

Australian Children March Against Child Labour


On 11 March 1998, marches against the exploitation and abuse of child labourers were held in Adelaide, Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney as part of the Global March Against Child Labour.

With the exception of Sydney, where the NSW Minister for Education refused to support the march, the majority of participants in all cities were students from local primary and secondary schools.


Across Australia hundreds of schoolchildren embraced the opportunity to voice their concern for and solidarity with children around the world. At the Melbourne march a message from a young Australian outworker was read out, serving to remind us that child labour is not confined to developing countries but also presents very real problems in Australia.

Overall the Australian marches were an enormous success and an important step in securing the rights of all children. DCI extends a heartfelt congratulations and thank you to all our partners in the Australian Child Labour Network.


While the Australian marches are now



complete, re- related activities and the Global March continue. In Canberra, DCI and the Australian Education Union are working with local schools on the issue of child labour. One particularly exciting event for DCI's ACT supporters to mark in their diaries is an exhibition of children's artwork on the theme of child labour which will take place in October and November.



Internationally, the Global March goes from strength to strength. Working children from around the world are on schedule to arrive in Geneva in late May. An exhilarating program is planned for Geneva which will allow children to share their experiences, enjoy themselves and, most importantly, to have their say about laws and policies relating to their work.



*More information about the Global March is available on the official website:
<<http://www.globalmarch.org>>*

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DCI has raised the membership and publication subscriptions this year, for the first time since 1993. The National Committee tried over several years to keep subscriptions down and to cover the costs of increasing activity by attracting new members and subscribers. This has not worked! DCI membership is rising very slowly, even though we are better known, are active on a wide range of fronts and have put on some very important events. Even people who regularly refer to DCI's work do not seem to feel moved to join!

The National Committee has decided to share out the impact of the rise in costs by introducing a scale of subscriptions to encourage better-off members and affiliated organisations to pay slightly more. Students and low-income membership remains the same at \$25, but others are asked to pay \$50, \$75 or \$100 per annum, based on their income or budget.

The higher subscriptions can be paid on a 3 or 6-monthly basis if you wish!

Subscriptions to ACRN and the DCI-Geneva Newsletter are also raised to \$30 for non-government organisations and \$50 for Government bodies.