



# Tackling violence in schools

High-Level Expert meeting co-organised by the Government of Norway, the Council of Europe and the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children

**Oslo, Bristol Hotel**  
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# Programme

## Monday, 27 June 2011

08.30	Registration
09.30	<p><b>Official opening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Lisbet RUGTVEDT, State Secretary, Ministry of Education and Research, Norway</li> <li>• Ms Carola Beatrice BJØRKLUND, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway</li> <li>• Ms Marta SANTOS PAIS, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children</li> <li>• Mr Kishore SINGH, United Nation's Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education</li> <li>• Ms Maria OCHOA-LLIDO, Head of Department, Department of school and out-of-school education, Council of Europe</li> <li>• Ms Tuva STRANGER, Representative from the Student Council, Norway</li> </ul> <p>"Angry man" - short video on children and violence</p>
10.30	Coffee break
10.35	Press conference
<b>Session I</b>	<b>Violence in schools - setting the scene</b>
11.15	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Ms Anica DJAMIC, Ambassador of Croatia to the Council of Europe, Thematic Co-ordinator on Children of the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The scale and nature of school violence against children in the Council of Europe member states - Mr Miguel GARCIA LOPEZ, Council of Europe Expert</li> <li>• UNESCO's work on violence in schools - Ms Ulrike STOROST, Associate Expert, Section of Education for Peace and Human Rights, UNESCO</li> <li>• Protection of children in Lebanon - Mr Elie MEKHAEL, Secretary General, Ministry of Social Affairs, the Higher Council for Childhood, Lebanon</li> <li>• The challenge of data collection - Mr Peter NEWELL, Coordinator of the "Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children"</li> <li>• Bullying and threats via Internet and social media. The scope and character of the problem in societies - Ms Elisabeth STAKSRUD, Researcher on media and communication, former EU project manager, Norway</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parliamentary Report on tackling violence in schools - <b>Mr Gvozden FLEGO</b>, Professor, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Chairman of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education, Member of the Croatian Parliament</li> </ul>
12.15	Discussion
12.25	Lunch
<b>Session II</b>	<b>Violence reduction in schools: approaches, methodologies and good practices</b>
13.30	<p><i>Moderator:</i> <b>Mr Harald NYBØLET</b>, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Education, Norway</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The value of early education of human rights and democracy to reduce violence in schools - <b>Mr Jindrich FRYC</b>, Vice-chair of the Steering Committee for Education, Council of Europe, Education for Democratic Citizenship (EDC) and Human Rights Education project (HRE)</li> <li>Policy and Strategies to create a good and safe school learning environment - <b>Ms Grete RAFF REINEMO</b>, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Education and Research, Norway</li> <li>Sweden: experiences and challenges - <b>Mr Carl-Gustav SIDENQUIST</b>, Ombudsperson on violence in schools, Sweden</li> <li>National strategies to combat violence in schools. The perspective of India - <b>Ms Shanta SINHA</b>, Chairperson, National Commission for the protection of Children's Rights, India</li> <li>Evidence-based interventions against school bullying - <b>Mr Dan OLWEUS</b>, Professor, University of Bergen, Norway</li> <li>Violence against children in schools - the gender aspect - <b>Mr Richard IVES</b>, Education consultant, "Educari" learning organisation, United Kingdom</li> </ul>
14.35	Discussion
15.00	Coffee break

