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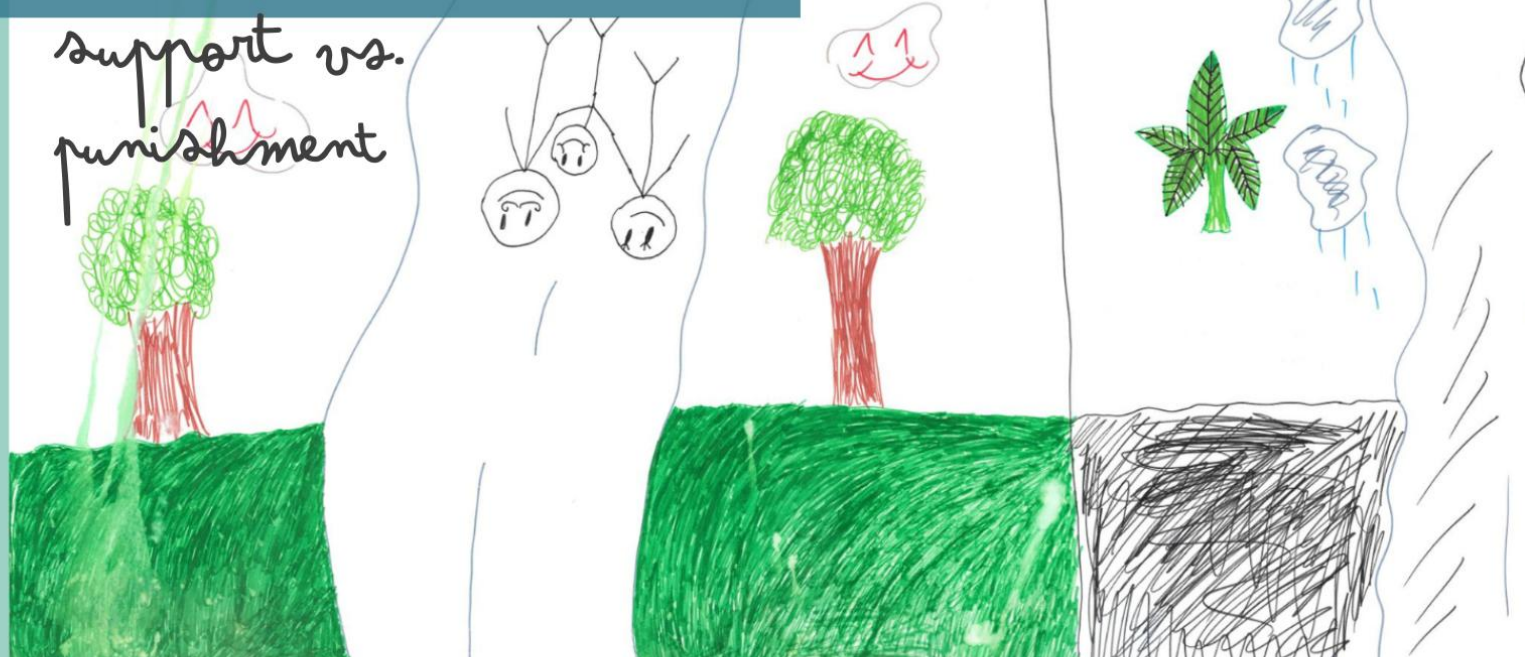
**SPEAKERS**

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**BRIDGING CHILD PROTECTION AND  
CHILD JUSTICE:**  
Enhancing collaborations for child-centred justice systems



## Keynote speakers

**Huw Williams**



***Professor of Clinical Neuropsychology & Associate ProVice Chancellor for Global Engagement, Health & Life Faculty, University of Exeter, England***

