



GlobalChild

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Dear supporters, collaborators, and friends of GlobalChild,

Thank you for subscribing to our newsletter. We are excited to keep you updated on our progress as we build GlobalChild: a comprehensive child rights monitoring platform, based at the University of Victoria, Canada.

Since receiving funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) in July 2016 and our official launch as a pre-conference session of the 2016 International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) conference in Calgary, Canada, we have been actively forming our team and creating the core structures needed to reach our goals for the first year of our project. This includes the launch of our new [website](#), which includes more information on our team and on-going projects.

There will be more exciting developments for GlobalChild in our first year of the project so please stay tuned for the next issue of our bi-annual newsletter in Fall 2017.

Thank you all for your continued support and interest in the GlobalChild Project. Together, we can all work towards ensuring that children's rights are respected, protected, and fulfilled in Canada, and around the world.

Sincerely,

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Desktop Review of CRC Indicators

In the early part of year 1 of our project, we conducted a comprehensive desktop review of the existing indicators for measuring the rights of children under 18 years of age.

This work was completed in February 2017 and will be instrumental in informing and refining the methodology to develop the GlobalChild indicators in accordance with UN Committee on the Rights of the Child guidelines.

Building the GlobalChild Steering Committee

We are pleased to announce that the Honourable Jean Zermatten (the former Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child from 2008-2013) will be chairing our Steering Committee.

We are also honoured to have the intellectual capability and experience of eight other renowned experts from Canada and around the globe.

The first meeting is scheduled for July 2017 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Read more about the Steering Committee [here](#).



The ARTIST Project

The **Adolescents Right to Inclusion Study (ARTIST)**, a sub-study of the GlobalChild Project, was created in collaboration with a high school in Victoria, Canada. The goal of this project is for youth to express their views and opinions on their rights and how they envision a tool like GlobalChild would impact their rights in Canada.

Data collection began in March 2017 with a group of high school students in Grades 9 and 10.

Read more about the study [here](#).

Opportunities

Practicum Student: We are accepting applications for a Canadian and/or International graduate-level student to complete a 4 month full-time, or 8 month part-time, practicum placement with us at the University of Victoria, Canada.

Students currently studying child development, child rights, child health and development, public health, international development, global governance, or other relevant fields, are encouraged to apply. Read more [here](#).



Upcoming events and presentations

- *June 25-30 2017: Drs. Ziba Vaghri and Margo Greenwood will present and participate in a panel discussion on Article 8 and Article 33 at the International Summer Course on the Rights of the Child: 6th edition: Children, Minorities, and Identity in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada.*
- *June 28-30 2017: Dr. Vaghri will be part of a GlobalChild Panel discussion along with Dr. Sue Bennett, Lisa Wolf, Sara Austin, and Chris Whalen at the International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI) Conference in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.*
- *September 19 2017: Dr. Vaghri will present a keynote on GlobalChild for the Canadian Council for Child and Youth Advocates (CCCYA) conference in Banff, Alberta, Canada.*
- *September 8 2017: Dr. Vaghri will present on "What's New in Human and Social Development?" for the Dean's Lunchtime Lecture Series at the Greater Victoria Public Library in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.*
- *October 26 2017: Dr. Vaghri will present on "Child Rights and Infant Mental Health" for the Western Canada Association for Infant Mental Health at the British Columbia Children's Hospital in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.*

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