



Lastekaitse Liit
Estonian Union for Child Welfare

Conference of Estonian Union for Child Welfare – *What Does a Child Want?*

3rd October, 2008, Tallinn, Estonia

First Announcement <http://www.lastekaitseliit.ee>

Objective:

The aim of the conference is to discuss the predominating tendencies present in the society and their influence on children.

Dedicated:

The conference is dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the re-establishment of the Estonian Union for Child Welfare. The Estonian Union for Child Welfare was re-established on 2nd October in 1988 in Viljandi. The first Estonian Association for Child Welfare was established on 28th April in 1919 in Tallinn.

Topics and starting points:

Child - a value

The ever increasing individualism and stratification of the Estonian society influence its members, their behaviour, relationships and value judgements. How does that influence the birth rate? Are parents in addition to safety and good material opportunities influenced by their children's place in the society, whether they are popular and adapt to the image of a successful person?

Child - a mirror of society

What are the children who have grown up in the independent Estonia like, what kind of values do they hold? Whether or not, and if yes then how is child development influenced by our present surrounding society? Can we claim that as adults people do not suffer from psychological problems that date back to their childhood, and do children grow up with the ability to form and maintain healthy relationships? Why is children's emotionality declining and their know-how growing? Can children be raised at all?

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Important Dates

March 12 First Announcement
May 05 Invitation to the conference
October 03 Anniversary Conference – What Does a Child Want?

Conference Venue

Art Museum of Estonia (KUMU)
Weizenbergi 34 / Valge 1, 10127 Tallinn
<http://www.ekm.ee/eng/ekm.php>

Language

*Working language of the Conference is Estonian.
Estonian-English-Estonian simultaneous translation will be provided.*

Registration and Program

More detailed information about the registration and programme will be included in the conference invitation.

Exhibition

*Exhibition is priced for companies and organisations, and free of charge for the members of the Estonian Union for Child Welfare.
For more information, please contact Conference Secretariat.*

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