W. Huw Williams holds a PhD and a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology and is a qualified Clinical Neuropsychologist. He is a Professor of Clinical Neuropsychology and Co-Director of the Centre for Clinical Neuropsychology Research (CCNR) at the University of Exeter. He has received numerous grants in brain trauma research and has published over 100 articles (H-Index 35). He has been recognised with awards, including the Lifetime Achievement Award of the British Psychological Society (Neuropsychology), and was recently made a fellow of the Salzburg Academy. Current projects focus on stress in police officers. He has advised various UK and Northern Ireland government bodies (e.g. the Ministry of Justice), health agencies (NICE), and international organisations (UNICEF, UNODC, UNESCO). He is leading initiatives to improve the assessment of brain trauma in prisoners, as well as efforts to address adversity and neglect in childhood. For example, his work has contributed to the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty, the protection of children in war settings, and a review of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. He also serves as Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor for Global Partnerships at the University of Exeter's Faculty of Health and Life Sciences.

**Angeliki Kardara**



***PhD, Author, Instructor, and Trainer, Centre for Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning (KEDIVIM), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece***

Dr. Kardara is a philologist specializing in Medieval and Modern Greek Philology, holding a PhD in Communication and Media Studies from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Her doctoral work explored inmate communication as a vital element of prison structure. She graduated with distinction and an honorary award for academic excellence.

She delivers courses and live-streamed lectures in crime and media studies, focusing on female criminality, youth victimisation, prison communication, and the media portrayal of major criminological cases. She teaches English, French, and Spanish, and has served as a trainer on human rights, research skills, and stigmatising language at the Social Dynamo of the Bodossaki Foundation. She coordinates the Crime & Media Lab at the Centre for the Study of Crime (KEME).

Her books include Terrorism and the Media, Prison and Language, Criminology Handbook for Police and Judicial Reporters, Criminal Profiling and Media, Youth Trapped in the Games of Violence, and Crime & Woman.



## Speakers

**Eftychia Katsigaraki**



***General Director, Criminologist, General Directorate of Special Legal Affairs, Hellenic Ministry of Justice***

Eftychia Katsigaraki is currently the Director of two divisions of the Greek Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human rights: a) Directorate of the Special Therapeutic Detention Facilities and b) Directorate of Juvenile's Criminality Prevention and Penitentiary Treatment. Her main duties include extensive research at the field of juvenile justice, participation in various European programmes, responsibility for proposal submission relating to the improvement of the legal framework in criminal justice, monitoring of the realisation of training, advisory, creative occupation and psychological support programs that take place in the Juveniles' Detention Facilities of Greece and evaluation of the Psycho-social Support and Professional Training Programs, addressed to juvenile offenders.

**Gelly Aroni**



***Head of the Unit for Integration and Support of UAMs in the General Secretariat for Vulnerable Persons and Institutional Protection in the Ministry of Migration & Asylum***

Dr. Gelly Aroni is the Head of the Unit for Integration and Support of UAMs in the General Secretariat for Vulnerable Persons and Institutional Protection in the Ministry of Migration & Asylum. She was actively involved in the establishment and has been the Head of the Department for the Coordination and Monitoring of the Refugee Education of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs in Greece since 2016. She has been working as an expert and a trainer in the Council of Europe on Human Rights Education and Education for Democratic Citizenship. She is one of the experts in the European Wergeland Centre's project "Schools for All – Integration of Refugee Children in Greek Schools" and a co-author of the respective manual.

**Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou**



***Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights & GREVIO, Council of Europe, Greece***

Dr. Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou is President of GREVIO, the Council of Europe's expert body on violence against women and domestic violence, and Vice-Director of the Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights. A legal consultant specialising in human rights with a strong focus on women's and children's rights, she has chaired the Council of Europe's Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF), the Ad Hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), and the Group of Experts on Responses to Violence against Children (CAHENF-VAC). She also served in the Greek delegation to the Lanzarote Committee on protecting children from sexual exploitation and abuse. In addition, she is a member of the Greek National Commission for Human Rights, a certified national tutor for the Council of Europe's HELP Programme, and author of over 50 publications. Her extensive leadership in shaping European policies and practices makes her a key voice on child-friendly justice and children's protection.

