**JOIN US – the global voice for the rights of the child!**

Child Rights Connect welcomes applications for membership from national, regional and international child rights organisations worldwide, including coalitions, networks and individual organisations.

By joining our network, you will have the opportunity to be part of a global voice for children's rights. You will become a member of a leading NGO network which facilitates the promotion, implementation and monitoring of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). Together our combined knowledge and experience will have a real impact on the implementation of children’s rights at the national and international levels.

**WHY JOIN – the benefits of membership**

As a member of the Child Rights Connect, you will benefit from the strengths and experience of a diverse and growing number of organisations. More specifically, you can:

* Influence the protection of children’s rights in your country/region by engaging with the reporting mechanisms to the CRC Committee.
* Learn from some of the leading networks and organizations working on children’s rights.
* Learn about ways in which children can participate in the reporting process of the CRC.
* Get the latest news on the work of the CRC Committee.
* Join thematic advocacy groups to influence the work of the UN human rights system, such as violence against children, sexual exploitation, etc.
* Propose new thematic advocacy groups
* Stand for election for membership in the Executive Committee of the organization.
* Participate in the General Assembly and vote on key decisions.
* Promote your organisation's work to a global audience.
* Receive technical support internationally for the work you are doing locally.

**MEMBERSHIP commitment**

As a member of Child Rights Connect you are committed to:

* Supporting the mission and objectives of the network as outlined in our Statutes,
* Sharing relevant information related to children’s rights with the network,
* Contributing to our activities,
* Participating in the General Assembly if possible,
* Promoting the activities of Child Rights Connect in your country and with your partners,
* Contributing to Child Rights Connect’s sustainability by paying annual fees.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Membership fees are paid annually and depend on the members’ annual income.

The annual fee scale for NGOs/networks with annual income:

* that exceeds SFr. 4 million is SFr. 5,000.
* between SFr. 3 million and SFr. 4 million is SFr. 1,000
* between SFr. 400,000 and SFr. 3 million is SFr. 500
* less than SFr. 400,000 is SFr. 150

In exceptional cases, with the agreement of the Executive Committee, fees may be waived for an agreed period of time.

**How TO become a membeR**

Please look at the **Application Form** below *(linked - on the website)* and read the**Notes to Applicants** before completing the form*.* Then send your Application form along with the relevant supporting documentation listed in the **Application Checklist** to **Child Rights Connect Secretariat**, by e-mail to secretariat@childrightsconnect.org or by post to:

Child Rights Connect

 Rue de Varembé 1, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland

The Secretariat will provide your application documentation to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will assess your application against the requirements of Child Rights Connect. The committee may request additional information from you. Please refer to the application notes on Page 5.

The Executive Committee recommends new members for final approval, by a vote of the membership, at the General Assembly. This takes place once a year in March.

**Complete applications must be sent by the 31st of December for consideration by the General Assembly in March of the following year.**

**APPLICANT DETAILS FORM**

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| **Organisational Information** (required) |
| Organisation Name : |
| Postal Address : |
| Telephone : | Fax : |
| E-mail : | Website : |
| Other contact/media details (SKYPE, Facebook, etc.): |

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| **Primary Contact Person** (required) |
| Name : |
| Title/Position : |
| Postal Address (if different from organisation) : |
| Telephone : | Mobile : |
| E-mail : | Fax : |
| Other contact details (SKYPE, Facebook, etc.) : |

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| **Secondary Contact Person** (optional) |
| Name : |
| Title/Position : |
| Postal Address (if different from organisation) : |
| Telephone : | Mobile : |
| E-mail : | Fax : |
| Other contact details (SKYPE, Facebook, etc.): |

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| **Child Rights Connect member - reference contact details** (requested) |
| Organisation Name : |
| Contact Person : |
| Title/Position : |
| Postal Address : |
| Telephone : | Mobile : |
| E-mail : | Fax : |
| Other contact details (SKYPE, Facebook, etc.): |

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| **Authorised Signature** |
| On behalf of ………………………………………………………………………………………………………… I confirm our application for membership of Child Rights Connect and our full acceptance of the statues of Child Rights Connect. |
| Name : |
| Title/Position : |
| Signature : | Place and Date : |

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| **Application Checklist** |
| **Letter of Application** | **required** | **Y/N** |
| **Application Details Form –** completed and signed | **required** | **Y/N** |
| **Statement of Commitment**  | **required** | **Y/N** |
| **Statutes & Latest Activity Report** | **required** | **Y/N** |
| **Reference Letter/Contact Details** – from member of Child Rights Connect | requested | **Y/N** |
| **Promotional materials -** brochure, flyers, etc. | requested | **Y/N** |
| **Audited Accounts for the last financial year** | requested | **Y/N** |

**Application Notes**

1. Refer to the Application Checklist to ensure that your application is as complete as possible. If any of the documentation in the checklist is not currently available please note the circumstances in the Letter of Application.
2. This form requests the contact details of two contact persons in your organisation as primary or secondary contacts for Child Rights Connect communications. All contacts provided will be included in communications between your organisation and Child Rights Connect.
3. Prospective members are requested to include a written reference from a current member of Child Rights Connect. If a written reference is not available contact details for your reference will be sufficient.
4. The Statement of Commitment should inform Child Rights Connect about your organisations commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and how that is illustrated in your work. (maximum - 1 page A4)