



**Pre-Conference event: “Building a platform for supporting children's well-being”  
Thursday 31st May from 9.30h to 12.30h.**

**Points of agreement:**

We went into depth in examining the concept of the well-being of children and those who surround them, and came to agreement that well-being can be seen as the realisation of one's own physical, emotional, mental, social and spiritual potential in a harmonious engagement with one's own self, family and friends, the community and the world at large.

We reached a consensus that we would like to create an **affinity group of foundations** based on the idea of creating a global movement towards the well-being of children and those that surround them. The first stage will be sharing examples of the inspiring initiatives of the foundations that are part of our group which support the holistic development of children and young people in a systemic manner for mutual enrichment and with the idea of advocating towards decision-makers in all sectors of society concerned. This first stage will include a mapping exercise which will allow us to mutually understand the visions, practices and country contexts in which the foundations are working.

**Action Points:**

We agreed to meet for lunch informally Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June (13.00 – 14.00) and then formally from 14.00 to 15.00:

- We will attempt to gather the support of other organisations present at EFC between now and then.
- At the meeting we will decide on leadership and roles.
- We will also discuss the outline of a paper that will be produced as a product of that meeting and which will be submitted to the EFC to solicit their partnership and support. It will need to contain a clear set of objectives and the way we intend to support the initiative.

We also decided that we would focus on organising a meeting around the 20–23 September in Geneva in order to begin sharing information, experience and expertise about our initiatives and the lessons learned from problems encountered on the ground. We will prepare the submission to EFC for a session at the 2008 AGA (Fostering Creativity, Istanbul). Ana will check the date for submissions for sessions at next year's AGA.

A Youth Forum (**Youth and ICT as agents for change**) is being organised by the UN organisation GAID (Global Alliance for Information and Development) on 24 and 25 September to which the members of the group will be invited.

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Greg Fields suggested he is ready to support the group with on-going information on new developments in the children's world and to set up an intranet with a discussion forum.

EFC is ready to provide research into those foundations that could be interested in participating or supporting, but not with the content analysis. They are ready to help organise conferences and meetings of foundations where practices can be exchanged. They are also ready to support lobbying at EU level.

**To summarise:**

- Develop ListServe mailing list
- Follow up post-conference communication
- Solicitation of ideas going forward
- Develop Intranet
- Explore Autumn Conference

Begin to develop organizational blueprint:

- Goals and aspirations
- Resources/budget
- Responsibilities

Identify and secure leadership:

- European
- Global

Develop strategic plan, vision, values, purpose, etc.

Define and determine responsibilities

*In an extended form, well-being could be described as the generally pervasive experience of meaningful and rewarding mental, emotional, physical, social and spiritual engagement, and of self-actualization in contribution to the larger human and environmental systems of which one is part.*