



“World of Childhood”

1-2 June Kiev, Ukraine

On June 1-2, 2009 International Women’s Rights Center “La Strada-Ukraine” with the support of ARIADNE Project conducted a Thematic Action dedicated to International Child Protection Day “World of Childhood”.

On 1st of June 2009, the Center “La Strada–Ukraine” in cooperation with the transit detention center for children (under Ministry of Interior) conducted the **graffiti event** “*Create Your Own Graffiti*” and **thematic discussion** for the transit center’s inmates.



On June 1st 2009 the staff and children from transit detention center welcomed guests coming for the graffiti event “World of Childhood”. The advisor of the Minister of Interior of Ukraine, Tetyana Medvedeva, the representative of the Criminal Police for Children at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, Tetyana Semenets, the vice-head of the Criminal Police for Children in Kiev and Valentyna Gluschenko, specialist of the Ministry on Family, Youth and Sport Affairs were among the high officials who visited the celebration of the 1st of June. Mass-media representatives came to enlighten the activity as well.



The program started with children’s small performance devoted to International Child Protection Day - with verses, singing and dances. Officials also celebrated children with short event speeches and presents. After the official part the gathering went to the graffiti wall site where professional artists already started sketching the future picture. There were prepared special ready-made sketches for children to participate in the picture-making as well. The artists conducted a brief master-class for children on safety and rules of making graffiti. After that, children and artists created their own pictures on near walls. The professional part of wall described one of the child rights indicated in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The event had a creative spirit so that even official guests took part in graffiti-making.

Photos taken during the event were later on presented to children and staff of the transit detention center.



On June 2nd 2009 another essential step was made to commemorate International Child Protection Day - a round table and a press-conference “Counteraction of Child Trafficking and child abuse through the use of Information and Communication Technologies”.

The event hosted representatives of 13 media and 20 participants - governmental structures, NGOs, international organizations and business structures (Microsoft Ukraine) interested in counteracting the problem. The representatives of the Greek Embassy in Ukraine also attended the event.

At the round table the results of the recent research on the problem were presented, as well as recommendations and outcome documents of the recent international events, and also problems and solutions in the sphere of child protection against abuse in Internet in Ukraine. Difficulties and gaps in legislation in all the countries presented at the round table and some recommendations for amendments were also discussed at the round table.

Among speakers were Olga Shwed, associate for CIS region of ECPAT International, Katerina Levchenko, advisor to the Minister of Interior of Ukraine, Jury Shuroky, representative of the Criminal Police for Children at the Ministry for Internal affairs of Ukraine, representatives of non-governmental organizations from Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Russia and Estonia.

Among the major round table recommendations were

- to develop special mechanisms of child rights protection and crime reporting through Internet hotlines and Codes of Conduct,
- to involve relevant private sector into the fight against child trafficking and child exploitation online,
- to ensure meaningful child and youth participation in child protection programs elaboration, international collaboration and work with judges and prosecutors on investigation schemes and other.

The event was effectively highlighted in mass media. More than 10 analytical articles were published in mass media.