## From 15.15 to 16.15, two parallel Working Groups

15.15	<p><b>1. National programmes to combat violence in schools: lessons learned</b> (French- and English- speaking group)</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> <b>Mr Gunnar MANDT</b>, Special Adviser, European Wergeland Centre</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Berlin: The Inner City Model School Initiative "Learning and Living Diversity" (2009-2012) - <b>Ms Ulrike WOLFF-JONTOFSOHN</b>, Senior Researcher and Lecturer for Comparative and Intercultural Education, Freiburg University of Education, Germany</li> <li>Addressing and preventing violence against children. Experience from a training project in cooperation with UNICEF - <b>Ms Olena KOCHEMYRROVSKA</b>, Psychologist (PhD), Ukraine</li> <li>Preventing violence in schools: the French education policy - <b>Mr Roger VRAND</b>, Head of Unit for regulations and school organization policy, educational development and cultural and sport activities. Ministry of Education, France</li> <li>Measures to prevent and tackle bullying, based on children's opinions and involvement. The role of ombudspersons - <b>Mr George MOSCHOS</b>, Greek Children's Ombudsman, member of the Bureau of the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC)</li> <li>Learn Without Fear Global Campaign - <b>Ms Nadya KASSAM</b>, Head of Global Advocacy, Plan International</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p>
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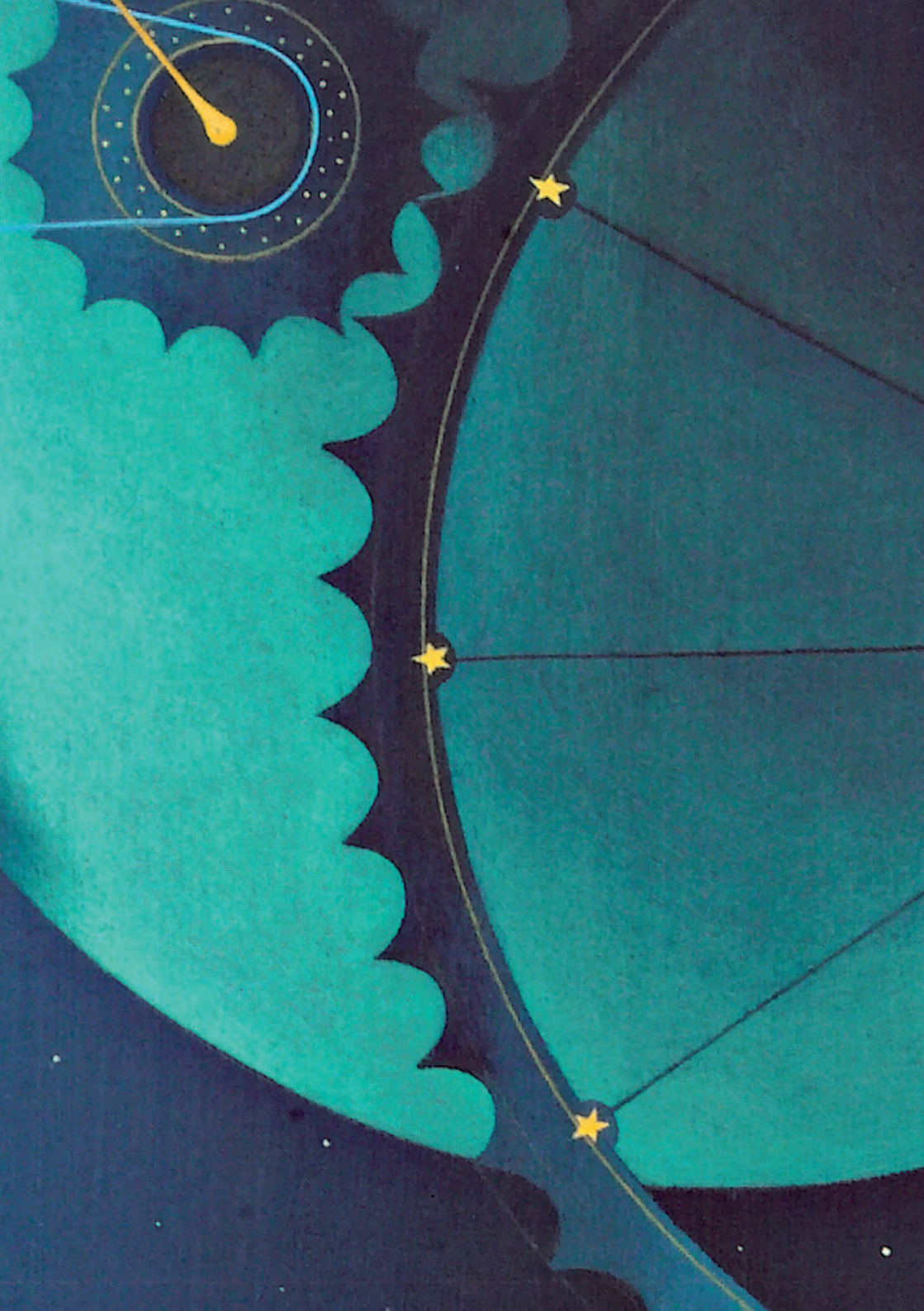