**George Nikolaidis**

***Head of Department of Mental Health and Social Welfare, Institute of Child Health, Greece***

Dr. George Nikolaidis is a psychiatrist, Director since 2005 of the Mental Health and Social Welfare Department of the Institute of Child Health, a research and clinical intervention centre overseen by the Greek Ministry of Health. Since 2008, he has been the representative for Greece to the Council of Europe Lanzarote Committee, which oversees the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse, and in 2018 was elected Chairperson of the Committee Bureau.

**Marie-Cécile Rouillon**

***Coordinator for the Rights of the Child, European Commission, Belgium***

Marie-Cécile Rouillon has been the European Commission's Coordinator for the Rights of the Child, in the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, since March 2022. She is responsible for the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Rights of the Child and for mainstreaming children's right across EU policies. She is closely liaising with children's rights civil society organisations and stakeholders.

Since she joined the European Commission in 2006, she has worked on challenging files, notably in the areas of Home Affairs and Migration (e.g., Pact on migration and asylum, interoperability of EU information systems, support to Italy and Greece during the migration crisis), Employment & Social Inclusion (i.e., EU Strategy for persons with disabilities), Research & Innovation (in partnership with the European Investment Bank), and Education & Culture. Graduated from Sciences Po. Paris, she started her career in the management of international events in Europe and in Japan.

**Sandra Aigner-Accardo**

***Project Manager, Equality, Inclusion and Sustainability Unit, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, Austria***

Sandra Aigner-Accardo is Project Manager at the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) overseeing the "Towards integrated child protection systems" project and co-author of FRA's report "Towards Integrated Child Protection Systems - Challenges, promising practices and ways forward". Previously, she served as Programme Officer providing training and capacity building expertise to Agency projects across various areas of work including on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. Her work spans children's rights, human rights education and capacity building, professional training, and youth participation. She holds an MA in European Economy and Business Management. She trained in children's rights and protection at the University of Geneva.



## **Ally Dunhill**

## ***Director of policy, advocacy and communications, Eurochild, Belgium***



Dr. Ally Dunhill joined Eurochild in 2021 and is the Director of Policy, Advocacy and Communications. Eurochild is the largest network of organisations and individuals working with and for children in Europe. With over 35 years of experience spanning the education and social care sectors worldwide, Ally has been a staunch advocate for children and young people, championing their rights and driving impactful changes in policy, legislation, and practice, and ensuring that children's rights are respected, protected, fulfilled, and promoted.

Ally has been co-chair of the EU Alliance for Investing in Children since 2021. The EU Alliance for Investing in Children brings together over 20 European networks, sharing a commitment to ending child poverty and promoting child well-being across Europe.

## **Shawna von Blixen – Deputy Secretary General, Barnahus Network, Sweden** **Finecke**



Shawna has extensive knowledge of how Barnahus has been adapted in different national contexts, and plays a leading role in coordinating and providing advice through bilateral and network exchange. She has played a central role in developing and coordinating training in the context of the PROMISE projects and the Barnahus Network. Shawna is furthermore an experienced project manager.

With a background in communications, Shawna previously worked for the U.S. State Department and the European Union, and holds a master's in political science from Uppsala University.

## **Paula Akyol**

## ***Project Director, Children of prisoners Europe, France***



Paula Akyol is Project Director at Children of Prisoners Europe (COPE), an international network dedicated to promoting the rights and well-being of children affected by a parent's imprisonment. Based in Paris, she oversees COPE's co-production of knowledge and international, cross-sectoral initiatives seeking to influence national and international policy and to promote child-rights based practices within justice systems.

With a background in child education and child rights advocacy, she works on EU-funded projects, coordinating with civil society and criminal justice stakeholders in over 20 countries. She represents COPE at international forums and expert groups. Her publications include 'Working with police to safeguard children with a parent in conflict with the law' (2021), 'A guide for caregivers looking after children impacted by a parent's imprisonment' (2023), and 'Reducing violence for children during police arrest: A child participation case study' (forthcoming).



