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**43rd National NFPA
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**Wed, June 5 - Sat, June 8,
2013**

Long Beach, California

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**THE VENUES FOR THE
IFCO 2014 & 2015
CONFERENCES HAVE
BEEN CHOSEN - details here
in September plus
presentations in OSAKA**



**IN FEBRUARY IFCO
ANNOUNCED**

*In order for IFCO to undertake
a next step in its development
and to assure the
implementation of IFCO's*

Call for Papers (by 31 May), prices, hotels,
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OFFICIAL NOTICE
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF FCOI /
IFCO WILL BE HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT
THE IFCO OSAKA CONFERENCE COMMENCING AT

mission and objectives as set out in its new strategic plan, the IFCO Board has made a decision to shift from being a "volunteer run" to a "volunteer driven" organisation. To make this transition it is proposed that a phased plan be implemented for the establishment of an

IFCO Operational Unit

The Board have now accepted a bid from the NGO / not-for-profit organisation "[Partnership for Every Child](#)" based in Kyiv, Ukraine. They will provide a team of three highly qualified & experienced individuals who will each work part-time on IFCO matters. They will provide Financial Management and Administrative and Communications support to the IFCO Board & membership.

Two people will be based in Kyiv, Ukraine & one in Manchester, England. Between them they will offer English, Ukrainian, Russian, German, Spanish & Polish!

MORE DETAILS IN JUNE.

18.30.

There will be elections to the IFCO Board this year.

Those people who were elected to the Board in 2009 will have to stand down but they may be candidates for election again. They are:

*Volodymyr Kuzminskyy / Stephen Ucembe / Nicole Herbert * / Myrna McNitt / Jean Anne Kennedy*

All coopted members of the Board (see news item below) must also stand down but may seek election.

Those people who were last elected to the Board in 2011 will remain as members of the Board until the 2015 Board elections. They are:

*Nabe Mamoru Wat anabe / John Hulskamp / Donna Scott / Chris Gardiner * / Britta Schölin*

The two people marked with a * have indicated that they will not seek election again / retire from the Board. Many thanks Nicole & Chris for your creative contributions & many years of service to IFCO!

Under IFCO's rules the Board may be between 8 & 20 members. The current Board will be proposing at the AGM before the Elections that this is changed to "may be between 8 & 15 members."

If this resolution is passed then there will be up to 11 vacancies, & if it is not passed there will be up to 16 vacancies on the Board. There may not be more than 2 Board members from any one country.

All paid-up members of FCOI / IFCO may stand for election with their candidature being declared in advance so that their profiles may be sent to other members. All members can vote at the meeting or by giving their Proxy Vote to another member who will be there (details in July).

HOW DO YOU STAND FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD?

You may nominate yourself by sending your name & country of residence plus a word profile of not more than 150 words. See [BOARD MEMBERS](#) for examples (some have



27 fascinating photographs of children's bedrooms around the world - from the U.S.A., Mexico, Brazil, England, Italy, Israel and the West Bank, Kenya, Senegal, Lesotho, Nepal, China and India - alongside portraits of the children themselves.

The differences between each child and his or her bedroom are striking: Kaya in Tokyo, whose proud mother spends \$1,000 a month on her dresses; Bilal the Bedouin shepherd boy, who sleeps outdoors with his father's herd of goats; and the Nepali girl Indira, who has worked in a granite quarry since she was three.

SEE THE PICTURES [HERE](#)

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been updated since election so may now be longer than 150 words). Please note that you must be a paid-up member at the time of the AGM. A digital photo would also be useful but is not compulsory.

PLEASE SEND YOUR WORD PROFILE by email to camp@ifco.info BY 20 JULY with "IFCO 2013 ELECTIONS" in the Subject Line.



RECENT BOARD COOPTIONS

In order to strengthen the Board and fill casual vacancies members were invited to put their names forward for cooption as full members of the Board until the AGM. There was a good response and five people from five different countries were coopted - their 150 word profiles are on the IFCO web site - link above.

Thanks to those people who applied but who were not successful - please stand for election!

