembers Ron O'Grady, Founder and Honorary President

Since the announcement about the loss of our Founder and Honorary President, there has been an outpouring of kind words about Ronald O'Grady from the network. Ron was recognised as both a leader and a friend.

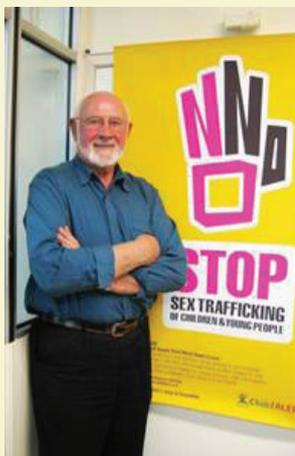
Ron first spoke out against the sexual exploitation of children in Asian tourism in the 1990s, when the issue was not yet recognised as a crime. His outrage and vision, shared by a small group of peers, led to the founding of the ECPAT movement. Even after retirement, Ron remained an inspiration to ECPAT and he was named Honorary President of ECPAT International. Many network members met Ron during the 2011 International Assembly where his inspiring keynote speech was met with a standing ovation.

Ron committed his life to protecting children. His work and life touched the lives of countless children, his legacy will continue.

To share your own Memories of Ron, please visit the Hub and post a comment: <https://networkhub.ecpat.net/content/3652>. A collection of photos of Ron has been created and can be viewed here: <https://networkhub.ecpat.net/content/3584>

INFO CORNER

Director of ECPAT Child ALERT and Secretary of the ECPAT Board of Trustees announces retirement



NEW ZEALAND—Alan Bell, Secretary of the ECPAT International Board and Director of ECPAT Child Alert New Zealand will be retiring at the end of March this year.

Alan joined the ECPAT International Board as Representative for the Pacific in 2008, and at the International Assembly in 2011 Alan was elected Secretary of the Board. During 2012, Alan spent several months in Bangkok

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to provide leadership to the Secretariat when recruitment for the Executive Director was ongoing. With his extensive experience and wisdom, Alan's contributions were invaluable to the Board, to the Secretariat and to the ECPAT cause. His advice and friendship will be missed throughout the Network. The Board and the Secretariat thank Alan for his many years of engagement in the fight against CSEC and his strong commitment to the ECPAT Movement.

Alan has been with ECPAT Child ALERT (New Zealand) for eight years and has done a phenomenal job of building the organisation and fully participating in public action to advocate against the sexual exploitation of children. His contribution over the years has been significant and the Board of ECPAT Child ALERT acknowledged his ongoing commitment to the organisation and cause. An interim manager will work alongside the Board to ensure the implementation and maintenance of programmes and projects. Expressions of interest for this position can be emailed to sandyt@xtra.co.nz.

On behalf of the Network we wish Alan, at age 76, a well deserved retirement!!!

Hub Updates

SECRETARIAT—Past issues of the ECPAT e-Bulletin are now stored on the Hub. To check out a past issue please follow this link: <https://networkhub.ecpat.net/content/2661>

ECPAT International Planning Week

The ECPAT Secretariat held a weeklong planning session from 24-28 February in Bangkok. The Bangkok team was joined by regional coordinators from Latin America and CIS regions. Also joining the sessions were John Carr, ECPAT Senior Advisor for the Sexual Exploitation of Children Online programme and Jaap Doek, ECPAT Senior Advisor for the Legal programme.

The objectives of the week were:

- To strengthen the organisation through teambuilding and getting to know each other better.
- To ensure common understanding of organisational priorities and expected outcomes of 2014-15
- To revisit, understand and agree upon the organisational structures and processes.
- To finalise thematic and regional program strategies, 2014 workplans and budget indications.
- To ensure cohesive and coordinated action across all regions/thematic programs for most effective use of resources.
- To compile organisational calendar with major events/regional and global meetings.



The week was filled with planning meetings, work plan discussions and presentations from ECPAT's advisors. The team reported feeling tired but excited for the upcoming year.

Stay tuned for updates on the outcomes of the planning session.

ECPAT Cambodia appoints a new National Coordinator

CAMBODIA—The Board of Directors of ECPAT Cambodia has appointed Mr. Sokoeun Kong, former Project Officer, as National Coordinator of ECPAT Cambodia.

