

The "Children at Risk" Workshop Series

"Exploring Issues of Risk and Vulnerability to Children In South East Europe"

A 2-day workshop

Organised by SEERC and the Centre for Childhood and Youth of the
University of Sheffield with the cooperation of CITY College

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STEIN Building (Rodoula Kehaghia Auditorium)

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Background

South East Europe is an area where the objectives of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989) are not always met - placing children at risk of failing to meet their full potential. Yet little is known about the way in which risk is perceived or being addressed within the region and the promoters and inhibitors associated with children achieving their potential. It is these questions that this two-day workshop aims to explore in more detail.

Workshop Aims

- To clarify the notion of a child at risk in SE Europe
- To bring together existing knowledge about the cause and effect of risk to children in the region
- To identify research topics in light of the above
- To establish a network of experts in the region able to raise awareness and build expertise on the topic.

Programme

The workshop spreads over two days. Day 1 hosts two sessions: a) Risk from Child Abuse and Neglect within SE Europe: Different Perspectives and Common Themes b) The impact of parenting issues on the family's ability to meet the needs of children. Day 2 tackles the topics of a) Risk in the Community b) Poverty and Welfare Reforms; additionally there is a special section on next steps and necessary actions. Invited speakers include academics, child specialists and NGO representatives from across Europe and from South East Europe in particular.

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