WELCOME TO Lacy Kendrick (USA), Colin Chatten (UK), Jill Worrall (New Zealand), Anand Forber-Pratt (India) and Rolf Widmer (Switzerland)

SEE THEIR WORD PROFILES HERE

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ANY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEXT IFCO eNEWSLETTER?
Please send them to camp@ifco.info by 20 May

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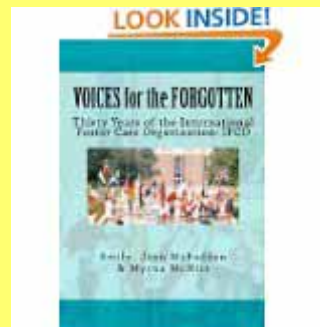
**UN Guidelines for the
Alternative Care of Children
([6 languages](#))**

**createXchange is the [Global
Youth in Care Network](#),
supported by IFCO and its
member organisations.
Lead and create !**



BULGARIA

**Former IFCO vice-President
& organiser of IFCO's 2012
Conference Ivanka**



* IFCO's NEW BOOK / ORDER ONLINE*

Celebrating 30 years of IFCO - "VOICES for the FORGOTTEN" - editor Emily Jean McFadden "The story is powerful, shaking the soul and moving the conscience as we hear the voices of the forgotten ringing across the years." > with Amazon's LOOK INSIDE feature (FREE - read 2 chapters + the list of contents & contributors) [CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE DETAILS INCLUDING FREE WORLDWIDE DELIVERY

**Russia: Are efforts to help thousands of
'abandoned' children being resisted? + watch
the 15 minute video documentary**

The Russian Government has launched an ambitious programme to move tens of thousands of children out of institutions and into family homes.

However, this recent BBC report & video says "Ambitious plans to reduce the number of orphans in Russia are running into strong institutional resistance, child welfare campaigners have warned."

Shalapatova was appointed Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy in March. She will coordinate activities related to policies on social assistance and social services, children and people with disabilities. Her portfolio includes the State Agency for Child Protection, Social Assistance Agency, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and the social inclusion.

More details [HERE](#)

**CONGRATULATIONS
VANYA!**



"It's huge resistance of a system which wants to keep money, working places and jobs," said Maria Ostrovskaya, head of a St Petersburg charity, Perspectives, that is trying to open orphanages to the outside world.

Read more & watch the 15 minute video [HERE](#)

IFCO is currently working with Russian NGO partners on two projects in four regions of Russia with lots of good progress being made



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Member Eurochild

Member NGO Group for the UN CRC

(renamed "[Child Rights Connect](#)")

United Nations ECOSOC Consultative Status



READ / DOWNLOAD THE REPORT
"Family first: prioritising support to KINSHIP CARERS, especially older carers"

- produced by EveryChild and HelpAge International

* **In some countries in sub-Saharan Africa, 90% of children who have lost one or both parents are looked after by relatives.**

· * In Cambodia 79% of orphaned and vulnerable children are cared for by older people.

· * In many countries, the effects of HIV & AIDS have left older relatives caring for children.

· * In countries such as China, Nepal and Malawi,

where large numbers of adults migrate for work, children are being cared for by their grandparents or other relatives.

Most of these arrangements are informal and therefore children and their carers may be missing out on social protection and benefits. Older carers may find it difficult to support children financially.

While many kinship carers do their best, children, especially girls, may be exposed to discrimination and abuse.

The prevalence of kinship care means that this issue is not just of concern for those with a narrow alternative care or child protection remit, but also requires commitments from agencies working in health, social protection, justice and education to ensure that the needs of children in kinship care and their carers are met.

This paper demonstrates how recognising the value of kinship care, and addressing the challenges faced by children and carers, is likely to lead to a range of positive outcomes, including improved education and child protection, and better physical health and psychosocial well-being for older persons.

READ THE REPORT >

http://www.everychild.org.uk/Prioritising_Support_to_Kinship_Carers

For more information on this initiative, please contact: policy@everychild.org.uk

All of EveryChild's reports are available at www.everychild.org.uk/reports