Mr. Sokoeun Kong graduated with a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Psychology from the Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP)

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GERMANY—ECPAT partners in UK, Belgium, Austria, Germany and The Netherlands joined together for the first Peer Experts Make-IT-Safe Conference in Berlin. A total of 30 young people along with experts from five countries travelled to Berlin to share information and approaches to raising awareness about online safety to children, teachers and parents. The Make-IT-Safe project was launched by ECPAT Belgium in 2013, in advance of Safer Internet Day 2014. The Make-IT-Safe project is a partnership project between five ECPAT groups (Belgium, Germany, United Kingdom, Austria and the Netherlands) that promotes a peer-to-peer learning model to enhance Internet safety among young people. The Make-IT-Safe project aims at enhancing the knowledge of young people on the safe and responsible use of the internet and new online technologies in order to protect themselves against the potential risks of sexual exploitation and abuse online.

Training held in Belarus

BELARUS—On 28-29 January 2014 in the framework of the joint Belarusian- Estonian project "Two sides of the same coin" the training "Warning against indecent treatment of children" was held in Minsk. The project was implemented with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia. Training was conducted by Dr. Lemme Haldre and Dr. Malle Roomeldi, specialists from ECPAT Affiliate, Tartu Child Support Centre. Participants included psychologists and educators from social institutions of education and health in the Minsk region. The training was held on how to address issues related to the prevention of indecent treatment of children, as well as to identify opportunities to help child victims of violence. The training included interactive activities, examining various situations through role-playing, drawing and discussion. Participants also exchanged experiences and discussed difficult real-life cases they had encountered through their own work. All attendees were awarded certificates of participation.



Beyond Borders partners with the Air Canada Foundation to launch in-flight videos combating child sexual exploitation

CANADA—Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada and The Air Canada Foundation have partnered in the creation of three new onboard videos that denounce child sexual exploitation while giving voice to exploited children across the globe. Since the beginning of February, Air Canada passengers who access in-flight entertainment may see one of three public service announcements created to help protect children from exploitation by encouraging the reporting of these horrific crimes.

"A significant barrier to putting an end to the sexual victimization of children is silence and ignorance," states Beyond Borders president, Rosalind Prober. "The impact of a corporation with Air Canada's profile speaking out on this issue can't be underestimated. We are incredibly pleased to have the foundation's support."

"Air Canada has long supported children and children's health and wellness programs and we firmly believe in doing our part to help denounce the sexual exploitation of children," said Priscille LeBlanc, Air Canada's vice president of corporate communications and chair of The Air Canada Foundation. "Air Canada was the first airline in Canada and the second in North America to air on-board videos denouncing child sex tourism and exploitation and The Air Canada Foundation will continue to work with Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada and others to ensure that Air Canada remains a strong partner in protecting children against sexual exploitation in the travel and tourism trade."

See the videos at: <http://www.beyondborders.org/wp/air-canada-flight-videos/>

Forty-thousand people sign ECPAT UK petition calling for better protections for trafficked children

UK—More than 40,000 people have signed an ECPAT UK petition urging the Government to recognise the particular needs of child victims of trafficking in the Modern Slavery Bill. The ongoing petition calls on the Home Secretary, Theresa May MP, to take heed of the urgent

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in 2004. He also has a Teaching Certificate with a Higher Education Degree from the Faculty of Pedagogy, National Institute of Education (NIE) in Phnom Penh. He is currently studying for a Master's degree in Social Science (MSS), majoring in Development Studies at the University of Cambodia (UC) in Phnom Penh.

Mr Sokoeun Kong has almost 10 years of experience working with both local and international NGOs.

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Kong in his new position as National Coordinator.

Costa Rica ratifies OP3 CRC

COSTA RICA—On 14 January 2014, Costa Rica became the 10th State to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure (OP3 CRC). Congratulations to ECPAT affiliate, Fundación Paniamor, for its outstanding lobbying efforts towards the ratification of the OP3 CRC by the government of Costa Rica!

The OP3 CRC will enter into force three months after the date of the 10th ratification, on 14 April 2014.

The OP3 CRC was adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 2011 and was previously ratified by the following countries: Albania, Bolivia, Gabon, Germany, Montenegro, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain and Thailand.

The entry into force of the OP3 CRC will enable child victims of violations of their rights in countries, which have ratified the OP3 CRC to bring complaints to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, if they have not been able to get redress for these violations at national level.

IN FOCUS

Violence Against Children and the Post 2015 Agenda meeting

USA—There was an Open Working Group meeting in New York on 3-7 February on gender equality, conflict and the promotion of durable peace and the rule of law. ECPAT supported a side event, an inter-agency initiative on violence against children called "A world without violence against children." This event took place at the UN on 5 February. The event was co-sponsored by the Governments of Canada and Paraguay and included the involvement of a significant number of NGOs and UNICEF, including ECPAT. The speakers at the side event included the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Violence Against Children, UNICEF's Chief of Child Protection and children from Albania and Uruguay, as well as Government and NGO representatives. The Committee on the Rights of the Child also submitted a statement of support to the meeting.



