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im. Janusza Korczaka*



Invitation

The CATS (CHILDREN AS ACTORS FOR TRANSFORMING SOCIETY) program is designed for youth and adults in the aim of changing the face of society through social activities and volunteering.

The program was initiated in 2013 by the joint efforts of a number of NGO's [INITIATIVE OF CHANGE, UNIVERSAL EDUCATION, CHILD TO CHILD TRUST, EURO CHILD and the IKA (The International Korczak Association)] active in dealing with children world-wide.

The belief at the root of this program is to establish a joint working space for youth and adults on the basis of joint equality to empower their social involvement and combined tools for activities in their respective communities.

Why is there a need for such a Seminar?

- ✓ Despite many years of promoting children's participation, good practice is fragmented and unsustainable.
- ✓ There is a need to create a community of practice, to consolidate and share what we have learned.
- ✓ We also need to establish effective systems and processes to embed participation.
- ✓ Most of all, we need to learn from children about their experiences and to recognize their unique contribution to this evolving agenda.

What do we offer at the Seminar?

- ✓ Offer a common language/understanding of key concepts and ideas
- ✓ about participation
- ✓ Take stock of gathered practices and deepen our understanding of what works (and what does not) and why
- ✓ Achieve a deeper understanding of children's realities, resilience, vulnerability and how to work with them to enhance their strengths and mitigate the circumstances which undermine them
- ✓ Create an environment in which open, frank interactions between adults and young people/children lead to a more flexible and sustainable approach to children's participation

The first seminar entitled **Making Children's Participation Work** was held in the year 2013 with about 200 participants of which 40% were youth.

The second seminar (2014) entitled **Young Advocates for Change** had about 360 participants of which 48% were youth.



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This year the seminar will be held from July 27 to August 2 (2015) and is entitled **Children and Adults, Partners for Change**.

The seminar takes place in a majestic location called CAUX on the slope of one of Switzerland's mountains above Lake Geneva (<http://www.caux.ch/en>)

More about the seminar: <http://www.catsconference.com>

We invite you to take an active part in this seminar as individuals or as part of a group. We would like to see a group of young participants who are working in the spirit of Korczak.

If you are interested to take part in the seminar please inform me as soon as possible as this year's participation has been limited to 260 places and registration is already underway.

Last year Prices: (in Swiss Francs (CHF))

Category	Fee / Night	Registration fee
Standard	165.-	100.-
Full Premium		
Rate for special programmes	220.-	100.-
Support contribution		
Individual reduced		
Adults accompanying Children	105.-	100.-
Students (25 and older)		
Amis de Caux Members		
IofC Regional Team Members		

18-25 years	63.-	50.-
6-17 years	50.-	50.-
0-5 years	Free	-

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direct registration on:

<http://www.caux.ch>

P.S. Conference fees at: <http://www.caux.ch/fees>, for children, young people, and accompanying adults, the prices haven't changed from last year, however, for individuals coming alone, they will have to pay 165 this year