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Dear Summit Participants:

On behalf of The ABA’s Commission on Homelessness & Poverty, welcome to the International Summit on the Legal Needs of Street Youth. I am thrilled that all of you are able to participate in this event!

The Commission dedicated the last year to developing what is a large-scale summit for an entity of our size, partnering with the law firm of Baker & McKenzie and a number of ABA entities including the Section of Litigation Children’s Rights Litigation Committee, Center on Children and the Law, Commission on Youth at Risk, the Section of International Law and ROLI, who all helped to make this event possible. This Summit will include 160 law and policy experts from nearly 40 countries who will engage in a thorough review and discussion of model policies and standards drafted for this Summit by international teams of experts.

We are pleased to have three key representatives from the United Nations participating in this Summit—particularly given the UN’s current efforts to draft a general comment on street children. The UN Special Rapporteurs on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, and on Adequate Housing, Leilani Farha will join us along with Bernard Gastaud of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child. We look forward to collaborating with the United Nations to support their efforts on the General Comment on Street Youth moving forward.

This Summit is Phase I of a much larger initiative that entails ongoing coordination of the international group of lawyers and advocates to promote legislative initiatives both domestically and abroad, as well as promoting increased pro bono for direct legal services to homeless youth domestically. The next phase of this initiative will begin in Washington DC in August, where key federal agencies and advocacy groups are already interested in coming to the table to discuss this important topic. And we hope to collaborate on similar convenings in other regions around the world.

As you ponder these complex issues confronting street youth, please consider a favorite saying of Mother Teresa: “We cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.”

Best of luck with your discussions,

Theodore W. Small Jr., Chair
ABA Commission on Homelessness & Poverty
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An impressive number of experts collaborated on a year-long effort that culminated in the first-ever International Summit on the Legal Needs of Street Youth—which will serve as the foundation for an ongoing global initiative aimed at fostering greater collaboration to secure better outcomes for street connected children and youth. Attorneys, advocates, researchers and policy experts from around the world conceived, drafted, reviewed and edited the materials for the Summit. Perhaps more importantly, these same people are working to improve the lives of street connected children and youth and to end homelessness among this vulnerable yet resilient population. The American Bar Association Commission on Homelessness & Poverty and our Summit partners are tremendously grateful to the following experts who contributed to the Summit:

Waheed Ahmad, Advocate, Training Officer, Sanjog, Pakistan
Jacob Akumbe, Kisumu Urban Apostolate Programmes, Kenya
Marija Andjelkovic, ASTRA Anti-Trafficking Action, Serbia
Ruth Barnes, Research and Projects Manager, Coram Children’s Legal Centre, UK
Magda Barsoum, Child Protection Consultant, Egypt
Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, France
Edwin de Boevé, Dynamo International – Street Workers Network, Belgium
Dr. Philip Cook, Executive Director, International Institute for Child Rights and Development, Canada
Maggie Crewes, Director of International Development, Retrak, UK-based organization working with street children in Africa
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Last but certainly not least, thank you to all the participants who traveled to London or participated virtually from around the world! We appreciate the commitment you made to participate in this effort and we look forward to an ongoing collaboration to address the legal needs of street-connected youth.

Theodore W. Small, Jr.
Chair, American Bar Association Commission on Homelessness & Poverty
Dear Summit Participant:

What if the entire population of Mexico, Vietnam, Ethiopia, or France suddenly became homeless? Or everybody in Argentina and Columbia combined? Or the U.K. and Canada combined?

Would the world notice and take action?

It is likely that such a significant crisis would result in the allocation of massive resources to address the problem. But when 100 million children live on the streets spread throughout our nations, very few pay attention.

We would argue that one way to change that—to change not only the lack of attention but to actually decrease the number of children and youth who do not have stable homes and often end up on the streets—is to ensure that these children and youth, perhaps the most disempowered of all groups, are granted rights. Not only that they are granted rights, but that they have a mechanism to enforce those rights. And sometimes that mechanism is a lawyer.

The first-ever International Summit on the Legal Needs of Street Youth is an ambitious undertaking. But you and I are up to the task. Experts from nearly 40 nations—from every continent—have come together to ensure that the world does pay attention, and to make a commitment to work together with and on behalf of homeless youth as they rise up to assert their rights. The Summit will feature experts including lawyers, judges, philanthropists, service providers, representatives of the United Nations, and, most importantly, formerly homeless youth themselves.

But it is only the beginning. For our endeavor to be successful, the result of our two days in London must be the seed of a much larger movement to improve the policies and rights of these youth around the world. We must become a coalition to help nations and communities protect and illuminate the right to a childhood for 100 million young people.

On behalf of the American Bar Association Commission on Homelessness & Poverty and Section of Litigation Children’s Rights Litigation Committee, please accept my thanks for your participation. We are thrilled that you are joining us at the Summit and on this long-term effort to address the plight of street youth.

Casey Trupin
Summit Chair
American Bar Association Commission on Homelessness & Poverty
WHAT DO WE MEAN BY “STREET CHILD/YOUTH”? 

The planners of the International Summit on the Legal Needs of Street Youth believe that the Summit will be useful for addressing homelessness among a broad group of “street youth.” While we are aware that many disagreements exist over who is considered homeless, and whether the summit should address the population of youth over 18, the Summit is intended to illuminate rights and policies that help all of these youth. We will not use the Summit to debate who qualifies as a “street youth,” nor will we debate the language that should be used to describe this population. Through this document, we would like to provide some common understanding about who the Summit is focused on.

It is equally important to note that some policies are directed only at certain groups of street youth. Thus, discussions at the Summit, and materials produced for and after the Summit should identify, when necessary, what population the policy is targeting. The following are definitions in use around the world from which presenters and attendees can draw.

**Solely under-18 terms**

**Street children**: Children under eighteen years, who work and sleep on the street (UN/UNICEF definition). Includes:

1. **Children on the street**: earn their living or beg for money on the street and return home at night. They maintain contact with their families. Also known as “market children.”
2. **Children of the street**: homeless children who live and sleep on the streets in urban areas. They are totally on their own, living with other street children or homeless adult street people.
3. Also includes terms such as “street boys”

**Children in a “street family”**: Some children live on the sidewalks or city squares with the rest of their families. Families displaced due to poverty, natural disasters, or wars may be forced to live on the streets. They move their possessions from place to place when necessary. Often the children in these ‘street families’ work on the streets with other members of their families.

**Thrownaway children**: children that have been forced to leave home.
Runaway youth: A minor-aged youth who leaves home without permission and stays away overnight.

Children in institutionalized care: having come from a situation of homelessness and at risk of returning to a homeless existence.

Child soldiers: “Any person below 18 years of age who is, or who has been, recruited or used by an armed force or armed group in any capacity, including but not limited to children, boys and girls, used as fighters, cooks, porters, messengers, spies or for sexual purposes. It does not only refer to a child who is taking or has taken a direct part in hostilities.”

Unaccompanied minor: Individuals under the age of 18 who lack parental, foster, or institutional care. Also refers to youth who have crossed borders without parents.

Terms that may include over-18 population

Street-connected youth: “…children, adolescents, and young adults up to age 24 who are living and working on the streets.” The definition may include “children who are stateless or migrating, as well as those with or without families [and] may overlap with runaways, homeless youths, youths who have been trafficked, those who have been subjected to child labor, those who live in institutions, and children who live in slums, squatter settlements, or hostels.”

Homeless youth:
1. Typically unaccompanied youth ages 12 and older (up to age 18, 21, or 24) who are without family support and who are living in shelters, on the streets, in cars or vacant buildings, or who are “coach surfing” or living in other unstable circumstances.
2. Individuals under the age of 18 who lack parental, foster, or institutional care.

Vendors, car-washers, beggars, parking boys, shoeshiners, squeegee kids, juvenile prostitutes, gang members: (Often derogatory) Terms that describe the economic activity of homeless youth, in areas often dominated by homeless youth. These terms often describe activities that are forced labor.

Doubled up youth: “includes those who are sharing housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.” Also includes couch-surfing youth who find “temporary shelter with friends, acquaintances, or, less often, family members, but lack a permanent or stable home.”

Disconnected/opportunity youth: people between the ages of 16 and 24 who are neither in school nor working.
**Unaccompanied youth:** Like unaccompanied minor, but may refer to over-18 youth in school who is not in the physical custody of a parent.

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ii The UN defines street children to include “any boy or girl... for whom the street in the widest sense of the word... has become his or her habitual abode and/or source of livelihood, and who is inadequately protected, supervised, or directed by responsible adults.”

iii [https://www.nn4youth.org/learn/definitions/#](https://www.nn4youth.org/learn/definitions/#)


vi Id.

vii See e.g. [http://www.unicef.org(evaldatabase/files/ZIM_01-805.pdf](http://www.unicef.org(evaldatabase/files/ZIM_01-805.pdf)

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Waheed Ahmad Advocate
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As an Appellate Court Attorney for the past fourteen years, Waheed has defended over a thousand clients, many of them Human Rights victims including juveniles and women. He has been invited to over thirty-one countries, delivering lectures and speeches on the finite matters of Pakistan's legal issues. As a former Legal Aid Commissioner for the International Criminal Court and the current Chairman Child Rights Committee Lahore Bar Association he has vast experience in dealing with Child Rights issues. He worked as a Project Lawyer (May 2006- August 2007) for the British Pakistan Law Council Project Advocate Foundation (Free Legal Aid to Children in detention) doing Jail Visits, Juveniles’ Family coordination, Juveniles’ counseling, and Representing Children in Courts. Waheed also conducted lectures in Madrassas (Islamic Religious School) regarding HIV/AIDS, laws; occupational health and safety and protection of their fundamental rights.

Jacob Akumbe
Kisumu Urban Apostolate Programmes
Kenya

Jacob is a rehabilitated street youth who is now in high school but still connected to Kisumu Urban Apostolate Programmes. During school holidays he gives talks to the children under rehabilitation in the centre and participates in advocacy work for the rights of street children and youths.