**Efthymis Antonopoulos*****Junior Policy Manager, Victim Support Europe, Belgium***

Efthymis Antonopoulos is Policy and Advocacy Lead at Victim Support Europe, where he shapes the organisation's strategy on EU victims' rights with a focus on integrated child protection, child-friendly justice, equality, and responses to complex crimes such as trafficking, hate crime, and child sexual abuse. He works to ensure victim-centred approaches, safe access to justice, and tailored support for vulnerable groups, including children and migrants.

With over nine years' experience in migration, victims' rights and fundamental rights, he has collaborated with organisations such as IOM, Missing Children Europe and Catholic Relief Services. His expertise spans policy analysis, advocacy, project management and strategic coordination at national and EU level. A PhD candidate in Migration and World Literatures, he brings an interdisciplinary perspective to equality, trauma-informed care and victim-centred justice.

**Sandra Jovanović Belotić*****Training & Capacity Building Manager, European Network for the Work with Perpetrators of Domestic Violence, Serbia***

Sandra Jovanović Belotić is the Training and Capacity Building Manager at the European Network for the Work with Perpetrators of Domestic Violence-WWP EN. Her work focuses on supporting professionals across Europe who engage with domestic violence perpetrators, helping them deliver safe, effective, and accountable practices.

She leads activities related to training, the development of European standards for perpetrator programmes, and European accreditation. A psychologist by background, Sandra has over a decade of experience in the field of domestic violence in diverse roles: providing psychological support to women and children affected by violence, facilitating perpetrator programmes, and contributing to policy development.

One of her particular areas of interest is the situation of children in domestic violence contexts, with a strong commitment to ensuring that their rights and needs are recognized and addressed by all relevant agencies, including perpetrator programmes.

**Miina Kokoi*****Expert by Experience, Abducted Children Finland NGO Board Member, Missing Children Europe Youth Board Member, Finland***

Through her advocacy work with child protection organizations, Miina focuses on issues such as the ongoing gaps in European child protection systems and the need for strengthened multi-sectoral cooperation and child-friendly approaches in complex, cross border cases. Her motherhood, combined with the lived experience of having gone missing as a child, offers a unique and personal perspective on the issue of missing children. Her co-authored book "Mother, Don't Forget Me" (working title) is due to be published in spring 2026 (Atena, Finland).

**Donna McEwan**

***Practice Development Advisor, Children & Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ), Scotland***

Donna works as a Practice Development Advisor and one of the main areas she is involved in is advancing the Whole System Approach. The Whole System Approach is an opportunity to achieve the best outcomes for our children and young people; to meaningfully support them across all levels of youth justice and promote practice development. Prior to working at CYCJ Donna worked as a social worker in both Children and Families and Justice locality teams.

**Jane Mulcahy**

***Founder of the Heart Centre, researcher, speaker and trainer, Ireland***

Jane Mulcahy joined the Irish Probation Service in November 2024 as a Higher Executive Officer in the Social Inclusion and Reintegration Unit. She previously worked as a Research Fellow with the University of Limerick's REPPP team on the award-winning Greentown Project, tackling the exploitation of children by drug networks.

Jane holds a PhD in Law from University College Cork (2020), co-funded by the Irish Research Council and the Probation Service, on the post-release supervision of long-sentence male prisoners. She has researched criminal justice, penal policy and social justice since 2005.

She hosts the Law and Justice podcast and has produced award-winning documentary series on human rights. During lockdown, she launched YouTube series exploring trauma, attachment and policy, and now presents Relationship Matters on relational health.

Jane has also delivered adult education on childhood trauma and training for frontline services. She served as a Government-appointed member of the Policing Authority from 2023 until 2024.

