

Monitoring conditions in detention for children and young people

Tuesday 18 November 2014

1 – 2.30 pm

**Children's Rights House
Hooglandse Kerkgracht 17G, Leiden**

As we reflect on 25 years of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, this panel discussion will look at the situation of children and young people in detention – an especially vulnerable group whose rights are often overlooked.

It will provide an overview of the particular risks faced by children in detention and explore why independent monitoring of conditions in detention is important to ensure that the rights of detained children are upheld.

It will also provide concrete examples of how places of child detention are monitored at regional and international levels and consider the challenges faced by the bodies carrying out this work.

Panel Speakers:

- **Prof Anton van Kalmthout**, European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT): discussing the work of the CPT in relation to places of detention for children.
- **Mr Nikhil Roy**, Penal Reform International (PRI): examining international experiences of monitoring conditions for children deprived of their liberty, including the use of mechanisms established through OPCAT.
- **Dr Ann Skelton**, Director of the Centre for Child Law, University of Pretoria: discussing the realities for children deprived of their liberty in Africa and the work of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) in relation to children in detention.

Moderator:

Ms Maartje Berger, Defence for Children, The Netherlands: our local host, raising key local issues and facilitating contributions and comments from the floor.

Lunch will be provided at 12.30 pm

To register for the event, please email info@defenceforchildren.nl



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