



International Women's Rights Center  
La Strada-Ukraine



ARIADNE Project



Ministry of Interior of Ukraine

## **Thematic Action “World of Childhood” 1-2 June Kiev, Ukraine**

On June 1-2 2009, the International Women’s Rights Center “La Strada-Ukraine”, on the occasion of the International Child Protection Day and within the framework of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ARIADNE Joint Project, is organizing a Thematic Action entitled “World of Childhood”.

On 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2009, “La Strada–Ukraine” in cooperation with the transit detention center for children (Ministry of Interior) will conduct a **drawing event “Create Your Own Graffiti” and a thematic discussion for the transit center inmates**. The discussion will touch upon the problems of children’s rights violations, exploitation and violence against children, as well as remedies of the above problems. Children and invited guests will take part in discussions and will then be asked to make graffiti on the walls of the transit center on topic of children’s rights. In order to assist children professional graffiti artists will be invited. Participants to the event include Tetyana Buchtiarova, head of the Department of Criminal Police for Children, Kateryna Levchenko, advisor to the Minister of Interior of Ukraine, representatives from the Greek Embassy in Ukraine and members of the All-Ukrainian network against commercial sexual exploitation of children. Every child will also receive a thematic present dedicated to the occasion. This event will be highlighted in the mass media.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2009, “La Strada-Ukraine” will hold a **round table and a press-conference “Counteraction of child trafficking and child abuse through the use of information and communication technologies”**. The aim of the round table is to provide information on recent research and international actions against child trafficking, examine the current situation in the Ukraine, as well as recommend possible actions to combat the problem. Experts from governmental institutions, law enforcement bodies and non-governmental organizations working with vulnerable categories of children, particularly, specialists from the Criminal Police on Minors’ Affairs will be invited to participate and make recommendations for further actions.

The press-conference will give the chance to the organizers to draw the attention of the authorities and the general public to the problem of child trafficking and child exploitation in the Ukraine. Participants to the roundtable include among others: Kateryna Levchenko, advisor to the Minister of Interior of Ukraine, Olha Shwed, Associate for CIS region, ECPAT, Tetyana Buchtiarova, head of the Department of Criminal Police for Children.

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*Development of the ARIADNE Website, Exchange of Good Practices, and Raising Awareness against trafficking in human beings in SE and E. Europe*