**Ton Liefwaard**

***Professor of Children's Rights and Head of the Department of Child Law and Health Law - UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights, Leiden University, The Netherlands***

Prof. Dr. Ton Liefwaard is Professor of Children's Rights and holds the UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights at Leiden University, where he heads the Department of Child Law and Health Law. He established the LL.M. in Advanced Studies in International Children's Rights and leads the Leiden Summer School and the Children's Rights Moot Court. His teaching and research focus on children's rights, juvenile justice, child-friendly justice and access to justice. He has advised the United Nations, the Council of Europe, the European Union and the Dutch government, and founded the Leiden Children's Rights Observatory to strengthen international dialogue on children's rights.



**Benoit Van Keirsbilck**



***Chair of the CFJ-EN, director of Defence for Children International Belgium and member of the UN Committee on the Right of the Child, Belgium***

Since December 2012, Benoît Van Keirsbilck has been Director of Defence for Children International Belgium, having previously led the Service Droit des Jeunes de Bruxelles (SDJ) for 25 years. He is currently Chair of the CFJ-EN. He chaired the Defence for Children International Movement from 2013 to 2017. Benoît is a member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, a member of the Interdisciplinary Centre for the Rights of the Child, and Editor-in-Chief of the Belgian edition of the Journal du Droit des Jeunes. He delivers a variety of training courses and lectures and provides numerous expert opinions on children's law at both national and international levels.

**Leen Ackaert**



***Secretary of the Supervisory Committee for Youth Institutions, Flemish Office of the Children's Rights Commissioner, Belgium***

The Supervisory Committee for Youth Institutions is the independent supervisory body of the Flemish Office of the Children's Rights Commissioner. The Committee monitors the rights of young people in detention. It is a supervisory body for closed community institutions, the Flemish detention center, and closed youth care institutions.

**Cecilia Popa**



***Cyber and Criminal Justice specialist, Romania***

A Fulbright Scholar and Rotary Peace Fellow alumna, Cecilia brings over 15 years of experience in criminal justice and human rights, with a strong focus on cybercrime and child justice. Her work spans prison reform, offender rehabilitation and restorative justice across Europe, the US and Southeast Asia. She has contributed to fighting cybercrime through the Budapest Convention and promoted child-friendly justice systems. Currently, she coordinates the EU CyberNet Experts Pool, advancing a secure, open cyberspace. She is an active member of EFRJ and CFJ-EN, shaping restorative and child-centered justice approaches



**Annemieke Wolthuis*****Secretary, Supervisory Committee for Youth Institutions, Belgium***

Dr Annemieke Wolthuis is a children's rights consultant, trainer and mediator. She is project coordinator at Restorative Justice Nederland and senior researcher at Avans University of Applied Sciences. She also works as a substitute youth judge at the Court of Rotterdam and was vice chair of the European Forum for Restorative Justice for six years.

**Maartje Berger*****Children's rights expert and mediator, Restorative Justice Nederland***

Maartje Berger is an independent children's rights expert, legal advisor, and MfN mediator, specialising in youth justice, youth law, restorative justice, and youth participation. In collaboration with Restorative Justice Nederland (RJN), she advocates for a child-friendly, pedagogical, and restorative approach in law, policy, and practice.

From 2008 to 2023, Maartje served as Legal Advisor on Children's Rights at Defence for Children NL. Currently, she works as a project coordinator, advocacy officer, trainer, and researcher on national and international (EU) projects focused on youth justice and restorative justice. Her work aims to engage policymakers, youth lawyers, caregivers, and students. Maartje has authored reports and articles on topics including children in police custody, children in conflict with the law, deprivation of liberty, and youth restorative justice.

In addition to her legal background, Maartje is trained in Mediation in Penal Cases and therapeutic and pedagogical approaches such as Emotionally Focused Mediation (EFM) and Life Space Crisis Intervention (LSCI).

Her work is guided by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), and she is a strong advocate for incorporating restorative justice into the youth justice system. Maartje campaigns for improved access to restorative justice for young victims, suspects, and offenders, as well as for greater youth specialisation among mediators, methods, and restorative practices.