Marija Andjelkovic
ASTRA Anti-Trafficking Action
Serbia

Marija Andjelkovic is the Founder and Director of ASTRA – Anti Trafficking Action. She is a lawyer by profession, working on the issue of trafficking for more than 15 years. Ms. Andjelkovic established the first and still only SOS hotline for victims of trafficking and their families in Serbia that provided help for more than 400 victims of trafficking. She participates in strategic and operational planning and fundraising activities. She participates in designing and accrediting of educational programs for different target groups of professionals on specific aspects of trafficking in human beings especially women and children. Ms. Andjelkovic writes shadow reports on trafficking in human beings and presents reports before UN Treaty Bodies (CEDAW, CRC, CESC, CAT) and other relevant institutions. She organizes, moderates, coordinates, evaluates and appears as a lecturer at different specialized trainings and
seminars, conferences, public sessions, panels, roundtables, workshops etc. as a speaker and a facilitator. Ms. Andjelkovic is a guest teacher at Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade, Human rights, since 2009, and a guest teacher at Police Academy in Belgrade, Criminalistics, since 2009. She has published numerous manuals, articles and reports on trafficking in human beings.

Ruth Barnes
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UK

Ruth Barnes is the Research and Project Manager at CCLC and a qualified Attorney-at-Law (California). She has over 10 years of experience in child rights and international child rights law, in particular child protection, access to justice and justice systems. Ruth specialises in strategic reform, advocacy and planning with high level Government officials and is CCLC international team’s training development specialist, drafting accessible, high impact capacity building materials for a range of audiences including police, prosecutors, judges, social workers, and others. She has considerable experience in complex research and report writing on a range of child rights issues, including on children in street situations, child protection, juvenile justice and violence against children.

Ruth has travelled extensively while working at CCLC, frequently conducting research relating to street youth as part of situational analyses on child protection or juvenile justice. Most recently, Ruth has worked closely with UNICEF Tanzania since 2011 on a wide-scale reform programme relating to child protection and juvenile justice, which has included activities relating to children in street situations, particularly those who come into conflict with the law. In 2010, Ruth conducted research in Guatemala into administrative detention of street youth as a co-author of the report 'Administrative detention of children - a Global Report' by CCLC and UNICEF. Ruth joined CCLC in 2007 after graduating with a JD from Stanford Law School where she was awarded a public interest fellowship and received a California Bar Foundation Rosenthal Scholarship.

Magda Barsoum
Child Protection Consultant
Egypt

Magda Barsoum is currently a freelance consultant on child protection and civic education. She managed a five year USAID-funded project on combating violence against children with the national council for childhood and motherhood as an Egyptian government counterpart. The project dealt with three issues: juvenile justice, street children, and promotion of amended child law in 2008 through print and virulent media as well as NGOs. Before this project, Ms. Barsoum acted as consultant to a USAID project on Media and Civic education mainly working with NGOs and Government schools. Prior to that, she worked for 32 years at the US embassy in Cairo as Senior Cultural Affairs Specialist carrying out programs of guest speakers/experts at Egyptian counterpart government and educational institutions. This also involved an extensive exchange program for Egyptians with counterpart US institutions. In this capacity, Ms. Barsoum managed programs covering areas of US Foreign Policy, political and social processes, a 12-year project of legal reform with the Ministry of justice, civic education, drug prevention and awareness programs, and promotion of civil society and voluntarism.
Angel Benedicto
WoteSawa
Tanzania

Angel is a former child domestic worker who in 2012 set up WoteSawa (meaning 'all are equal' in Swahili) a youth-led organisation of child domestic workers based in Mwanza, Tanzania. In 2011 Angel was elected as a youth ambassador and representative of Tanzania to attend the International Labour Organisation’s annual conference in Geneva and lobby for the rights of child domestic workers during negotiations of the ILO Domestic Workers Convention (189) along with a team from Children Unite and Anti-Slavery international and child domestic workers from Costa Rica and the Philippines. These lobbying efforts resulted in an Article (4) and a Recommendation (201) in the convention banning the use of under-age children and protecting adolescents from abuse and exploitation in domestic work. Through WoteSawa, Angel has empowered her fellow child domestic workers in Tanzania who have successfully introduced five new by-laws that protect children in domestic work from abuse and exploitation. Angel and her team at WoteSawa continue to lobby for the Tanzanian Government to ratify the Domestic Workers Convention and for the rights of child domestic workers to be upheld in Tanzania. Angel is in the UK to receive a Young Leaders Award from Her Majesty The Queen and is collaborating with Children Unite while in the UK to promote the issue of child domestic workers to NGOs, corporations and donors. Angel wants to continue to advocate for the rights of child domestic workers and is currently studying for a diploma in law at St Augustine University of Tanzania.

Maud de Boer-Buquicchio
France

Maud de Boer-Buquicchio (the Netherlands) was appointed Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography on 8 May 2014. Between 2002 and 2012, she served as Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, the first woman elected for this post.

She joined the Council of Europe in 1969 and worked in different capacities in the human rights protection mechanism set up under the European Convention on Human Rights. In 1998, she was elected Deputy Registrar of the European Court of Human Rights.

Throughout her mandates, she has focused her work on the fight against discrimination and violence, and the promotion of the rights of the most vulnerable groups, especially children. She launched the Council of Europe programme “Building a Europe for and with children”, advocating for a holistic and integrated approach towards the issue of eliminating all forms of violence against children and respect for children’s rights. She has spearheaded the development and adoption of three key Council of Europe Conventions, namely, the Convention on action against trafficking in human beings, the Convention on the protection of children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, and the Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.

She is President of the European Federation for Missing and Exploited Children (“Missing Children Europe”), and continues to dedicate herself to ending abuse and neglect of children.

Ms. de Boer-Buquicchio studied French language and literature, followed by law at Leiden University, the Netherlands, specialising in labour law and international organisations. She is fluent in Dutch, English, French, Italian and German.
Edwin de Boevé
Dynamo International – Street Workers Network
Belgium

Edwin de Boevé graduated in policy and training practices, and in 1984 created Dynamo, a youth outreach service focused on street work in Belgium. A teacher and street worker in Brussels for many years, he is now Director of Dynamo International - Street Workers Network.

The Network is currently made up of many platforms which altogether represent over 50 countries from both the North and the South. By working in the field, the Network aims to increase the effectiveness and quality of practices by means of training, exchange of experiences and practices and the implementation of pedagogical tools. It also strives to generate international mobilization and to build structural and sustainable responses to the problems experienced by people living in the street throughout the world. Dynamo International has organized different events and conferences such as “Social Protection, Citizenship and Streetwork”, “Roma people, Street work and European policies” and two International forums of social street workers.

In this frame, Edwin de Boevé is an international trainer (Haiti, Tunisia, HES-So of Lausanne, Belgian federation of street workers) and supports the mobilisation of street workers in the 50 national platforms of street workers. He is responsible for the management and the implementation of the international network’s activities and is its spokesman.

He is co-author of several publications, among others, “The role of group action in street work” and “The International Guide on Street Work Methodology.” For more details: www.socialstreetwork.org

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Dr. Philip Cook
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Philip Cook is the founder and current Director of the IICRD and is also a Professor at Royal Roads University. Dr. Cook has led national, regional and international research and capacity building initiatives supporting the rights of street and working children in Canada, SE Asia, Latin America and Africa. He has supported program and policy reform with diverse governments, UN Agencies and organizations such as World Vision, Plan International and Right to Play.

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Maggie Crewes
Director for International Development
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Maggie Crewes has been working with Retrak for the past 15 years in various roles based in Uganda, Ethiopia, and Malawi, and is currently the Director of International Development. Retrak’s vision is that no child should be forced to live on the street and they work to promote quality programs that give children real choices as they make the journey from life on the street back into family and/or community. Retrak works to transform highly vulnerable children's lives; preserve families; empower communities and give each of them a voice.
This means both working with children currently on the street as well as with communities to prevent more children from moving to the street. Retrak works to enable street children to move from a life of vulnerability, exclusion and poverty on the streets to a life within a positive family or community where all household members are healthy, emotionally well, safe, educated and trained and economically dependent. Their approach is based on their working model in which they enable contact, facilitate attachment and ensure success continues. You can read more about their model and services to children and youth on their website www.retrak.org. Retrak has developed unique SOPs around re-integrating street children back home, de-institutionalisation of children in children’s homes and outreach on the streets. Retrak helps children and young people who have been in conflict with the law, to protect their rights and where possible include them in diversion programmes and keep them out of the criminal justice system.

**Howard Davidson**  
ABA Center on Children and the Law  
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Howard Davidson, JD, has been actively involved with the legal aspects of child protection for over 40 years. He has directed the American Bar Association’s Center on Children and the Law, leading a large staff in work on child welfare law and policy improvement, since its 1978 establishment. Prior to his tenure at the ABA he directed a pioneering Children’s Law Project in the early 1970’s at Greater Boston Legal Services.

He’s served as chair of the U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect, was a founding board member of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and has also served on the governing boards of ECPAT-USA, a national group focused on law and policy reform related to child trafficking and sexual exploitation, and the National Foster Care Coalition. He recently served on a National Academy of Sciences/Institute of Medicine Child Maltreatment Panel and is an advisor to the National Center for the Review & Prevention of Child Deaths. He also recently was invited to make a presentation to the National Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities.

His local work includes membership on Maryland Children’s Justice Act Committee and being named by the Mayor of Philadelphia to a Community Oversight Board helping guide improvements in that city’s child protection system. Howard also was selected as a U.S. delegate to the first World Congress Against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.

Howard has authored many legal articles and book chapters related to child maltreatment and the law.

