



## **ALLIANCE FOR CHILDHOOD EUROPEAN NETWORK GROUP**

### **Cooperation with the Alliance for childhood European Network**

Since September 2006, there is a strong Cooperation between the Dutch Korczak Association and this European Network. We discussed the possibility to link the Janusz Korczak International Society and the Alliance for childhood European Network Group in Brussels. It can be an important way to bring notice of Janusz Korczak's ideas to the European Parliament. (See the strategy below. The extended fact sheet you'll find on the website of the JKA).

### **The Mission, as formulated on 4 October 2006**

The participants of the meeting declare that they share a deep concern about the quality of childhood in the member states of the European Union. For this reason they have come together and have decided to start to work together on the improvement of the 'Quality of Childhood' in the member states of the European Union.

The participants have the understanding that a poor quality of childhood is harmful for children. When society would improve this quality it will be beneficial for the children and adolescents concerned and for the societies in which they grow up.

The participants furthermore believe that a good quality of childhood is a.o. based on the following principles and attitudes:

- The child is respected as a fellow human being, who wants to be who he or she is and to develop his/her inner potential;
- The quality of the relationships of the child with important adults and others is a key element of the quality of his/her childhood and for his/her growth as a human being.

## The Work Method

The Alliance for Childhood European Network Group is a network group of NGO's in the various member states of the European Union, that work on the Quality of Childhood in their own country or group of countries/specific area.

The following concrete activities can be distinguished:

- The members brief each other of how they perceive the situation with regards to the Quality of Childhood in their area of activity;
- They brief each other on their concrete activities, strategies, networks in which they function etc. and about the information they avail of and the sources of funding (if this is appropriate);
- Because the members have a continuous dialogue with each other a consensus on certain topics may emerge gradually; the result of this is as follows:
  - It will give the individual members the reassurance that they have made the right analysis and it will give them the feeling that they are on the right track. It will give each member more self confidence to pursue its activities.
- In short: the Alliance for Childhood European Network Group will create a knowledge system regarding the Quality of Childhood in the European Union.

The end result of this will be, that the Quality of Childhood in the member states of the European Union will gradually improve.

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