



ECPAT CHILD ALERT

Preventing the sexual exploitation of children

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Child Sex Tourism

For the first time a New Zealander has been charged with arranging tours to Asia for New Zealand men to have sex with children. This is of great concern.

If the charge results in a conviction it means not only is this man willing to make money exploiting vulnerable children - it also means that some New Zealand men are willing to pay to have sex with children. They possibly hope that by doing this overseas they will escape detection.

We will keep watch on this case and continue to work to prevent this form of child sex abuse.

Global Human Trafficking

Fiji: High Court finds the first conviction over a human trafficking case. A 62 year old Indian man was convicted of trafficking seven Indian migrants to Fiji for luring them into coming to Fiji after promising them a job in New Zealand. They each paid \$3,400 New Zealand dollars to the convicted man. Currently he's facing max 12 years in jail.

Source: www.examiner.com 16 Nov, 2010

VGT Conference

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) will host the fourth Virtual Global Taskforce (VGT) conference, with international law enforcement agencies arriving in Sydney early December to discuss ways to combat online child exploitation.

Commissioner Negus said the purpose of the conference was to develop international alliances, helping the AFP and international counterparts to decrease online child sexual exploitation and related offences such as child sex tourism.

Source: www.news4us.com/?p=3262

From the Board Chair

The year in summary...

The end of the year brings to a close the first year of our transition from an incorporated society to a charitable trust and an interesting and productive year it has been. At the beginning of the year we said farewell to Ron O'Grady with much regret and we welcomed several new board members to our ranks. It has been a great pleasure to work with them and with our indefatigable National Director, Alan Bell, whose hard work has seen some great steps forward in advancing ECPAT's cause.

Perhaps the highlight of the year has been The Body Shop campaign with ECPAT internationally. This huge effort to bring the growing problem of child trafficking to worldwide attention has seen many thousands of New Zealanders adding their name to petitions to urge governments to take greater action. The campaign will continue into next year. As part of the campaign, The Body Shop is donating \$10 to ECPAT from every tube sold of their new hand cream 'Soft Hands Kind Heart' - we would, of course, be delighted if you considered the idea of including this item on your Christmas gifts to friends and family!

Another highlight has been the publication of 'Speaking for Ourselves', an edited version of Serafin Dillon's research on children involved in commercial sexual exploitation in Auckland. Here we have disturbing accounts, in their own words, of the realities of their lives and the situations that led them into this work.

Alan has worked closely with the Department of Internal Affairs to have the Digital Child Exploitation Filtering System to block illegal child pornography adapted to New Zealand requirements from the original model from ECPAT Sweden, and the great news is that ISPs including Telecom have joined up and other ISPs are following suit. Initial monitoring of this filtering system has produced alarmingly high figures of attempts to access illegal child pornography sites.

The renewing of our website this year has seen an increase in visitors to the site taking up our free Hotline package for reporting and eliminating illegal child pornography images. A visit to the website will explain the system and show how, with minimum effort, you can help eliminate illegal images of child sexual exploitation.

Of course, like all other NGOs, the struggle for adequate funding is exhausting and unending. Our gratitude goes to all those who support our work so generously. We particularly welcome an increase in the number of volunteers who are willing to help promote our work throughout New Zealand. It is pleasing to report that we have seen an improvement in our funding base since Alan has continued to storm every possible source of grants and sponsorship, but we still have a long way to go to get sufficient funds to enable us to achieve our aim of eliminating child prostitution, trafficking and pornography in this country.

ECPAT Child ALERT thanks you for your support and commitment to our work and we wish you all the compliments of the season.

Yvonne Dufaur
Chair
ECPAT Child ALERT



All that it takes for evil to prosper is for good people to do nothing...

Project Flicker investigation exposes vast child pornography

A four-year international investigation into hundreds of child pornography websites has identified 30,000 customers in 132 countries, and led to hundreds of American convictions, and landed members of the ring running the sites in Eastern European jails.

The agents revealed the workings of what they call the most significant commercial child porn investigation in the Internet's history, in which multiple authorities from the United States, Canada, England, Italy, Belarus, Ukraine, Australia, and other countries, plus Interpol and Europol banded together to close down 230 websites, dismantling what is believed to be the most sophisticated commercial child porn operation to date.

The material peddled on those sites was vile, according to descriptions in search warrants. Some pornographic images show toddlers. Mick Moran, an Interpol detective based in Lyon, France, who focuses on online child exploitation, described the business structure behind the sites as a franchise model, comparing it to a fast-food chain. Indeed, the ring got paid well - making somewhere between \$5 million and \$8 million from early 2006 until late 2007.

Source: www.scrippsnews.com

ADF officer on child porn charges named

THE identity of a senior Australian Defence Force officer who admitted possessing child pornography has been revealed today after a court suppression order lapsed in New Zealand.

Mark Napier was ordered back to Canberra, Australia in disgrace last week after admitting child pornography charges in Wellington, New Zealand, The Dominion Post reported.

The 44-year-old lieutenant commander was fined \$NZ11, 200 on charges of possessing objectionable material after he pleaded guilty to 16 charges, the Wellington-based newspaper reported.

Napier came to the attention of authorities after European investigators raised the alarm, with three of the children in the images involved in a British sexual assault case in which their stepfather abused them and put photos on the internet.

Source: *NewsCore*, 16 November, 2010

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Lion Foundation for its generous grant to enable the publication of our newsletters.



World Congress Follow Up meeting:



Almost two years after the World Congress III Against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, it is timely to review progress on action taken to improve the protection of children from sexual exploitation.

