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To Children's Rights organisations

1. **CRIN - Child Rights Information Network - a survey on the needs on Training on Information Handling**

CRIN has assigned a working group on "Training on information handling for the Rights of the Child". The working group shall include members from the South and the North. Rädda Barnen, Stockholm Sweden will chair and coordinate the work. Karin Rydberg, Rädda Barnen is the coordinator. As coordinator of the taskforce I am working in close liaison with Becky Purbrick, the CRIN coordinator.

In summary the task for the working-group is:

**** to prepare a comprehensive proposal of a training project regarding information handling on Children's Rights issues** targeting especially south NGO:s; a defined approach, a strategy for use, and a plan of action to the FG (Facilitating Group) meeting October 23-24 1996 in Florence.

*** to start by mapping existing relevant training kits and packages** on information handling
*** to explore the needs among the target group through a survey of a sample of south NGO:s** (from: Terms of References)

2. **Background**

CRIN is a network for communication and exchange of information on Children's Rights. Members of the network are organisations working on Children's Rights

The network was established at a conference held in Paris in July 1995 when more than 50 national, regional and international organisations met. The coordinating unit for the network is the Facilitating Group with representatives from NGOs as well as from UNICEF. The office of the CRIN coordinator is located in London and hosted by Save the Children, UK.

One of the key proposals at the establishing conference in Paris was, that the network should carry out a project for training on information handling.

"The objective of the proposal at the Paris meeting was to develop a training pack for information handling for the Rights of the Child, which could be used as the basis of a hands-on course or as a reference guide for organisations producing, collecting, processing or disseminating information on children's rights. --- It was proposed that

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a survey and assessment of training needs, existing materials and existing training strategies was undertaken to develop a framework for the training pack. --- "The Paris conference of July 1995 further stated that it is particularly important to improve information handling capacities among south NGO CRIN members, that is, especially to understand and respond to the needs of smaller organisations." (from Terms of References)

Networking means exchange of information from which all parts can benefit. Experiences from working on children's rights issues are built up all over the world. By exchange of information and experiences the knowledge-base can be broadened. It is therefore important to know the training needs of organisations handling children's rights information, so that appropriate tools and capacity building initiatives can be developed by CRIN and its partners

3. Questionnaire exploring the needs on Training on Information handling

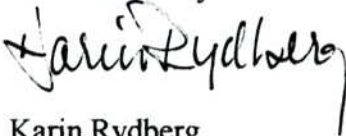
Enclosed you will find a questionnaire pointing out some possible training areas.

It is important that the working group can get **as much information as possible on priority needs on training from different groups in order to suggest relevant training courses and material.** We are aware that some of you previously have filled in a questionnaire regarding your organisation for the organisational database of CRIN, but this questionnaire is a specific survey on your training needs. We are therefore very grateful if you will take the time to fill in and send back the enclosed questionnaire **before July 25.** You are also most welcome to add your own comments and suggestions on training.

Please return the questionnaire to: Karin Rydberg
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On behalf of the working group
Yours sincerely


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