

FICE Congress 2013

Ways Toward Inclusion – A Challenge for All of Us!

Congress Announcement Call for Papers

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues,

FICE International (International Federation of Educative Communities) will hold its next international Congress in Berne, Switzerland, from 8 to 12 October, 2013. Since FICE was founded in 1948, 46 FICE Congresses throughout the world have brought together front-line experts in providing care and support for children within and outside the family. The FICE Congresses are aimed at people involved in out-of-family care for children and youths and the enforcement of children's rights. These include professionals in practice, research, teaching, as well as interested attendants from the fields of education, culture, politics, and business.

Congress und Congress objectives 2013

Everywhere across the globe, children and young people grow up facing poverty, violence, disability, discrimination, or other harsh circumstances. Many facilities, organisations, and institutions – ranging from street worker projects, traditional children's homes, and handicapped-suited facilities to youth penitentiary institutions – cooperate with support and care forms enabling these children and youths to participate in society. FICE, as an international child and youth care organisation, views itself as an institution providing and supporting critical and professional reflection for these practices. The focus of the Congress 2013 will be the discussion of the aims and concepts of Inclusion and the challenges from both professional and social points of view. Real-world practical models – especially those related to education, culture, and economy – aiming to achieve goals of Inclusion will be presented and discussed.

Call for Papers

Thematic Levels

You are invited to participate and contribute to the Conference through workshops, presentations, and poster sessions. Contributions should a) present practice models, b) discuss various concepts of inclusion, and c) reflect on the significance of social, economic, and political structural frameworks for successful inclusion.

A) Practice Models: a major feature of the Congress will be to show concrete ways and methods of promoting participation, which are undertaken in various - from exclusive to inclusive – forms of child and youth care. Such efforts should be presented, their motivation described, commented and put up for discussion. Particular attention should be given to describing how the presented approaches and initiatives originated, how they have been implemented, which challenges had to be met, what the results were, and what others could learn from them. In line with the Congress theme views and opinions of children, adolescents and their families involved in such programmes should also be included.

B) Pedagogical concepts: over the past decade approaches geared to inclusive pedagogy (cf Schnell/Sander 2004) have developed in various fields of pedagogical practice. They “promised” to serve the concept of social participation of children and adolescents better than concepts based on integration. With a view to the objectives of this Congress we invite scientists and researchers to submit papers covering concepts of inclusive pedagogy taking into account changing welfare systems from a research or theoretical perspective. Such contributions should have the objective of investigating the “new” essence of inclusive concepts for pedagogical practice.

C) Society, Politics, and Economy: participation of children and adolescents with special needs in the local and global society depends on socio-political and economic structures and the physical environment. Contributions should point out ways in which authorities, associations, and the economy provide the structural basis for creating greater opportunities for participation, what the effects and limitations are in practice, and how successful models can be transferred.

Formats

Contributions can be submitted in the following formats:

Workshop Inputs: the moderated, 90 minute Workshops focus on active discussions and debate. Workshop Inputs (not more than 3 per workshop) should not exceed 15 minutes and should center on a theorem or a clear, targeted question.

Symposium Presentations: during a 90 minute symposium a maximum of 3 presentations will cover a specific topic. The presentation should not exceed 25 minutes, leaving an additional 5 minutes for discussion.

Posters: a poster gallery provides the opportunity for presenting additional practice models, concepts, or projects of inclusion. Authors will be able to elucidate their posters in poster sessions. Size of the poster: A0; it must be brought to the Congress in printed form.

General conditions for submissions

Please submit an abstract for your contribution (maximum size: 1000 characters, including spaces). Abstracts can be in English, German, or French (the same language as the presentation). The submission must include the thematic level for the presentation, and information (to be checked on the form) on the format (workshop input, symposium presentation, poster).

To submit a contribution please register at www.fice-congress2013.ch/login/register and follow the instructions on the website. After registration you will automatically receive information on the latest Congress news.

The Programme Committee for the Congress will draft a thematic programme for Wednesday and Thursday on the basis of the submissions and will inform authors by the end of February 2013 whether their contribution has been accepted and in which format. If you have any questions please write to congress@fice-congress2013.ch.

Conditions for the participation of presenters

If and when your contribution has been accepted for the Congress Programme you must register for the Congress as a regular participant and pay the Congress Fee (450 Euro). Presenters do not receive any remuneration. However, one person per presentation in a workshop or symposium can reclaim 100

Euro/ 120 CHF of the Conference Fee, or donate this amount to a designated Congress project. Further information will follow.

Registration of participants

Even if you are not going to submit an abstract we would ask you to save the date of the Congress week, 7 – 12 October 2013, and to pre-register at www.fice-congress2013.ch in order to receive the latest information via e-mail. The first version of the Congress Programme and the registration form for participants are scheduled to be available as of February 2013.

Congress Programme 2013

Monday, October 7th		General Assembly and Federal Council meetings of FICE International
Tuesday, October 8th	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Opening event and main presentations
Wednesday, October 9th	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Workshops and symposia
	7 p.m. – 12 p.m.	Congress party in the city centre
Thursday, October 10th	3 p.m. – 11 p.m.	Congress night as “public day”, including talks, “Market of the Possibilities”, workshops, presentations, exhibits, and cultural events in the centre of Bern
Friday, October 11th	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Main presentations and closing event
Saturday, October 12th	all day	Institution visits and touristic programme

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

With kind regards

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