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Since July 2004, Jaap E. Doek is emeritus professor of Law (Family and Juvenile Law) at the VU University (VrijeUniversiteit) in Amsterdam. He is a member of the International Board of Trustees of the African Child Policy Forum (ACPF) since 2004; a member of the International Supervisory Board of Child and Youth Finance International (CYFI) since 2012; a member of the Supervisory Board of Helpline International (CHI) since 2014; a member of the Advisory Board of Plan The Netherlands (2008); a member of the Advisory Committee of the ‘Innocenti Research Centre’ of UNICEF (since 2006) in
Florence; a member of the expert committee for the selection of candidates for the Annual Children’s Peace Prize since 2006 (initiative of KidsRights, The Netherlands).

Since 2014 he is the special legal advisor of ECPAT and chairperson of the Inter-Agency Working group on the ECPAT Project on terminology in the field of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children. He is also a consulting editor for Child Abuse & Neglect: The International Journal and of the American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, Mental health & Social Justice. Prof. Doek has been an advisor/consultant for, among others, the Special representative on Children and Armed Conflict, the regional office of UNICEF for East and Southern Africa and is still active as a consultant for a number of UNICEF country offices (e.g. Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Montenegro, Nepal and Suriname) and some governments of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Prof. Doek was a member of the ‘UN Committee on the Rights of the Child’ (1999 – 2007) and a chairperson of that Committee (2001-2007), the General Rapporteur of the Third World Congress on Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents held in Rio de Janeiro 26 – 28 November 2008 and a member of the Editorial Board for the UN Study on Violence against Children (2003 – 2006). He was the chairperson of Aflatoun Child Savings International (2006 – 2014) an International NGO social and financial education for children. From 2008 – 2013 he was a member of the jury for the Human Rights Defenders Tulip Award established by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.

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**Bernardine Dohrn**  
Retired Clinical Associate Professor, Northwestern University School of Law, Bluhm Legal Clinic  
Founding Director of the Children and Family Justice Center  
USA

Bernardine Dohrn, activist, academic and child advocate, is a retired Clinical Associate Professor at the Northwestern University School of Law, Bluhm Legal Clinic, and was the founding director of the Children and Family Justice Center. The Center represents young people in court, and is a national policy center for the comprehensive needs of children, adolescents and their families, providing critical analysis and knowledge about youth law practice, the administration of justice, and the preparation of professionals who advocate for children. Dohrn is an author and co-editor of three books: “Race Course: Against White Supremacy” (2009); “A Century of Juvenile Justice” (2002); and “Resisting Zero Tolerance: A Handbook for Parents, Teachers and Students” (2001). She writes and lectures on international human rights law, children in conflict with the law, racism and youth justice, school law, and torture. Dohrn taught women and children’s human rights law at Northwestern, was visiting professor at Leiden University faculty of law in the Netherlands and at Vrije University in Amsterdam, and is currently a Lecturer at the University of Chicago.

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**Duncan Dyason**  
Street Kids Direct, UK-based organization with programs in Guatemala  
Guatemala

Mr. Dyason has worked with young people for over 30 years and has worked in Guatemala City with street-living children and youth since 1992. He lives and works in Guatemala City volunteering with the Mi Arca Charity and helping four other organisations with development planning, budgets, training and...
capacity building. He also helps three projects in Honduras working with street and high risk children and youth and children involved in gangs.

Anna-mai Estrella
Executive Director
Chance for Childhood, UK-based organization with programs in Brazil and Africa
UK

Anna-mai has been working for Rights, Protection and Justice for children and youth for over ten years, eight of which were based overseas including Brazil, Zambia and Nepal. Her academic background includes a MSc in Development Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies.

In 2005, she helped to establish the international charity Homeless Child and went on to lead the charity for five years as Director, establishing partnerships with local organisations across Brazil; mainly working in urban slums to tackle issues that affected the growing number of street children. A fluent speaker of Portuguese, Anna-mai spent a further six years living in Brazil developing local partnerships to support the rehabilitation, education and well-being of street connected children.

Anna-mai joined Chance for Childhood in 2011 as Head of International Programmes and has been heading the organisation as Executive Director since 2012. Chance for Childhood is passionate about strengthening Child Protection, Justice systems, and educational opportunities, to fulfil the rights of vulnerable children, particularly those with street-connections. Such social infrastructure is needed at community level so that children living or working on the streets can be protected from violence and abuse, access education or vocational training and long term support to enable them to lead productive and full filling lives. Principally Chance for Childhood believes that legal protection systems, as well as aftercare services including comprehensive rehabilitation programmes also need to be made available to children who may have become involved in criminal behaviours as a survival mechanism. Chance for Childhood implements programmes that support the rights of children in conflict with the law to protection, legal assistance and tailored educational opportunities. This also includes promoting alternatives to detention such as structured diversion, which addresses the multiple abuses of the rights of the child which have forced them into this situation. They were commended by UNICEF for their work in Northern Uganda where they are currently implementing the first structured diversion programme nationwide in partnership with their local partner organisation Passion for Community and the Uganda Justice Law and Order Section.

They also seek to equip children and young people with skills and access to further education or employment opportunities that reduce the likelihood of re-offending. Care providers such as police, probation officers, magistrates and local community workers need to better understand how to administer these alternatives and support positive behavioural changes amongst children and their wider community. Successful reintegration depends on a holistic approach which addresses the push factors to the streets and the barriers to successful reintegration, such as family or community stigma, and the inflexibility, or lack of capacity of education providers to offer tailored support that recognize the unique learning needs of former homeless youths. To this end they are immensely grateful to be working with professionals at the University of Manchester Met to build the capacity of local practitioners in communication disabilities. They are also investigating the prevalence of trauma induced learning difficulties amongst children affected by violence including street connected children and young people.
Leilani Farha
United Nations Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing
Canada

Ms. Farha is the Executive Director of the NGO Canada Without Poverty, based in Ottawa, Canada. A lawyer by training, for the past 20 years Ms. Farha has worked both internationally and domestically on the implementation of the right to adequate housing for the most marginalized groups.

In Canada Ms. Farha worked on housing rights issues as the Executive Director of the Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation (CERA). In that capacity, she helped to launch a historic legal challenge seeking the implementation of UN recommendations for addressing homelessness as a violation of human rights. In her current work she continues to promote a human rights based approach to poverty.

Internationally, Ms. Farha has actively participated in a number of missions around the world to examine the status of housing rights and to assist in developing policy responses for the implementation of these rights. Within the UN human rights system, she helped spearhead the first resolution regarding women and the right to adequate housing. Ms. Farha has also undertaken numerous consultancies related to housing rights; she has appeared before various UN human rights mechanisms to address economic, social and cultural rights issues; and she was a member of the Advisory Group on Forced Evictions for UNHabitat.

Ms. Farha is known as a dynamic and effective advocate for economic, social and cultural rights and for promoting legal protection and access to justice for these rights. She has researched and published widely on issues related to housing rights, including on forced evictions, securing land rights for indigenous peoples, and housing indigenous peoples in cities. As a central dimension in all her activities, she has worked extensively on women’s economic, social and cultural rights, playing a pivotal role in raising awareness about the gender dimensions of these rights. Ms. Farha was also a founding member of the ESCR-Net – an international network of organizations committed to economic, social and cultural rights.

Vicky Ferguson
CEO
Glad’s House
Kenya

Vicky is the founder and CEO of Glad’s House, an organisation working in Mombasa, Kenya working with street connected children and young people. Glad’s House delivers a range of services to the young people they support including Outreach, a Drop In Centre, sports programmes and Education programmes. Glad’s House works to support homeless children and young people off the streets and back home or into independent living. They also offer opportunities for education, employment and training. Last year Glad’s House began delivering an Advocacy Programme challenging the current treatment of children and young people in the Criminal Justice System. Vicky has also worked with young people in the UK since 2005 in both the Third and Public Sector. She worked predominantly within the homelessness and Substance misuse services but has also spent time in more generic Youth Services. Although Vicky is no longer working face to face with young people in the UK, she is on the Board of Trustees for a UK charity supporting young people.
Stephen Gaetz
Professor York University & Director of the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness/Homeless Hub
Canada

Stephen is a Professor in the Faculty of Education at York University and is the Director of the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness and the Homeless Hub. He is also President of Raising the Roof, a leading Canadian charity that focuses on long term solutions to homelessness.

His research has focused on the economic strategies, health, education and legal and justice issues of people who experience homelessness. More recently, he has focused his attention on solutions to homelessness and in particular the Canadian Response to homelessness. Stephen was Associate Dean of Research and Professional Development in the Faculty of Education. Prior to his time at York University, Stephen worked in the Community Health Sector, both at Shout Clinic (a health clinic for street youth in Toronto) and Queen West Community Health Centre in Toronto. Stephen has played a leading international role in knowledge dissemination in the area of homelessness through the [Homeless Hub](#).

Bernard Gastaud
United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child
Monaco

Mr. Gastaud worked as a legal adviser in the Services of the Principality of Monaco for many years. He was elected as a member of the U.N.C.R.C. in 2010 and was elected for a second mandate last year.

Sanjay Gupta
Director
Childhood Enhancement through Training and Action (CHETNA)
India

Sanjay Gupta is an Engineer turned social activist director of NGO Childhood Enhancement through Training and Action (CHETNA) that works for empowerment of 10000 Street and Working children in Delhi and neighboring states. CHETNA has grown to be a very reputed and credible organization that has dedicated 14 years of its life to showcase and replicable models that has got national and international acknowledgements. The organization is well known for its unique initiative called "Badthe - Kadam"(Stepping forward) which is a street children led federation. They are also known for a unique newspaper by street children called "Balak Nama" (children's voice). CHETNA works closely with government authorities and is a member of various national and international forums that look into issues of Street and Working children. They are presently partnering with Hope for Children and Comic Relief in the U.K. CHETNA is a pioneer in organizing training for government officials like the department of women and child development and police. The unique work done by CHETNA is always highlighted by National and International media, which can be seen just by googling the NGO name. The organization works under the direction of 5 board members and complies with all legal norms that are required for any NGO to work in India. In January 2015, Mr. Sanjay Gupta attended the world congress on Juvenile Justice System and shared the message that he carried from Street Children of India, also he is a member of the Executive Council of National Action Coordination Group which is part of the South Asia Initiative to end violence against children (SAIEVAC).
**Professor Carolyn Hamilton**  
Director of International Research  
Coram Children’s Legal Centre  
UK

Carolyn Hamilton is Professor Emeritus of Law at the University of Essex, a Fellow of the Human Rights Centre and Director of International Programmes and Research at Coram Children’s Legal Centre. Carolyn is an internationally known child rights lawyer who has published widely on issues of children’s rights and has taken cases on child rights to the UK Supreme Court. She was the Senior Legal Adviser to the Children’s Commissioner and has served as the Children and Families Commissioner to the Legal Services Commission.