ECPAT International contributes to European Commission's public consultation

SECRETARIAT—ECPAT International submitted a contribution to a European Commission public consultation on the development of the New Agenda for the Directorate General for Home Affairs.

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need to prioritise children and create durable solutions for them. However, ECPAT UK is urging the public to continue to voice its support in order to keep up the pressure on the Government during pre-legislative scrutiny of the Draft Bill.

In written evidence to the Joint Committee on the Modern Slavery Bill, following an oral evidence session in January, ECPAT UK outlined why a system of independent legal guardianship is essential to protecting trafficked children and upholding their rights.

The statement also highlighted concerns around the drafting of the criminal offences in the Draft Bill and the need for a separate offence of child exploitation, which currently doesn't exist in UK law. The campaign, launched in December with Walk Free, has already seen results thanks in part to the many thousands of signatures from the public.

"The response to our campaign for child victims of trafficking has been incredible and is already beginning to achieve meaningful results," said Chloe Setter, Head of Advocacy, Policy & Campaigns (Child Trafficking) at ECPAT UK. "However, there is much more that needs to be done if we want the Modern Slavery Bill to be an effective tool to fight child trafficking and give real protection to its victims."

Read more on the Hub: <https://networkhub.ecpat.net/content/3539>

CEO of Child Wise will be taking on the Ironman Triathlon

AUSTRALIA—Steve Betinsky, CEO of Child Wise will be taking on the Ironman Triathlon Sunday 23rd March 2014. The event is the Asia-Pacific Championships held in Melbourne. The distances involved are a 3.8km open water swim in Port Phillip Bay followed by a 180km bike ride from Frankston to Ringwood and back, twice, via Eastlink then finishing with a 42.2km marathon from Frankston to St. Kilda. In addition to this amazing physical challenge, Steve will also be raising awareness about the issue of child abuse and raise much needed funds for ChildWise.

You can support Steve's amazing endeavour by making a donation. All donations – no matter how big or small – will help fund the national child sexual abuse prevention program. Donations can be made through Go Fundraise via the attached link. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible and will be remitted directly through to ChildWise.

<http://personalchallenge.gofundraise.com.au/page/BetinskyS>

Youth from Uganda and Tanzania are trained to eradicate child sexual exploitation

UGANDA—ECPAT peer supporters from Rights of Young Foundation (RYF) a youth led organisation in Uganda, along with peer educators from Tanzania based group Mapambano and the Uganda Youth Development link (UYDEL), with support from ECPAT France, gathered for a training program.



The training was designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills in the fight against the sexual abuse of children and youth. The five-day training session began on 2 February at a UYDEL training centre in Wakiso district. The training centre operates with the objective of adapting a self-protection program for youth at risk for sexual abuse, implemented through a peer education approach.

Among others activities, the training peer supporters designed IEC materials to be used in the fight against the sexual abuse of children and youth. A consultant from Luxembourg, hired by ECPAT France, headed the training.

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The statement provides key information about new CSEC trends in the EU context as well as good practice examples, including initiatives undertaken by ECPAT member organisations in EU Member States, and remaining challenges. The submission contains also a set of concrete recommendations which highlight the need for the establishment of stronger EU mechanisms to monitor the transposition and the implementation



Spotlight on Youth Activist

The spotlight this month is on Amie Jobe. Amie is a Youth Motivator at the Red Cross Society in Gambia. She is also a member of the Center for Children and Young People and a representative of the Serekunda West Youth Committee. Amie is the EICYAC Regional Representative for Africa.



Age: 26

Where are you from? Bakoteh, The Gambia

Who is your role model and why? Mrs Fatou Gaye, HIV/AIDS coordinator of the Gambia Red Cross Society, is the person I look up to. She believes in the service

of humanity and in serving one another. Fatou assisted many drop out of school children get back to school and take care of their fees. She currently host 45 people in her house, 25 of who are children and takes care of all their basic needs without complaint. She has a strong passion for education and child protection. She is a counsellor of her own and often calls young desperate girls for counselling. Fatou help child beggars, destitutes, orphans etc.

What do you enjoy about being part of ECPAT? I enjoy the interaction with children.

What is your latest project/campaign against CSEC? My upcoming Activity is the Capacity Building of Children with Disability and their Teachers on CSEC.