	<p><b>2. Regional responses to combat violence in schools</b> (English- speaking group)</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr Knut HAANES, Deputy Ombudsperson, Ombudsperson's office, Norway</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experiences from human rights education - Ms Caroline GEBARA, Adviser, European Wergeland Centre</li> <li>• The importance of teacher training in reducing violence in schools - Mr Aart FRANKEN, Representative of the Pestalozzi Programme, Council of Europe</li> <li>• Experiences from projects: tackling violence in schools - Ms Ruba QUMI, Coordinator, National Council for Family Affairs, Jordan</li> <li>• Addressing and preventing violence against children through legislative measures - Mr David MUGAWE, Executive Director, African Child Policy Forum</li> <li>• Addressing violence in the Balkan region. Experiences from projects - Mr Besnik KADESHA, Coordinator, Save the Children in Albania</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p>
16.15	Conclusions of the first day
17.15	End of the day
18.00	Reception/dinner hosted by the Norwegian authorities

## Tuesday, 28 June 2011

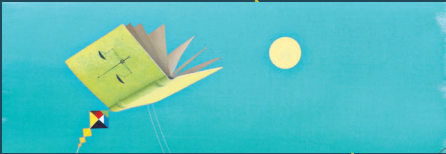
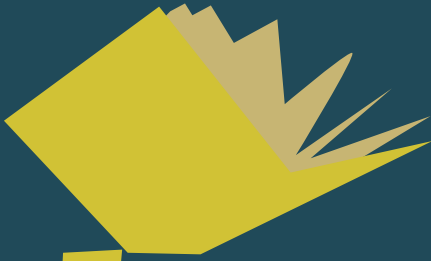
Session III	<p><b>Violence in schools: building partnerships with parents, children and local communities</b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr Miguel GARCIA LOPEZ, Council of Europe Expert</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooperation between the schools and parents - how can parents contribute to prevent violence in schools? - Mr Christopher BECKHAM, National Parents' Committee for Primary and Secondary Education (FUG), Norway</li> </ul>
9.00	





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooperation and partnership between schools and local services for children and families. Children's voices - <b>Mr Reidar HJERMAN</b>, Ombudsperson, Norway</li> <li>• <b>Mr Kjell Erik ØIE</b>, Programme Director, Plan International</li> <li>• <b>Ms Roberta CECCHETTI</b>, Advocacy Manager, Save the Children</li> </ul>
10.15	Discussion
10.40	Coffee break
<b>Session IV</b>	<b>Taking the next steps – recommendations for further actions</b>
11.00	<p><i>Moderator:</i> <b>Mr Trond WAAGE</b>, International Expert on Children's Rights, former researcher at UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre and former Ombudsperson for Children in Norway</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Kjell Erik ØIE</b>, Programme Director, Plan International</li> <li>• <b>Ms Roberta CECCHETTI</b>, Advocacy Manager, Save the Children</li> <li>• <b>Ms Ulrike STOROST</b>, Associate Expert, Section of Education for Peace and Human Rights, UNESCO</li> <li>• <b>Ms Regina JENSDOTTIR</b>, Head of the Children's Rights Policies Division, Council of Europe</li> <li>• <b>Ms Marta SANTOS PAIS</b>, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children</li> </ul>
12.00	Discussion
12.45	<p><b>Conclusions and recommendations from the High-Level Expert meeting</b></p> <p>Rapporteur presentation  <b>Ms Marie Louise SEEBERG</b>, Dr. polit. (PhD), Senior Researcher, Norwegian Social Research (NOVA)</p>
13.20	<p><b>Close of the Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Ms Henriette WESTHRIN</b>, State Secretary, the Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion, Norway</p>
13.30	Lunch





The conclusions and recommendations from the High-Level Expert meeting "Tackling violence in schools" will inform the follow-up process to the UN Study on Violence against Children promoted by the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, and feed into the Council of Europe Strategy on the Rights of the Child (2012-2015) to be adopted by the Committee of Ministers in early 2012.

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