She has worked with UNICEF in 20 countries, as well as for UNICEF regional offices including the Eastern Caribbean (EAPRO, MENA and CEE/CIS), UNODC, UNDP, UNHCHR, SRSG on Children and Armed Conflict and Violence against Children, Save the Children Alliance and a range of NGOs. In 2013 Carolyn developed a Training Toolkit on CRC and CEDAW for UNICEF Office for the Eastern Caribbean Area and UN Women Caribbean Sub Regional Office to improve the capacity of the government counterparts, civil society organisations, parliamentarians and media professionals to understand the CRC and CEDAW Treaty Bodies. She is currently conducting an assessment of the National Strategy and Action Plan for Kosovo, producing recommendations for the development of the next strategy and in 2014 she provided technical assistance to the Government of Turkmenistan to draft the National Plan of Action for Children 2015-2020. She drafted the UN model law on juvenile justice for UNODC published in 2013.

Professor Hamilton was awarded the Sigrid Rausing prize for inspirational leadership in 2005 and Coram Children’s Legal Centre, of which she is Director, was awarded the Gandhi Peace Prize in October 2009 for its work with refugee and asylum seeking children in England and its project for sexually exploited and trafficked girls in Tajikistan.

**Franchesca Hamilton-Acker**  
Acadiana Legal Service Corporation  
USA

Franchesca L. Hamilton-Acker (B.S., University of Louisiana at Lafayette; J.D., Southern University Law Center) is the managing attorney of the Child in Need of Care (CINC) Unit at Acadiana Legal Service Corporation in Lafayette, Louisiana, where she promotes an assertive and holistic approach to the representation of children in dependency proceedings to ensure that every client has a voice. Mrs. Hamilton-Acker oversees this representation in southwest and central Louisiana, a region encompassing more than 19 juvenile jurisdictions; the role includes overseeing the involvement of pro bono attorneys. Mrs. Hamilton-Acker joined the law firm of Acadiana Legal Service in 1995 as a college intern. She decided to devote her career to public interest soon thereafter. Mrs. Hamilton-Acker returned to Acadiana Legal Services each summer while in law school as a law clerk. Upon graduation from law school, she returned to Acadiana Legal Services, where she worked in the Litigation Law Unit practicing housing, consumer, elder, and juvenile law. During this time, she represented clients in dependency, education, housing, and child welfare cases. In 2010, Acadiana Legal Service Corporation created the CINC Unit, which focuses primarily on representing children in dependency proceedings. Mrs. Hamilton-Acker has made a career choice of public-interest law, with a commitment to pursuing access to justice for all, especially the voiceless. Mrs. Hamilton-Acker is currently on the Louisiana Child in Need of Care Legislative Task Force, the Advisory Committee to the ABA Center on Children and the Law, and the working group of the Children’s Rights Litigation Committee of the Section of Litigation in the American
Bar Association. She is a co-author to the Children's Rights Litigation Committee publication, *Changing Lives: Lawyers Fighting for Children*, member of the ABA Youth at Risk Commission, and the 2014 recipient of the ABA Child Advocacy Award. She works with a number of Louisiana Supreme Court Improvement initiatives to enhance the child welfare system in Louisiana.

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**Peggy Healy**  
Senior Vice President for Latin America  
Covenant House International  
USA

Peggy Healy is the Senior Vice President for Latin America at Covenant House in NYC. Ms. Healy began her career in 1975 living and working for almost a decade as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in one of the poorest barrios of Nicaragua and from that experience went on to become a human rights specialist at the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) in Washington, DC, where she worked to change US policy towards Central America.

In 1993, Ms. Healy began her studies at Fordham University School of Law in NYC where she published a legal treatise on the extraterritorial prosecution of international sex tourists. Collaborating closely with ECPAT International, she worked with international organizations, local government representatives, and law enforcement agencies, including INTERPOL, Scotland Yard, and the FBI, in the creation and enforcement of legislation to prevent child sexual exploitation and in the training of police. In the same capacity, she wrote and presented the paper on International Child Pornography at the first UN World Congress Against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children held in Sweden in 1996.

After graduation from law school in 1996, Ms. Healy represented battered women at My Sister’s Place in White Plains, NY, as a Skadden Fellow. In 1999 she was invited back to Fordham Law School to become Program Director at the Crowley Program in International Human Rights (1999-2001) and to teach as an Adjunct Professor of Law (1999-2008). For the following twelve years, Ms. Healy worked in the US, Asia, Africa and Latin America as an international human rights consultant to numerous NGOs and development organizations in planning, executing, and evaluating advocacy strategies designed to involve citizens, particularly children and vulnerable sectors of the population, in social change.

As Senior Vice President for Latin America at Covenant House International, Ms. Healy currently oversees the work of four Casa Alianza programs located in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua where, every day, over 450 homeless, trafficked and exploited children receive protection and comprehensive services designed to make it possible for them to build new lives.

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**Bulelwa Hewitt**  
Surfers Not Street Children  
South Africa

Bulelwa Mandisa Hewitt grew up on local rubbish dumps in East London, South Africa. She escaped this by running to the streets in the late 1980’s. After living on the streets for many months she was taken in to a street child shelter. Bulelwa is the co-founder of Umthombo Street Children, the organisation in Durban, South Africa that empowers street children to be able to leave street life. She is also an advocate for the rights of street children and assists Surfers Not Street Children, the Durban organisation run by her husband. Bulelwa has played a key role in advocacy around street children issues having spoken of her life experiences at events in such places as Downing Street, The Berlin Film...
Festival and the UN in Geneva. She was a Cosmo magazine Fun, Fearless, Female of the Year (2010) and also a Standard Bank Woman of the Year (2010) and has been featured in a Johnny Walker coffee table book and countless magazines and TV talk shows. She was also a finalist for the prestigious South African Shoprite/Checkers Woman of the Year Awards in 2010. She has visited rubbish dump communities and street children projects across Africa.

Joe Hewitt
Street Child United
Brazil

Joe is a 34 year old communications professional from London who lives in Rio de Janeiro. Joe has worked with Street Child United since 2010. Before Street Child United, Joe worked across comms agencies, NGO’s and as a media consultant. Joe gives regular media interviews regarding the situation of street children and the power of sport to help change their lives.

In 2010 Joe was detained with a photographer from the Sun newspaper for covering the illegal round ups of street children in Durban, South Africa when visiting the Umthombo project. Ever since he has been committed to sharing the stories of life on the streets for children. Joe has since taken journalists to cover a variety of stories including children sleeping in underground tunnels in the Ukraine, Premiership footballers hosting football sessions for street children in Tanzania and arranging access for journalists to the ‘unpacified’ favelas and streets of Rio de Janeiro. In Brazil, Joe has worked on a number of media pieces securing coverage from CNN, Al Jazeera, the F.T., a 2-part BBC documentary and a docu-film from Billy Elliot Director Stephen Daldry called Street Kids United 2.

Joe is currently Head of Brazil for Street Child United who will hold the first ever Street Child Games in March 2016 ahead of the Rio Olympics.

Amy Horton-Newell
Director
Commission on Homelessness & Poverty
American Bar Association
USA

Amy Horton-Newell has served as the Director of the Commission on Homelessness & Poverty at the American Bar Association since 2001. Amy is also the Director of the ABA Coordinating Committee on Veterans Benefits & Services. She coordinates ABA policy development and programming related to the special legal needs of people experiencing homelessness and poverty. On behalf of the Association, Amy collaborates with national, state and local advocacy groups, associations, and government agencies to address issues related to homelessness and poverty. Horton-Newell has been a member of the National Homeless Advocates since 2001 and a member of the Homeless Veteran National Advocacy Working Group since its establishment in 2011. She is also an inaugural board member for the National Trust to End Youth Homelessness (established in 2012). From 2003 through 2011 Amy served on the Board of Directors for the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless in Maryland. Since 2001, she has served on the Montgomery County Continuum of Care as well as on the Planning Committee for Montgomery County Homeless Resource Day. Amy is currently chairing the Montgomery County Interagency Commission on Homelessness. In 2014, Amy was honored by the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans for her leadership and personal commitment to ending veteran homelessness in the United States. Amy received a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from the University of Maryland, College Park,
where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law where she focused on poverty law and street outreach and was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 2000.

Speaking engagements have included presentations at national conferences sponsored by the American Bar Association, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Legal Aid and Defender Association, National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, National Alliance to End Homelessness, National Coalition for the Homeless, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, as well as frequent presentations to state and local bar associations, judicial organizations, government officials, service providers and advocacy groups across the country.


Anita Hurrell
Legal and Policy Officer
Coram Children’s Legal Centre
UK

Anita Hurrell is the Legal and Policy Officer within the Migrant Children’s Project at Coram Children’s Legal Centre, responsible for providing legal guidance and training to non-legal professionals on the rights of children and young people affected by immigration control. These children, young people and their families are some of those most at risk of homelessness in the UK. She is also involved in policy work, especially on the issue of children and young people’s access to justice and legal aid.

Samara Jones
European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)
Belgium

Ms. Jones has worked on homelessness and housing rights issues with FEANTSA between 2001 and 2004 and again since 2011. She coordinates FEANTSA Youth – the network of social workers, academics, lawyers, peer workers and others working with young people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

FEANTSA has organised two study sessions with the Council of Europe to bring together 40 participants from across Europe to exchange practice on taking a human rights approach to their work with young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. During the most recent session in March 2015, FEANTSA focused on advocacy: how can knowledge and use of the law better support and empower young people who are homeless. FEANTSA is a partner in a European project to advocate for an after-care guarantee for young people leaving state care, as they have identified this transition to independent living as a time when young people are at particular risk of becoming homeless.