Why is youth participation important in ending CSEC? Because Youths are the ones affected by this menace and as they compose the majority of the population they can easily make an impact on this cause.

Favourite quote: "What goes around comes around"



ECPAT International's Latest Journal: The Fight Against Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes: Analysing International & Thai Legislation

The release of ECPAT International's Journal Series No. 9 on The Fight Against Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes: Analysing International and Thai Legislation comes at a significant time for Thailand. In October 2013, Thailand ratified the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. The ratification came into force on November 16, 2013

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Meeting of the ECPAT Members in Nepal

NEPAL—On 11 February 2014, a meeting between ECPAT network members working in Nepal (ECPAT Luxembourg, CWIN and Maiti Nepal) was organized in Kathmandu. The meeting was held to bring together leadership of ECPAT member organisations and affiliates working in Nepal to discuss and provide feedback on the ECPAT Nepal Strategy developed against CSEC. Also discussed were strengths, opportunities and challenges in the implementation of the strategy against CSEC in Nepal, as well as the best way forward. Another objective of this important meeting was to build on the existing and planned work of ECPAT member organisations and to make conscious efforts to capitalise on the opportunities for increased coordination, cohesiveness and synergy for enhanced effectiveness and outcomes for proposed CSEC Strategy for Nepal for greatest impact against CSEC.

Discussion was also held on the working mechanisms between the newly appointed ECPAT Country Coordinator and the ECPAT member organisations working in Nepal including finalisation of the strategy document, development of work plan and budget, process of reporting and monitoring, continuous engagement and contribution of ECPAT member organisations in implementing the strategies for Nepal.

At the end of the meeting, ECPAT network members found the outcomes to be extremely beneficial and emphasised the need to organise similar meetings on a regular basis to provide a platform to share and exchange ideas, learnings and challenges as well as strengthen communication and coordination to maximize the work against CSEC in the country.

For full report, please contact at bimolb@ecpat.net

International Safe Internet Day in Ukraine

UKRAINE—More than 110 countries (including Ukraine) celebrated International Safe Internet Day on 11 February. This year the day was held under the slogan "We create a positive internet together." The NGO "School of Equal Opportunities" held a competition on safe Internet among high school students in Kyiv. In their presentations—to the surprise of the jury—students emphasised the safe use of smart phones. In the end, all participants had the opportunity to see a theatre performance about Internet safety.



The Municipal Groups of the Committee against CSEC define actions for 2014

PERU—Member organisations of the Peruvian Network against CSEC, affiliated with the ECPAT network, including CHS Alternativo and Tejiendo Sonrisas, participated in the first

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and represents an important step forward for Thailand, as it will allow for a more collaborative approach to fight against human trafficking, both within the UN system and among other States.

This ECPAT Journal seeks to analyse and explore the legal responses to the phenomenon of child trafficking for sexual purposes as a form of CSEC, both internationally and within Thailand. The articles provide a broad overview of the main international, regional and national instruments produced in the fight against trafficking of children for sexual purposes, the protection of its victims in Thailand and recommendations for ways in which Thailand can move forward in its fight against trafficking and CSEC.

ECPAT hopes that this Journal will be read, not only by the Thai government but also by governments from other countries that face similar problems and may benefit from such analysis and recommendations.

Read the journal here



meeting of the Interdistrict Committee that combats the sexual exploitation of children and adolescents (ESNNA) in Metropolitan Lima. This Committee is the first working under this model and it may be replicated in other areas and regions.

The event was held in the Municipality of San Juan de Miraflores and Monica Puello, member of Tejiendo Sonrisas, made the first presentation. Ms. Puello's presentation focused on defining the ECPAT network, the institutions that comprise it and the development of its work. Afterwards, Rosa Vivanco, Deputy Manager of the DEMUNA of the Municipality of El Salvador, discussed with the members of the Interdistrict Committee against CSEC the legal framework under which they work, their objectives, strategic plans of action and presented the actions carried out from 2011 to date.

She also gave details about the number of CSEC cases in 2012, with ages ranging from 10 to 17 years old. The results showed that the town María del Triunfo recorded 24 cases, out of which only 14 were reported and 10 were prosecuted; El Salvador, San Juan de Miraflores and Lurín recorded 15, 14 and 13 cases respectively, of which 13 from each district were reported and only 2 ended in prosecution in El Salvador and 1 in San Juan de Miraflores. Lurín did not record any prosecutions.

Finally, as part of the meeting agenda, the work plan of the Interdistrict Committee against CSEC 2013 of South Lima was presented and the actions to be carried out in 2014 were defined.



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