**Els Dumortier*****Professor, Department of Criminology, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium (on LGBTQIA+ children)***

Els Dumortier holds master's degrees in law (1995) and criminology (1997). She is currently a professor of Youth Justice and Children's Rights, Youth Criminology (with a focus on gender and diversity), and Constitutional Criminal Law at the Free University of Brussels. There, she is a member of the "Crime & Society" Research Group and serves as the supervisor-spokesperson for the Interdisciplinary Research Group "Voicing Youth at Social Risk". Additionally, she is a coordinating member of the European Working Group on Juvenile Justice, and has recently joined the EU COST Action "Justice to Youth Language Needs: Human Rights Undermined by an Invisible Disadvantage".



Her research focuses on young offenders, procedural youth justice, and children's rights in practice (empirical children's rights). Throughout her research, Els has developed various qualitative research skills, including judicial file analysis, participant observation, and conducting interviews. In recent years, she has promoted and co-developed new art-based and performative methods, such as filmmaking and photo-voicing, to amplify the voices of youth at social risk.

### **Silvia Randazzo**

#### ***Independent Child Justice Expert***



Silvia is a criminologist, currently engaged in a PhD at KU Leuven (Belgium), with comparative research on diversion practices with children in conflict with the law in Europe. She has been involved as researcher and project coordinator in several European and International multi-country projects, covering a range of issues related to child justice: violence against children, discrimination in accessing justice, individual assessment, restorative justice, and legal aid and legal assistance, among others. As an international consultant, she has been developing methodologies and research tools, conducting in-depth research, drafting policy papers and training materials for professionals, by collaborating with several actors and NGOs active in the field – including many of the members of the CFJ-EN, Penal Reform International and the European Forum for Restorative Justice – as well as with European and International organisations, such as UNODC Global Programme to End Violence against Children, and the Child Rights Unit of the Council of Europe. Silvia is strongly committed to what can and should be done to avoid unfair treatment, stigmatisation, (re)victimisation, and discrimination of children who enter in contact with the law, and she firmly believes in the compelling role that children and youth voices and experiences have on evidence-based policy making.

### **Isaura Castillo**

#### ***Lawyer, Office for the Defence of the Rights of the Child, Mexico***



Isaura Castillo is a lawyer graduated from the Faculty of Law at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), with a specialization in public policies. Her professional work has focused on the protection and defense of the rights of children and adolescents, both in international law and human rights cases with a child-centered perspective.

Since 2022, she has been working as a lawyer at the Oficina de Defensoría de los Derechos de la Infancia A.C. (ODI), where she provides legal representation for children who are victims of sexual violence and child sexual exploitation. She is also part of the coordination team of the project "Specialized Court Rooms for the Participation of Children and Adolescents" and co-developed, in collaboration with the Mexico City Attorney General's Office, the Integral Psychosocial-Legal Support Model for child victims of sexual crimes.

Her work combines litigation, policy reform, and psychosocial accompaniment to strengthen access to justice for children in Mexico.



**Axel Le Hô**



**EU Project Assistant, Validity foundation, Hungary**

After graduating from the University of Lille in Development Engineering and Humanitarian Action, Axel had the opportunity to join several local or international NGOs in Europe, all related to disability inclusion in education of access to employment. Since he joined Validity, he has been involved in EU initiatives to improve access to justice and participation to proceedings of persons with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities, including children.

## Moderators

**Nantina Tsekeri**



**Vice-Chair, Child Friendly Justice European Network & Director, Defence for Children International Greece**

Nantina Tsekeri is a human rights lawyer and child rights expert. She advocates for children's rights before EU and international bodies, specialising in International Child Rights and Refugee Law. She is the founder and CEO of Defence for Children International (DCI) Greece. She also serves as Vice-President of the CFJ-EN and is the co-founder and Chief Humanitarian Director of MendingCircle.org. Nantina has previously worked for UNHCR, Amnesty International, and as a consultant in the third sector. In 2020, she was one of ten individuals worldwide to receive the prestigious Swedish Child10 Award for her distinguished work with displaced children. She holds an LLM in International Human Rights Law and Criminal Justice and has completed three years of academic research in child rights and refugee law at the University of Glasgow School of Law.