Ms. Jones also coordinates FEANTSA’s Housing Rights Watch (www.housingrightswatch.org) network which brings together NGOs, academics, lawyers and others to promote access to housing rights for homeless people, strategic litigation, and combating criminalisation of homelessness. They have pursued strategic litigation against several European countries, most recently, the European Committee of Social Rights decided in FEANTSA’s favour on a collective complaint vs The Netherlands (November
2014). In 2013 they published a first report on the criminalisation of homelessness in Europe and continue to research this disturbing trend.

Hon. Virginia Kendall
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
USA

Judge Kendall was appointed to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in January 2006. She served six years on the Judicial Conference Judicial Codes of Conduct Committee and has sat by designation with the Seventh, Ninth, and Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals. Prior to her appointment, she served as Deputy Chief in the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney’s Office in Chicago. During her tenure as an Assistant United States Attorney, she was appointed to the US Attorney General’s Advisory Committee which reviewed all multi-jurisdictional child exploitation cases and as the Child Exploitation Coordinator in the Northern District of Illinois. Judge Kendall is the co-author of Child Exploitation and Trafficking: Examining the Global Challenges and the U.S. Responses, (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers 2012), with T. Markus Funk, Foreword by The Hon. Richard A. Posner. She teaches law courses in trial practice, federal litigation, and human trafficking at University of Chicago Law School, Northwestern University School of Law and Loyola University Chicago School of Law. She has authored numerous articles on a variety of topics including international human rights, human trafficking, and transnational investigations. Aside from her own writing, she also serves as an editor of Litigation Magazine and is a member of the American Law Institute and is currently working as an Advisor to the drafting of a model penal code for sexual offenses. She currently lectures extensively both domestically and internationally in the areas of trial practice, public corruption, ethics, electronic discovery, patent litigation, social media, internet and computer investigations, intellectual property case management, child exploitation, human trafficking and judicial training. Judge Kendall serves on the executive council of the Federal Judges Association and actively participates in numerous bar organizations including serving in leadership roles with the Federal Bar Association, the International Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Federal Circuit Bar Association. Her leadership positions have included Co-Chair of the Human Trafficking Committee, the Jury Innovations Committee, and the Access to Justice Committee with the Litigation Section of the ABA; co-chair of the Human Trafficking Committee with the Criminal Justice Section of the ABA; serving on the presidential task force for both the ABA and the IBA; and serving on the Federal Judiciary Committees of both the Federal Bar Association and the Federal Circuit Bar Association. Judge Kendall is committed to opening her courtroom regularly to students where she encourages young students to strive to practice law through her role on the Judicial Advisory Committee of Just the Beginning Foundation, the Cristo Rey Network, and numerous local schools dedicated to integrating students of color and of other underrepresented groups into the practice of law. Judge Kendall travels extensively both domestically and internationally to train judges, trial attorneys and investigators in the areas of trial law, rule of law, ethics, terrorism trials, crimes against women and children, human trafficking and public corruption. Internationally, she has traveled through the State Department, the Department of Justice, Lawyers Without Borders, and various bar associations to Kenya, Zambia, Liberia, Cyprus, India, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Italy, the UK, and Japan to teach judges and trial attorneys. Domestically, she created a human trafficking training module for task forces and for judges and she regularly holds seminars to educate them and the public. She also regularly presents ethics training to the federal judiciary and judicial employees. Prior to her time on the bench, Judge Kendall was a trial attorney and tried numerous federal jury trials involving white collar crime, insurance fraud, police corruption, public corruption, child molestation, and racketeering. For her work as a federal prosecutor, Judge Kendall received the Chicago Crime Commission’s Star of Distinction Award in 2005; the Department of Justice’s Service Award in 2003; and
the FBI Director’s Letter of Recognition in 1998. Judge Kendall received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Northwestern University and her J.D. from Loyola University School of Law.

Abdullah Khoso
Executive Director
The Institute for Social Justice
Pakistan

Abdullah Khoso has more than 10 years first hand working experience in the field of human rights mainly human rights of children in the criminal justice system. He has worked with International Islamic University, Save the Children, Ministry of Human Rights, SPARC, PILER, PFF, NRSP, Qauid-e-Azam University, Population Council, Sahil, and so on. Currently he is working as Executive Director of the Institute for Social Justice (ISJ), which is working to promote and advance social justice and human rights in Pakistan.

Cathy Krebs
Director
Children’s Rights Litigation Committee
American Bar Association

Catherine Krebs serves as the Committee Director of the ABA Section of Litigation Children’s Rights Litigation Committee (CRLC). Catherine works with the CRLC and Section members to implement the ambitious agenda of the Committee, which focuses on the underrepresentation of children in all aspects of the legal system and includes policy issues, programs and providing technical support to lawyers starting children’s programs. Prior to her position with the committee she worked at the Children’s Law Center of Massachusetts (CLCM), first as a Skadden Fellow where her project focused on representing children in abuse and neglect cases and expediting their cases to a permanent plan. Following this fellowship she became a staff attorney at CLCM where she continued to represent children in abuse and neglect cases and education cases as well.

Vijay Kumar
Childhood Enhancement through Training and Action (CHETNA)
India

Vijay, 22 years, leads Badht Kadam, a federation of 10,000 street and working children, as its Adviser. Until eight years ago, he was a junkie. He claims to have lost the ability to feel pain because of the drugs he took. But an encounter with activists from the NGO CHETNA and its federation for children, Badht Kadam, which started 113 years ago, changed his life. The hall is the federation’s office. Vijay is now in Class XII at the National Institute of Open School and raring to become a civil servant and take up the cause of children. “There were times when I didn’t eat any food. I used to survive on drugs and water. I would work day and night in a CD-making factory and make Rs 10 for 12 hours of work. I would cut myself, but the owner of the factory wouldn’t give me bandages or medicines. After I was rescued, I started studying and, as I became an activist, the first thing I did was report the factory and got it raided. We rescued a lot of children,” Vijay says. The Centre, which has been arguing for a more inclusive child labour law, is planning to change the penalties under the act and make them “cognisable and non-bailable”. Vijay and his team are, however, not bothered with laws. “Only education can change our lives,” says the 22-year-old. The leadership of the organisation is elected through a secret ballot and
meets once a month to discuss child rights issues which are highlighted in their newspaper, Balaknama, that is published once every three months and boasts of a circulation of 4,000 copies. The entire Balaknama team comprises children between 14 and 15 — all of them rescued from the streets by fellow child labourers-turned-activists. Such is the success rate of these kids in getting children to give up working that CHETNA, the NGO which started this programme, has adopted a completely hands-off approach. Please see https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Y4puU8d2zc; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t68pnD3_WzA.

Sabas Benedict Masawe
Tanzania Child Rights Forum
Tanzania

Mr. Masawe is the current Chairperson of THE TANZANIA CHILD RIGHTS FORUM (TCRF). TCRF is an umbrella organization that has 230 members across the country. His work is to oversee the Secretariat to ensure that they perform their duties according to the strategic plan and also to coordinate the other Board members so that they together support the Secretariat. He also works hand in hand with the Secretariat together with Board members in looking for operating funds for the Forum.

On top of this task he is the Project Coordinator of an organization called Dogodogo Centre that advocates for child rights with a special focus on street children and youth. It is in this organization that he advocates for street children’s rights and thus works closely with the court systems and the Police Force.

Rosemary McCarney
President and Chief Executive Officer
Plan International Canada, Inc.
Canada

Rosemary McCarney is an award-winning humanitarian and business leader, a recognized public speaker and author, and an expert on international economic development. She is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Plan International Canada Inc. (Plan Canada), one of the oldest and largest charities in Canada, and a member of the global Plan Federation. Protecting children and young people from abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence is central to everything Plan does. On a global scale in 2014, Plan International provided child protection training for 214,747 community members and 58,008 staff of partner organizations across the world.

At Plan Canada, Rosemary has led the organization’s growth with double digit year-over-year revenue growth supported by more than 200,000 Canadian donors across the country. Plan is seen as a global leader and Rosemary a key spokesperson on international economic development and human rights. Under Rosemary’s leadership, Plan Canada led the call for an International Day of the Girl as part of its dynamic and engaging Because I am a Girl initiative. With Rosemary at the helm, the day became a reality following all party support in the House of Commons and the enthusiastic support of Canadians from all walks of life, and the world marked its official inauguration on October 11, 2012. This day, celebrated annually, recognizes girls’ rights globally and creates a focus for advocacy to see that girls get the investment they deserve as powerful agents of change in their families, communities, and nations. Plan Canada is also the home of the well-known Spread the Net antimalarial campaign.
Rosemary received her law degree from the University of Western Ontario and her MBA from Case Western Reserve University. She has taught both international and constitutional law. Rosemary has worked with the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation, USAID and CIDA, as well as other governments and UN bodies. Rosemary has also received the Institute of Corporate Directors ICD.D designation.

Rosemary has been a member of the Board of Directors of numerous private sector, not-for-profit and community organizations. She is currently the Chair of The Humanitarian Coalition, the Chair of the Canadian Network on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, and serves on the Advisory Board of The Canada-United States Law Institute as well as on the Public Policy Committee of Imagine Canada.

Rosemary has had an extensive international career in law, business and the not-for-profit sector, having worked in more than 100 countries. Prior to joining Plan Canada she was the Executive Director of Street Kids International.

She is the recipient of numerous awards and honours. Rosemary has written for several publications and is a guest writer for Huffington Post. She is asked to appear regularly on national and international radio and television programs. In the spring of 2014, she launched a series of children’s books on social and rights issues affecting children in Canada and around the world with Second Story Press. Her third book was published in April 2015.

