

Campaigning for law reform to prohibit corporal punishment: Key resources to support campaigning

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Global Initiative to
End All Corporal Punishment
of Children

Key websites

Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children (www.endcorporalpunishment.org, info@endcorporalpunishment.org)

Includes the following sections:

- Introduction – list of supporters of the Global Initiative’s aims, FAQs, latest developments
- Human rights and law – information relating to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other international treaties and their monitoring bodies; CRC concluding observations relating to corporal punishment for all states (by session and by state); information on national high-level court judgments
- Global progress – analysis of legality of corporal punishment in every state and territory, organised regionally and globally; Global Initiative global progress report; individual state reports; information on countries which have prohibited
- Research – summaries of prevalence research, research into children’s own views and experiences, research into the effects of corporal punishment
- Resources – internet and other resources to support the promotion of non-violent discipline in the home and schools; links to other campaigns; downloads of Global Initiative reports etc
- Legal reform – legislative and other measures to support law reform (companion to the *Legal Reform Handbook*), includes a section on international, regional and national campaigns for prohibition
- Countdown to universal prohibition; Latest developments; RSS feed; Newsletter

The following key publications by the Global Initiative can be downloaded:

Ending legalised violence against children: Global report 2008 (2008)

www.endcorporalpunishment.org/pages/pdfs/reports/GlobalReport2008.pdf

Prohibiting corporal punishment of children: A guide to legal reform and other measures (2009) (English, French, Spanish), www.endcorporalpunishment.org/pages/pdfs/LegalReformHandbook2008.pdf

Prohibiting all corporal punishment of children: Frequently Asked Questions (2009) (English, French, Spanish), www.endcorporalpunishment.org/pages/pdfs/FAQ2009.pdf

Child Rights Information Network (CRIN) (www.crin.org/about/index.asp)

Convention on the Rights of the Child, directory of organisations, Violence against Children microsite for follow-up to the UN Secretary General’s Study (www.crin.org/violence/), CRINMAIL

Churches’ Network for Non-violence (www.churchesfornon-violence.org, info@churchesfornon-violence.org)

Resources include: reports, examples of statements made by leaders of different faiths, training materials, worship resources, submissions, exhibition materials

Epoch New Zealand (www.epochnz.org.nz, epochnz@gmail.com)

Includes an archive of materials used during the successful campaign for prohibition in New Zealand, including briefings to MPs, submissions to government, media items and campaign materials.

UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/index.htm)

Information on past and forthcoming sessions, general comments, links to the UN Secretary General's Study on Violence against Children.

The following General Comments can be downloaded from www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/comments.htm:

No.8 (2006) on "The right to protection from corporal punishment and other cruel or degrading forms of punishment (articles 19, 28(2) and 37, inter alia)" (English, French, Spanish)

No.1 (2001) on "The aims of education" (English, French, Spanish)

No.10 (2007) on "Children's rights in juvenile justice" (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish)

Note: The Committee's concluding observations and recommendations can be found in full on the Committee's website; extracts relating to prohibition and elimination of corporal punishment are available on the Global Initiative website www.endcorporalpunishment.org.

Other useful publications

Article 19, journal of the Southern African Network to end corporal punishment,
www.communitylawcentre.org.za/Childrens-Rights

Council of Europe (2007), *Abolishing corporal punishment of children: Questions and answers*, Strasbourg: Council of Europe Publishing,
www.coe.int/t/transversalprojects/children/violence/CPPublications_en.asp (English, French)

Council of Europe (2007), *Information leaflet: Abolishing corporal punishment in a nutshell*, Strasbourg: Council of Europe Publishing,
www.coe.int/t/transversalprojects/children/violence/CPPublications_en.asp (English, French)

Durrant, J. E. (2000), *A Generation without Smacking: The impact of Sweden's ban on physical punishment*, London: Save the Children
(<http://www.endcorporalpunishment.org/pages/pdfs/GenerationwithoutSmacking.pdf>)

Inter-Parliamentary Union & UNICEF (2007), *Eliminating Violence Against Children (Handbook for Parliamentarians No. 13)*, www.ipu.org/english/handbks.htm (English, French, Arabic)

Kapoor, G. & Owen, S. (2008), *Towards the universal prohibition of all violent punishment of children: Report of the global workshop, Bangkok, March 2008*, Save the Children Sweden

Owen, S. (2009), *Prohibiting all corporal punishment in Southeast Asia and the Pacific: Report of the regional technical workshop, Bangkok, March 2009*, Save the Children Sweden

Sheahan, F. (2009), *Advancing Children's Rights: A Guide for Civil Society Organisations on how to engage with the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child*, Plan & Save the Children Sweden

Swedish Ministry of Health and Social Affairs/Ministry for Foreign Affairs (2001), *Ending Corporal Punishment – Swedish Experience of Efforts to Prevent All Forms of Violence against Children – and the Results*, Stockholm: Ministry of Health and Social Affairs/Ministry for Foreign Affairs
(<http://www.endcorporalpunishment.org/pages/pdfs/ending.pdf>)

Wood, B. et al. (2008), *Unreasonable Force: New Zealand's journey towards banning the physical punishment of children*, Save the Children New Zealand
(www.savethechildren.org.nz/new_zealand/nz_programme/section_59/unreasonable_force.pdf)

Other summary briefings available:

1: Understanding the need for prohibition; 2: Reviewing current law

3: Drafting prohibiting legislation; 4: Building a national strategy

5: Working with Government and Parliament

6: Using legal action and regional and international human rights mechanisms

Further information at www.endcorporalpunishment.org, email info@endcorporalpunishment.org.