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## **Mariama Diallo**



### ***Coordinator, Child Friendly Justice European Network, Belgium***

Mariama Diallo is coordinator of the Child Friendly Justice European Network, a dynamic Brussels-based network of 40 organisations, experts and academic institutions defending the rights of children in contact with justice systems across Europe. She is a lawyer specialising in International Private Law. Mariama has over 18 years' professional experience in international cooperation in Europe, Africa and Asia. Her areas of expertise include children's rights, with a particular focus on juvenile justice and child protection.

## **Cédric Foussard**



### ***Child Justice Expert, France***

Cédric Foussard is an international expert in the field of justice for children, renowned for his expertise on a global scale. He has been the coordinator of the Global Initiative on Justice With Children, Foussard also held the position of Advocacy and Global Learning Senior Advisor at the Access to Justice for Children Programme within the Terre des Hommes Foundation. With nearly two decades of leadership at an international foundation dedicated to child justice, Foussard has been instrumental in shaping the discourse and policies surrounding child rights globally, particularly for children in contact with the justice systems.

Foussard's work encompasses investigation and advocacy efforts, with a focus on fostering a holistic approach to child rights. Through various literary contributions, including articles and books addressing prevalent trends and challenges in child justice, he endeavours to amplify the voices of vulnerable children worldwide.

## **Manu Krishan**



### ***Global Study Programme Coordinator, Global Campus of Human Rights, Austria***

Manu Krishan is responsible for coordinating all activities related to the dissemination and follow-up of the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty.

During the implementation of the UN Global Study, he served as the Coordinator and Assistant to the Independent Expert leading the Study, initially based at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights and later at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva.

Manu studied philosophy before completing the Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights at the University of Vienna. He is a human rights researcher and Project Manager with expertise in children's rights, particularly focusing on the ethical considerations involved in researching with and for children.



## Nuala Mole



## Senior Lawyer, The AIRE Centre, England

Nuala Mole founded the AIRE Centre and has worked for more than 25 years in the field of human rights. Initially specialising in immigration and asylum, she has broadened her work to include all aspects of international human rights law. She has written extensively on all aspects of the European Convention on Human Rights and on the free movement of persons under European Union law, with special attention to the interface between the two legal orders. She is on the Board of the European Human Rights Law Review and co-edits the Centre's monthly Bulletin of ECHR caselaw.

She has been part of the legal team in more than 100 cases before the ECtHR, the ECJ and landmark cases in the UK. She was the Law Society's Human Rights Lawyer of the Year in 2001. She also received the 2005 Prix de l'Ancien - this Alumnus of the Year Prize is awarded each year to a former student of the College of Europe who has made a significant contribution to the promotion of the European ideal, the promotion of excellence, generosity, tolerance and respect for diversity, friendship and solidarity and open-mindedness. Nuala received a doctorate from the University of Essex in 2009

Nuala has conducted training for the Council of Europe, the European Commission and the AIRE Centre for judges, public officials, lawyers and NGOs in 40 of the 46 member states of the Council of Europe on a wide range of topics including immigration, prisoners' rights, children's rights and family law. Since 2001, she has been assisting in curriculum development and implementation for judicial training centres in South East Europe. She works with national and international judges and public officials throughout Western, Central and Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union, but particularly in the Balkans, promoting familiarity and awareness with human rights standards and providing assistance in applying them in practice.

Before setting up the AIRE Centre she was the Director of the NGO Interights for a number of years. Nuala read law at St Anne's College, Oxford and European law at the College of Europe. She speaks English, French, Spanish and Greek.

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