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**Andy McCullough**  
Head of Policy and Public Affairs  
Railway Children  
UK

Andy McCullough currently works as the director of policy and public affairs for the Railway Children, an organisation that works globally with children at risk on the streets. Over 27 years of work focused on social care he has managed and developed work with children who runaway or are abused through prostitution. He has worked in and managed projects and initiatives (nationally and internationally) within the drugs, youth work and mental health fields. Andy is a founder and current chair for The English Coalition for runaway children and sits on the SOG and CEOP advisory panel. He has taken part in a number of enquiries as an expert including the Victoria Climbie Enquiry.

A regular on TV and radio he has recently acted as an advisor for a book for children on running away (*invisible girl*) and co-authored an international report on cycles of intervention with regards to families living with violence as part of the “Safer families, safer children” coalition. He has a number of papers published and is qualified in youth work, counselling and management.

Railway Children is an international children's charity. They fight for vulnerable children who live alone at risk on the streets, where they suffer abuse and exploitation. In the UK, society often denies their existence, and in other countries the problem is so prevalent that it has become 'normal'. They run away or are forced to leave homes where they suffer poverty, violence, abuse and neglect. They find themselves living on the streets because there is nowhere else to go and no one left to turn to. The problems they face on the streets are often even worse than those they endured at home. Every day they fight to change their story. Railway Children race to reach children as soon as they arrive on the streets and intervene before an abuser can. Their pioneering work enables them to get to street children before the streets get to them. Railway Children works across three regions, India, East Africa and the UK.
Latisha Mead
Former foster youth and college student
USA

Latisha, 22 is a bright articulate spokesperson and student at the University of Colorado. Latisha is the second oldest of eight children. Latisha braved ten years in the United States foster care system, bounced in and out of twelve foster homes in four years, often separated from her siblings. Latisha describes foster care as a “safety net,” an inanimate object which has no emotion or compassion, and little understanding. Latisha speaks out “for the benefit of the unheard voices, unseen faces, and misunderstood hearts of these children everywhere.” Latisha has spoken to an audience of 300 lawyers at a leadership meeting of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Litigation in Puerto Rico; Latisha was part of a “Think Tank” of former foster children invited by the ABA Children’s Rights Litigation Committee in Seattle for a national meeting; she has spoken at the NACC conferences in Chicago and Atlanta, and Denver. Latisha was invited to attend a Court improvement summit in Utah and in California. Latisha is genuinely interested in helping all who care about children to better understand the system’s impact from a child's point of view. Despite the sobering information, she tells her story with hope, optimism and courage.

Judge Eduardo Rezende Melo
International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates
Brazil

Judge Melo is a judge in São Caetano do Sul, São Paulo, Brazil at the Child and Youth Court that deals with both child protection and juvenile justice cases. He is an Advisor for children rights at the São Paulo State Court of Appeals. Judge Melo received a master degree at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland in children’s rights, and a master degree in philosophy at the Pontifical University of São Paulo. He is currently applying to a PhD program at the University of São Paulo Faculty of Law. He has been a Juvenile and Child Protection Judge in the State of São Paulo-SP since 1991. Judge Melo is the former president of the Brazilian Association of Juvenile and Child protection Judges, District Attorneys and Public Defendants (ABMP) -2008-2010. He is the former secretary general of the International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates - IAYFJM (201-2014), and is currently a member of its Council (2014-2018). He is the author of the book: Children and Adolescents in street situation: human rights and the role of Justice, edited by Malheiros, 2011.

Dr. Benyam Dawit Mezmur
Mellon-Research Fellow
Community Law Centre, University of the Western Cape
South Africa

Dr. Benyam Dawit Mezmur is an associate professor at the Community Law Centre at the University of the Western Cape. He has been appointed associate professor as well as the head of the Children’s Rights Project at the Community Law Centre. Dr. Mezmur who published a number of articles on children’s rights in Africa and related topics is also a research fellow based at the Centre.

He is also a lecturer of the LLM modules - International Protection of Human Rights - and Children’s Rights and the Law, at UWC. He also lectures at the Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia.
Dr. Mezmur was recently appointed Chairperson of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC). He has been closely involved in the work of the African Committee since 2002. He was also elected by the UN General Assembly to the UN Committee on the rights of children in 2012. Previously, he has worked as a Legal Officer for The African Child Policy Forum (ACPF).

He has also been awarded research fellowships by the Universities of Utrecht and Groningen (Netherlands) and Abo Akademi (Finland), and presented in national and international conferences. He has also undertaken work for some intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations. He received his LLB from the Addis Ababa University, a LLM from the University of Pretoria (the Centre for Human Rights), and a LLD in Law from the UWC.

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**Ester Mrutu**  
Maryknoll Sister Candidate  
Dogodogo Centre Street Children Trust  
Tanzania

Ester Mrutu is a mobile education instructor with Dogodogo center. Dogodogo Centre is advocating for child rights with a special focus on street children and youth. She is providing her service to the street children of Dar es Salaam – Tanzania. Through mobile education she is teaching street children different kinds of knowledge like healthcare, entrepreneurship, and communication skills. During mobile education activities, she also does counseling and reflexology to the children. Furthermore she is promoting street children who are highly talented by helping them to reach their dreams.

It is in this organization that she advocates for street children’s rights and thus works closely with the court systems and the Police Force. In attaining this goal, she is usually conducting forums and workshops with police, government leaders, various organizations and other experts aimed in supporting the life situation of street children in Tanzania.

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**Rita Panicker**  
Director  
Butterflies  
India

Rita Panicker founded the organisation Butterflies and is known for her work on children’s participation. Children’s Development Khazana, a life skills education programme teaching children financial management is one of Butterflies’ flagship programmes. Children own this programme and manage cooperative banks. This programme is now operational in 8 countries. It won the Global Development Network Japanese award for most innovative development project. Butterflies has facilitated children to have their own health cooperatives and a cadre of child health educators. The Child Health Cooperative has now become a unique part of CDK. The organisation is instrumental in setting up and facilitating a children’s fora in Delhi called Delhi Child Rights Club (DCRC) since 1998, which has children from 20 NGOs as its members. DCRC brings out a newspaper called Delhi Children’s Times; it is in its 10th year of publication.

Rita has written a number of papers on child rights issues and done research on street children and an ongoing study on children in conflict with law.
Butterflies is a member of Family for Every Child, a global alliance of national civil society organizations working together to improve the care of children around the world. Rita is the vice Chair of the Governing Board of FFEC. Board member of Intercultural Resources, Delhi and Founder member of MASHAL (Maharashtra Social Housing Action League), Pune. She is also a member of the Board of CHILDLINE India.

Deborah Quilgars
Centre for Housing Policy, University of York
UK

Deborah Quilgars is a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Housing Policy with twenty five years housing research experience, with particular expertise in homelessness and housing and support services, including for young people. Deborah has undertaken extensive research on homelessness and housing related support for vulnerable and marginalised households. She is a particular expert in youth homelessness, having undertaken work on child poverty and well-being, the role of foyers and a UK-wide review of youth homelessness. She has also directed a number of evaluations of pilot projects designed to prevent or address homelessness, including services for homeless families, female ex-offenders and teenage parents. Deborah has also conducted work on the accommodation and housing related support needs of households at risk of domestic violence and also a similar study on the needs of homeless veterans.

With Nicholas Pleace, Deborah represents the UK in the European Observatory on Homelessness which operates under the auspices of the Fédération Européenne des Associations Nationales Travaillant avec les Sans-Abri, (FEANTSA). She is also a member of the editorial team of the European Journal of Homelessness (produced by the FEANTSA Observatory).

Bruce Rivers
Executive Director
Covenant House Toronto
Canada

As Executive Director of Covenant House Toronto, a position he assumed in November 2011, Mr. Rivers currently directs the efficient and effective administration and operation of Canada’s largest and most comprehensive organization serving homeless youth. He ensures the objectives, goals and programs of the agency are clearly defined and implemented across a variety of residential and day programs for approximately 3,000 youth, ages 16 to 25.

As Chief Executive Officer for Community Living Toronto from 2006 to 2011; Mr. Rivers was responsible for the largest organization of its kind in Canada, supporting individuals who have an intellectual disability, through a budget of $60 million. Community Living Toronto supports over 6,000 individuals and their families with programs and services offered in the community and more than 73 locations in Toronto, supported by over 1,000 staff, 1,200 volunteers and 800 members.

In April of 2004, Bruce was seconded to Ontario’s Ministry of Children and Youth Services, as Executive Director to the newly formed Child Welfare Secretariat, where he provided interim leadership to a major policy reform initiative focused on improving child welfare outcomes for children and addressing sustainability within the sector.
As former Executive Director of the Children’s Aid Society of Toronto, where he presided for 15 years, Mr. Rivers was responsible for directing one of the largest child welfare agencies in North America with an annual budget of approximately $140 million.

Bruce is the former president of the Child Welfare League of Canada and at an international level is the past President for the International Forum for Child Welfare. In 2012, Bruce was appointed as Adjunct Professor in the Factor-Inwentash Facility of Social Work, University of Toronto.

Professor Irene Rizzini
Professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro
Director of the International Center for Research and Policy on Childhood
Brazil

Irene Rizzini is a professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (PUC-Rio) and Director of The International Center for Research and Policy on Childhood (CIESPI) at PUC-Rio. She received her Master’s degree at the University of Chicago (School of Social Service Administration) and her Ph.D. in Sociology from Rio de Janeiro Institute of Research (IUPERJ). In 1984, she founded the Center for Research on Children (CESPI) at Santa Ursula University in Rio which became the International Center for Research and Policy on Childhood (CIESPI) at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, PUC-Rio in 2002.