On 25 and 26 October 2010, UN experts, State and civil society representatives including NGOs, youth representatives, law enforcement, private sector and academia participated in a meeting in Bangkok to review progress of the implementation of the Rio Declaration and Call for Action, two years on from the World Congress III Against Sexual Exploitation of Children.

The meeting identified the need to accelerate action by -

1. Increase the quality of data on CSEC and bring greater involvement of the academic sector
2. Build greater synergy between initiatives to strengthen child protection systems and initiatives focused on prevention and protection against specific violations
3. Promote collaborations at regional level and follow up the Rio Call in work with specific countries

Further information available on <http://www.ecpat.net/ei/WCIII>

Kiwi news

Kiwi on trial for abusing girls in Cambodia



A 53-year-old New Zealand man has gone on trial in Cambodia for sexually abusing young girls.

Michael John Lines, who also has Australian citizenship, faces charges of procuring a child for prostitution.

He was arrested in March at a hotel in the coastal province of Preah Sihanouk.

Police accused him of having sex with two underage girls.

The closed door trial was adjourned after a day, and the judge said he would give a verdict in the near future.

Cambodia has long been a magnet for foreign paedophiles because of poverty and poor law enforcement, however in recent years police and courts have increasingly targeted sex offenders.

Source: *Newstalk ZB/ONE News*, 22 September, 2010

Thinking will not overcome fear but action will! W.Clement Stone

ECPAT Child ALERT Projects Updates

Take-A-Step!

Our intrepid walkers (Kate & Tim) are progressing well with their amazing walk from Bluff to Caper Reinga. At the time of writing they are north of Dunedin and hopefully to Christchurch by the time you read this. Apart from some inclement weather and sore muscles they are doing really well and would love to see you as they pass through your area! Have a look at our website (www.ecpat.org.nz) and click on the News section underneath their photograph to stay in touch with their progress.



Progress on Optional Protocol

New Zealand has yet to ratify the United Nations Optional Protocol Against the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Child Trafficking. The protocol is imbedded within the Child and Family Protection Bill that is currently before Parliament. The Bill has gone through the Select Committee first and second reading process. ECPAT Child ALERT presented a submission supporting the Bill and is hopeful that

the passing of the Bill into legislation will soon enable the Government to ratify the Optional Protocol – an action that is well overdue. Once ratified the Government will be required to report regularly to the UN on the measures taken to meet the requirements within the Protocol.

Child ALERT Hotline

The reports of sites suspected of containing illegal child sex abuse images remain constant and continue to confirm the demand and availability of sites that sexually exploit children. We have now received over 1,500 reports that have been processed with the Department of Internal Affairs Censorship Compliance Unit. We encourage you to utilise this effective, safe, easy and anonymous method of reporting suspect child exploitation sites with just one mouse click! Download the small browser plug-in from our website – click on the Make A Report tab.

Financial Coalition

The first conference call between the Asia Pacific Financial Coalition Against Child Pornography and interested parties

in New Zealand was held in September. Organised by the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC) in America the Financial Coalition is another method of thwarting the operators of illegal child pornography websites and making it more difficult for them to continue making large profits from the exploitation of children.

New Zealand Youth Project



We are continuing to explore establishing a youth network throughout New Zealand. The aim is to engage with youth to help create awareness and to educate others regarding the sexual exploitation of children. The reasoning behind this is twofold. We want to influence the attitudes of the new generation of community leaders towards protecting the innocence of New Zealand children. At the same time we want our youth to avoid being involved in any form of sexual exploitation of children. Sadly youth are increasing in the offender profile particularly in regards to child sex abuse images on the Internet.



NZ Conviction

School teacher guilty of downloading child porn

A teacher of 30 years' experience downloaded more than 3000 images of young naked girls to his computer for his sexual gratification, a court has heard.

Roger Bruce Radford, 56, pleaded guilty in Taupo District Court yesterday to 13 representative charges of possessing an objectionable publication.

The Putaruru College music teacher downloaded 3341 images and movie files of naked girls, some as young as eight, performing sexual acts, the court was told.

Radford admitted personally downloading and possessing the material, which had been stored on a memory card and copied on to a compact disc.

Police raided Radford's house in Putaruru in December and seized his laptop, desktop computer, storage devices and computer discs.

Judge James Weir convicted and sentenced Radford to two years' intensive supervision and 250 hours' community work. The penalty for the offence under the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act is a maximum five years' imprisonment or a \$50,000 fine.

Source: www.stuff.co.nz/national/crime/4137353

The unseen friend

Even though I can't see your face, you are my best friend,
Despite not knowing your race, you will always receive the
messages that I send.

I am 14, and so are you, we are a perfect fit,
We can have fun and enjoy ourselves, without rushing it.

We know all about each other through background information
So we therefore do not need parent confirmation.

We don't need money to meet up all the time,
We can chat for hours and hours all online.

You ask me all about myself and in
turn you tell me,
There are no lies in this relationship
you see.

What a shame I didn't know that you
were a 40-year-old man
Who likes to meddle with the lives
of young girls like me, just because
he can.

When asked to meet up with you, I
can't wait,

With my new jeans on and a quick
wave to Mum, I practically run
through the gate.

Little did I know that the next time my mum would be near me
Is lying on the ground, laying down a rose in the cemetery.

If only I didn't trust the stranger on the screen,
I would still be alive, just like a normal teen.

Natasha Davies, Year 10, Palmerston North Girls High