She has conducted many research and policy studies and written extensively on children, families and their communities in Brazil especially on children living in situations of vulnerability such as poverty, violence, urban slums, and on the streets. She has also conducted studies on family support structures, children with mental and developmental disabilities and on children in the juvenile justice system. Under her direction CIESPI research teams are currently researching the functioning of federally mandated Children’s Rights Councils and their role of proposing and monitoring the implementation of children’s policies at the municipal level, and the development of tools to assist key public, private, and nonprofit sector actors to improve the state of and implementation of policies for children in contexts of vulnerability. They also direct CIESPI’s efforts in training professionals involved with children throughout Brazil especially professionals connected to the federal System for the Guarantee of Rights. She served as President of Childwatch International Research Network, a network of over forty university based research centers in over forty countries, from 2002 to 2009. She held the visiting chair in Brazilian Cultural Studies at the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame in 2006, and was appointed a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation fellow in 2008.

Her work experience includes the development of several projects and publications as the director of the International Center for Research and Policy on Childhood-CIESPI at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, centered on documenting the problems faced by low-income children in urban Brazil, and contributing to policy development to improve their life chances. This work includes describing the condition of street children; analyzing how to improve the health, education, safety, and environmental contexts of children in low-income communities; monitoring and providing technical assistance to the Children’s Rights Council in Rio de Janeiro and in cities in eight other Brazilian states to adopt and implement more effective policies for street children. In related work, she carried out research in collaboration with colleagues in Mexico City and Chicago on how young activists become civically engaged. As board president of Childwatch International, (40 children’s research centers in 38 countries), she led projects on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
She has undertaken historical and legal analyses about the status of low-income children. She has also been involved in training and researching children’s rights councils at the municipal, state and federal levels. She frequently trains juvenile court judges and public defenders about the domestic contexts of low-income children. Her Center has also completed a project on the achievements and challenges of the Statute on the Child twenty years after its passage, for the federal National Secretariat for Human Rights.

Lourdes Rosado
Juvenile Law Center
USA

Lourdes Rosado is associate director of Juvenile Law Center, where she employs a diverse set of strategies to advocate on behalf of children in the foster care and juvenile justice systems. With her colleagues, Ms. Rosado pursues civil litigation on behalf of institutionalized children; writes appellate court and amici briefs on key legal issues affecting children involved in public systems; works on legislative and regulatory reform; and trains lawyers and other child-serving professionals on the law.

Currently, Ms. Rosado serves on the Children’s Rights Litigation Committee Working Group of the Section of Litigation in the American Bar Association, and is co-chair of the Diversion Subcommittee, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee of Pennsylvania. In 2009, Ms. Rosado and Marsha Levick were named Citizens of the Year, for their work on the Luzerne County judicial corruption scandal. Other honors include the CMHS National GAINS Center 2010 Impact Award; the Federal Bar Association’s 2010 Clifford Scott Green Bill of Rights Award; THE LEGAL INTELLIGENCER’s 2010 Woman of Distinction.

Ms. Rosado joined Juvenile Law Center in 1998 after completing the E. Barrett Prettyman Fellowship in Juvenile Justice at Georgetown University Law Center from which she was awarded an LLM in Trial Advocacy. Ms. Rosado is a graduate of Swarthmore College, where she was a Eugene M. Lang Scholar, and New York University Law School, where she was a Root-Tilden-Snow Scholar and won the Judge Aileen Haas Schwartz Award for outstanding work in the field of children and the law. Immediately following law school, Ms. Rosado served as a law clerk to the Honorable John R. Padova, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Before becoming an attorney, Ms. Rosado worked as a business reporter for Newsweek and other publications, and received a Master’s degree from the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs.

Jane Sanders
The Shopfront Youth Legal Centre
Australia

The Shopfront Youth Legal Centre is a free legal service for homeless and disadvantaged young people aged 25 and under. It has been operating since 1993 and is a partnership between Mission Australia, the Salvation Army and the law firm Herbert Smith Freehills. It provides court representation and other legal services to young people with high and complex needs who are unable to effectively access Legal Aid and other mainstream legal services.

Jane Sanders is the Shopfront’s Principal Solicitor. She is an accredited specialist in criminal law and children’s law. She has over 20 years’ experience appearing for children and young adults in criminal matters in the Children’s, Local, District and Supreme Courts. Of necessity, given the composition of her
Jane has become an expert in police powers, particularly arrest and personal search powers.

Jane's role also includes providing training for young people, youth workers and lawyers. She is also active in campaigning for law reform on issues that affect young and disadvantaged people. She is an active member of the NSW Law Society Criminal Law Committee and has also been a member of other committees and networks including the Youth Justice Coalition, the University of New South Wales Law Faculty Advisory committee, the University of Sydney Institute of Criminology Advisory Committee and the former Juvenile Justice Advisory Council.

In 2008 Jane was awarded the NSW Law and Justice Foundation’s Justice Medal, for “outstanding individual achievement in improving access to justice, especially for socially and economically disadvantaged people.” In 2014 she received the Terry Keaney Memorial Award for “dedication to the profession, excellence as a criminal lawyer, commitment to clients and concerns for social justice.”

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**Jama Shelton**
Deputy Executive Director
True Colors Fund
USA

Jama Shelton is the Deputy Executive Director of the True Colors Fund. In this role, Dr. Shelton is engaged in systemic change efforts directly informed by years of direct practice experience. Having worked in the areas of clinical practice with LGBT youth experiencing homelessness, as well as program development, evaluation, research, technical assistance and training, Dr. Shelton brings a comprehensive understanding of the issues facing both LGBT youth experiencing homelessness and also the service providers with whom they work. Dr. Shelton is also an adjunct professor at the Silver School of Social Work at New York University and a postdoctoral fellow at the McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research at New York University.

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**Professor Ann Skelton**
Centre for Child Law, University of Pretoria
South Africa

Professor Ann Skelton is professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. She is the Director of the Centre for Child Law, which is a specialised law clinic. She also holds the UNESCO Chair in Education Law in Africa. She has published widely in the fields of child law, family law, education law, constitutional law, juvenile justice and restorative justice. Prof Skelton was at the forefront of child law reform through her SA Law Reform Commission work where she chaired the committee that drafted the Child Justice Act which deals with child offenders. She remains an internationally recognised policy advisor on juvenile justice and has done consultancy work in Africa and Asia in this field. She is an advocate who appears in the superior courts arguing children’s rights issues in a wide range of public interest law matters. Prof Skelton regularly attends expert meetings of UN bodies, speaks at international conferences, and in 2012 she was awarded the Honourary Worlds’ Children’s Prize.

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**Prof. Julia Sloth-Nielsen**
University of the Western Cape
South Africa
Prof. Sloth-Nielsen has been involved in law reform relating to children in South Africa and in many other southern and eastern African countries, including Lesotho, Zanzibar, Swaziland, Kenya, Namibia and South Sudan. She is a member of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, the body which monitors the implementation of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. She is the professor of Children’s Rights in the Developing World at the University of Leiden.

Paul Sunder Singh
Founder and Director
Karunalaya Center for Street and Working Children
India

Paul Sunder Singh is a development professional and Child Rights Activist specialised in working with Street and Working Children with experience as an Administrator in an International Non – Governmental Organisation. He acquired experience in developing situational analysis, programme strategies, evolving systems, programme planning, implementing, monitoring, evaluating, reporting, establishing, linkages with development agencies including networking. He founded Karunalaya Social Service Society, a voluntary organization in the City of Chennai in the year 1995 and is known for systematic approach to intervention based on empirical data. He received a certificate of appreciation of the Government of Tamil Nadu from the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for the relief and reconstruction efforts after Tsunami. He has a proven strength in Advocacy, Lobby and Networking, as well as experience in the court proceedings and appearances in the High Court of Madras as an Advocate. Presently Paul Sunder Singh is the Secretary of KARUNALAYA spear heading project execution and policies. Karunalaya represented India at the Street Child World Cup in Rio de Janiero, Brazil 2014. Paul Sunder Singh was the convener of Madras NGO Forum for Street Children and is part of national and international alliances.

Eric Tars
National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty
USA

Eric Tars serves as the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty’s senior attorney, focusing on human rights, civil rights, and children’s rights programs. Through trainings, litigation, and policy advocacy at the national and local levels he works with homelessness and housing advocacy organizations to train and strategically utilize human rights as a component of their work, and to use domestic law and policy to defend the rights of homeless individuals, youth, and families.

Before coming to the Law Center, Eric was a Fellow with Global Rights' U.S. Racial Discrimination Program and consulted with Columbia University Law School’s Human Rights Institute and the US Human Rights Network. Eric’s work has spanned the country and the globe. He coordinated the involvement of hundreds of organizations in the hearings of the U.S. before the UN Committee Against Torture and Human Rights in 2006. Eric has conducted numerous trainings on integrating human rights strategies into domestic advocacy, and he currently serves as the chair of the US Human Rights Network’s training committee and on the Steering Committee of the Human Rights at Home Campaign.

Eric received his J.D. as a Global Law Scholar at the Georgetown University Law Center. He received his B.A. in political science from Haverford College and studied international human rights in Vienna at the Institute for European Studies and at the University of Vienna.
Sarah Thomas de Benitez
Chief Executive Officer
Consortium for Street Children, London-based global network
UK

Dr. Sarah Thomas De Benitez has been the Chief Executive of the Consortium for Street Children since April 2014. Dr. Thomas de Benitez is the co-founder and first executive director of two leading Latin American NGOs for street-connected children: JUCONI Mexico and JUCONI Ecuador in 1980s-90s. She is an international researcher on street-connected youth and children's experiences of NGO services, social programmes and policies 1990s-00s. Co-founder and first chair of Consortium for Street Children's Research Expert Forum, she is also the author and co-author of several well-known publications on street-connected children and youth including CSC's State of the World's Street Children: Violence (2007) and Research (2011). Dr. Thomas de Benitez was the senior consultant for the United Nations High Commissioner’s 2011 global study and report on children in street situations. She has been the lead or co-researcher, evaluator and technical expert for numerous projects by a wide range of organisations including: World Bank, European Network for Street Children, London School of Economics, Aviva, Global Fund for Children and Anti-Slavery International.

Casey Trupin
Special Advisor on Homeless Youth and the Law
ABA Commission on Homelessness & Poverty
USA

Casey Trupin is Special Advisor on Homeless Youth and the Law to the American Bar Association Commission on Homelessness and Poverty and former Co-Chair of the ABA Litigation Section Children’s Rights Committee. Trupin is the coordinating attorney for the Children and Youth Project at Columbia Legal Services in Seattle, Washington where he advocates for at-risk, homeless and foster youth. Trupin has served as counsel to thousands of foster youth and homeless adults in litigation and worked on state and federal legislation designed to improve services to low-income children, youth, and adults in Washington state and nationwide. Trupin co-teaches the Legislative Advocacy Clinic at the University of Washington School of Law, where he previously taught street law. Trupin has authored or edited numerous books and articles on at-risk, homeless, and foster children, including “Educating Children without Housing: A Primer on Legal Requirements and Implementation Strategies for Educators, Advocates and Policymakers” (ABA 2014), “Changing Lives: Lawyers Fighting for Children” (ABA 2014), and “Lawyers Working to End Homelessness” (ABA 2006). In 1997, Trupin cofounded Street Youth Legal Advocates of Washington (SYLAW) and went on to direct the program until 2005. From 2005 to 2006, Trupin worked on federal child welfare policy as Counsel for Special Projects at the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) in Washington, DC. Trupin has received national recognition for his work, including the ABA’s Child Advocacy Award—Distinguished Lawyer (2011), the National Network for Youth’s Advocacy Spirit Award (2010), and the Congressional Angel in Adoption Award (2005). From 2006 to 2012, Trupin served as the inaugural chair of the William H. Gates Public Service Law Program at the University of Washington School of Law. In 1995-1996, he conducted a year-long study of resources for homeless youth throughout Latin America as a Thomas J. Watson Fellow. Trupin graduated with honors from the University of Washington School of Law in 1999 and was inducted into the school’s Public Interest Law Association Hall of Fame in 2006.
Yasuharu Tsutsui
International Foster Care Alliance
Japan

Yasuharu Tsutsui is one of the 5 children. He does not have good childhood memories about his family because it was not a very safe place. In the home, he and his siblings were victims of his parents’ abuse. It really was not a livable house. His siblings and he were constantly in fear of parental violence. Since they were not given enough food, they satisfied their hunger with school lunches and by stealing food from supermarkets. He once spoke with his schoolteacher about what was happening in his family, but this teacher did not believe him. Since then, he gave up on relying on adults around him.

He gradually started refusing to go home to his own house. He stayed in various parks and at friends’ homes. When he was 14 years old, a child protection office discovered the conditions of the family, and he was moved to a group facility. At this facility, he was provided with basic necessities. However, due partly to the lack of counseling and to the fact that he did not want to return home, he decided to leave the facility and family to work after graduating from middle school.

His employer found a home for him in a community far away from home. He was isolated and did not have anyone to rely on. He fought the aftermath of his childhood trauma and made desperate efforts to survive and thrive.

It took him 6 years, but when he was 24 years old, Mr. Tsutsui graduated from high school. He took different jobs, and is now working full-time as an advertising designer. Besides his work, he volunteers at a couple of group facilities and facilitates science lessons for young foster children. He took nightly classes, and three years ago, he received a certificate as a childcare worker. As a person growing up in difficult circumstances, he wanted to help other children in the foster care system.

Mr. Tsutsui has been an adult supporter for the International Foster Care Alliance (IFCA). IFCA has foster youth teams in Seattle, USA and Tokyo, Japan. These team members collaborate on yearly conferences in both Seattle and Tokyo among other activities. Mr. Tsutsui has been helping the foster youth team in Tokyo. Many of the team members share their experiences of homelessness and being exposed to street youth issues. On behalf of these IFCA youth and of many vulnerable street youth in Japan, Mr. Tsutsui is looking forward to participating in the International Summit on the Legal Needs of Street Youth.

Kesz Valdez
International Children’s Peace Prize winner 2012
Founder, Championing Community Children
Co-founding member, The KidsRights Youngsters
Philippines

From a very young age, Kesz Valdez has been advocating for children’s rights. As a little boy, he lived on the streets and dumpsite of Cavite City in The Philippines. By living there, Kesz was constantly in danger of attracting diseases or injury. At the age of five, after he was severely burned on the dumpsite, a social worker took Kesz into his home and began to give him a loving and safe life.

However, Kesz did not forget about the street children he left behind. For his seventh birthday, he wanted no presents for himself, but instead asked for slippers to share with his former companion street children so that they would no longer cut their feet on the streets. With this kind gesture, Kesz's
organisation **Championing Community Children (C3)**, became a fact. Kesz leads C3 together with other children and youth, who are all strongly committed to improving the day-to-day realities of street children.

Kesz's greatest passion in life is realising the rights of street children. Through C3 he has already **positively influenced over 10.000 street children** in 48 different communities with training in hygiene, children's rights and healthy food. Kesz: **“One is never too young to do something to help and meet a need.”** Kesz is now 16 years old and goes to high school. He wants to study medicine at the university in order to realise his dream to become a doctor.

At the age of 13 Kesz received the **International Children's Peace Prize** for his incredible achievements in helping street children in his country. Kesz Valdez is a founding member of **The KidsRights Youngsters**, a youth-led advocacy and awareness raising platform of the International Children’s Peace Prize winners, that aims to realise children rights around the globe, as outlined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Youngsters and the International Children's Peace Prize are both initiatives of the **KidsRights Foundation**. KidsRights’ purpose is to promote children’s rights with children as changemakers.

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**Ina Verzivolli**  
Chair of the State Agency for Protection of Children's Rights, Council of Europe Expert Committee on the Rights of the Child  
Albania

Ina Verzivolli, MA, is the Chairperson of the Albanian State Agency for the Protection of Child Rights. She is dedicated to strengthening protection of children’s rights in Albania, with a particular focus on violence against children and is currently involved in the coordination of the plan of action for the Protection of Children in Street Situation.

She is a Board member of the Lanzarote Committee and the national focal point for the Council of Europe Network of Children’s Rights Coordinators. She holds the vice-presidency in the Committee of experts that is mandated with the drafting of the new Council of Europe Strategy on Child Rights 2016-2020, where she is representing Albania as well as the Lanzarote Committee.

She has a vast experience in international advocacy with a focus on issues related to rights of children and women, right to adequate food and nutrition, consumer protection and right to health, as well as engagement with various international human rights bodies such as the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and the UN Human Rights Council. She graduated in Development Studies from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies of Geneva.

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**Angela Vigil**  
Partner/Director of Pro Bono and Community Service  
Baker & McKenzie  
USA

Angela C. Vigil is Baker & McKenzie’s Director of Pro Bono and Community Service for North America. Prior to joining the Firm, Ms. Vigil worked for the Children and Family Justice Center, Bluhm Legal Clinic of the Northwestern University School of Law as the Director of Children’s Law and Pro Bono Projects, where she led strategic litigation and advocacy on behalf of children. Ms. Vigil also worked as an
attorney, director and clinical teacher at Northwestern University’s Children and Family Justice Center Community Law Clinic, where she founded, directed and managed legal intake and practice in the neighborhood branch office. Ms. Vigil focuses her practice on children’s law, civil rights and criminal law. She also has experience in litigation and dispute resolution. She frequently lectures at various national and international conferences on issues related to professional responsibility in children’s law, juvenile justice practice, the representation of juvenile sex offenders, the transfer of children to adult criminal court, and interviewing and counseling child clients. She also presents on pro bono management in law firms and in legal service organizations, as well as on teaming with corporate clients through pro bono service.

Phoebe Wahome
Children Rights Advocacy and Legal Aid Foundation
Kenya

Phoebe Wahome works at the Children Rights Advocacy and Legal Aid Foundation (CRALAF) in Nairobi, Kenya. CRALAF advocates for, protects and enhances the rights and welfare of children through existing legal systems by way of provision of free legal aid and related services as they work together with frontline service providers including government departments and civil society.

Richard A. Hooks Wayman, J.D.
CEO
LUK, Inc.
USA

Rich Hooks Wayman serves as the CEO of LUK, Inc. (www.luk.org), a regional social service nonprofit organization in Central Massachusetts delivering crisis care, social services and behavioral health care to over 2,000 children annually: keeping children safe through foster and residential care, strengthening families through counseling and mentorship, and offering youth a pathway to a healthy future through life skills training. Rich attended the University of Iowa College of Law, graduating with a Juris Doctor in 1992. From 1992 to 2000, Rich worked for the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis conducting litigation and offering free legal services to homeless and low-income persons. In 2000, Rich became the director of the StreetWorks Collaborative where he managed a team of street outreach workers and co-authored a national training curriculum on best practices in outreach methodologies to homeless youth. From 2006 to 2010, Rich served four years with the National Alliance to End Homelessness (www.endhomelessness.org) in Washington, D.C. as their Senior Youth Policy Analyst focused on federal policy for homeless youth, juvenile justice and child welfare reform. From 2010 to 2013, Rich served as the Executive Director of Hearth Connection (www.hearthconnection.org), an intermediary organization offering supportive housing to persons experiencing chronic homelessness in Minnesota. Rich and his husband (Aaron) have four adoptive children and a small Chihuahua named ‘Moose.’ In his spare time, Rich continues his life-long journey to find the perfect chocolate malt.

Ari Widodo
Consortium for Street Children
Formerly of Indonesia and currently residing in London
Ari Widodo has lived in the street when he was young, and has been working with street children and youth in Yogyakarta, Indonesia for over 20 years. He is currently living in the UK and working together with Consortium for Street Children.

Cheryl Wilson
Consortium for Street Children
Formerly of Indonesia and currently residing in London

Cheryl Wilson has worked and lived in Indonesia on and off since 1994, throughout that time she has worked closely with grass roots organisations, in particular an organisation by the name of 'GIRLI'.

Vered Windman
Deputy Director and Senior Legal Advisor
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