

# ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND

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ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND IS A YOUTH LED NETWORK THAT WORKS ACROSS SCOTLAND EUROPE AND THE EUROMED REGION TO PROMOTE YOUTH RIGHTS AS LAID OUT IN THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (UNCRC) AND THE EUROPEAN WHITE PAPER ON YOUTH

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# ABOUT US

## WHAT'S IN THE NAME?

The key purpose of our work is to educate and inform young people of their right, and responsibility, to participate at local, national and international level. We do this by promoting the content and context of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and The European White Paper on Youth, directly via our local groups and affiliated organisations and remotely through our "Virtual Office": [www.article12.org](http://www.article12.org)

We take our name from Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) "*A child's right to express their views and opinions on matters that affect them*".

We were established, with the support of Save the Children Scotland, in 1996 and formally constituted in 1998. We were supported "in kind" by Save the Children Scotland until December 2001, when, following successful funding applications to [The Community Fund](#), [Levi Strauss](#), [Save the Children](#) and [The Carnegie United Kingdom Trust](#), we became financially independent.

We operate as a network of local groups, individuals and affiliated organisations, managed by a youth led National Management Committee.

Network members and interested individuals and organisations out with our network communicate with us, and contribute to our work, via our "Virtual Office" : [www.article12.org](http://www.article12.org)

The Network is supported by four part-time staff (Development Workers), one part-time freelance accountant and one full-time member of staff (National Co-ordinator). To keep administration costs down we have negotiated work bases for the part-time staff in local "Host Agencies". The freelance accountant and the National Co-ordinator work from home.

This review is designed as an introduction to what we have been up to in 2003. To get the full story you should visit our "Virtual Office" [www.article12.org](http://www.article12.org) which (unlike the more traditional style of H.Q) is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year!!!!



Chairperson

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# NETWORKS

## ASKING, LISTENING, RESPONDING

Network members contribute to our work in a number of ways; ranging from participation in action research and joint actions at local, national and international level through to representation on our National Management Committee.

The extent of our network membership, in terms of diversity and geographic range, is in our opinion, the key to our effectiveness.

We take this opportunity to thank all the young people, staff and others who have worked with us to create opportunities for young people to actively participate as equal citizens at local, national and international level:

### SCOTLAND AND THE U.K.

*SAVE THE CHILDREN, SCOTTISH ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, CARNEGIE YOUNG PEOPLE'S INITIATIVE, FAIRBRIDGE, THE BOX ABERDEEN, THE GYPSY TRAVELLER EDUCATION AND INFORMATION PROJECT, WEST OF SCOTLAND YOUNG CARERS, DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL THROUGH CARE AND AFTERCARE, MORAY YOUTHSTART, WEST LoTHIAN YOUTH ACTION PROJECT, BLAST DRUG PROJECT INVERNESS, MASTRICK YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROJECT ABERDEEN, DRUMNADROCHIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL, CHILDREN IN SCOTLAND, THE BRITISH COUNCIL IN SCOTLAND, CONNECT YOUTH INTERNATIONAL, RICHARD MITCHELL.*

### EUROPE AND THE EUROMED REGION

*ANET YOUTH FORUM SWEDEN, AKZENTE AUSTRIA, RASTER HOLLAND, OLSTYNEK EUROPEAN YOUTH CLUB POLAND, YOUTH ON THE WAY TO EUROPE LITHUANIA, PROVINCE OF MODENA ITALY, THE YOUTH UNION PALESTINE, THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT ISRAEL, FUTURE YOUTH FOUNDATION EGYPT, ZENID JORDAN, PYO LEBANON, SFE GREECE, CONCORDIA FRANCE, LANDESBUND FUR VOGELSCHUTZ GERMANY.*

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# WORK IN SCOTLAND

## CONFERRING, CONSULTING, CONTRIBUTING

### PARTICIPATION AND CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE

Members of the Article 12 in Scotland Management Group, with the support of Project Staff, hosted a national conference to identify and address the key barriers to participation and citizenship at local, national and European levels. Thirty-seven young people and young people's advocates from organisations such as: Participation Projects, Social Inclusion Projects, University Research Departments and the Scottish Executive contributed to the event.



### THE RIGHT TO GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT IN SCHOOLS

Commissioned by *The Scottish Executive Pupil Support and Inclusion Section*, Network members from Aberdeen, Montrose and Dundee undertook survey research with their peers to gain their views and opinions on the current state of Guidance and Support in schools. A summary report, written and presented to the Scottish Executive, by members of the National Management Group can be downloaded from our Virtual Office: [www.article12.org](http://www.article12.org).

### HOW OLD IS OLD ENOUGH - REVIEW OF THE VOTING AND CANDIDACY AGE

The Electoral Commission has begun a review examining the current voting and candidacy age. The results of their UK wide consultation will be published in spring 2004. As Scotland members of *The Electoral Commissions' UK Youth Voting Network* we were tasked with promoting the consultation nationally, via our Virtual Office, and undertaking research, across our network, to ensure that a Scottish perspective was included in the national findings. A summary of the views of our network membership is available for download from our Virtual Office.

### THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (ESRC)

The ESRC is a group of policy makers, practitioners, researchers and academics that meets to discuss issues relating to economic and social research. Article 12 has contributed to, and participated in, the most recent set of seminars that focused on the Participation and Social Exclusion of Young People. A report of these seminars will be published with inputs from participants on their experiences of, and work in, the areas of participation and social exclusion with young people from a theoretical, academic, research and practice perspective. For further information on the work of the ESRC visit their website at: [www.esrc.ac.uk](http://www.esrc.ac.uk)

# WORK IN EUROPE

## EURONET PROJECT

EURONET has been selected by the European Commission to carry out a project around *The Convention on the Future of Europe* and the participation of children and young people. Children and young people's organisations from across Europe are participating in the project, Article 12 is representing Scotland. Each participating country undertook research around "Rights in Europe" and presented their findings to members of the European Parliament, Brussels. Our report "*Young Scottish Voices*" focused on participation. Visit our virtual office to download a copy.



## EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE (EVS)

EVS is part of the YOUTH programme, a European Union programme that promotes the mobility of young people through international activities with a non-formal education dimension.

As Scotland representatives on the Connect Youth International Task Group for Transnational Voluntary Service we are working to monitor uptake and further promote EVS to young people across Scotland.

This year two members of our National Management Committee have taken up long term EVS placements with Concordia, France and Landesbund für Vogelschutz, Germany.

## PEER 2 PEER 4 YOU



**PEER 2 PEER 4 YOU** is a multi national young peoples commission, with representation from Holland, Sweden, Poland, Lithuania, Italy, Austria and Scotland, that works to promote the content and context of *The European White Paper on Youth*. As Project Co-ordinators Article 12 in Scotland has responsibility for the management, participant training and overall evaluation of the programme of work.

In our role of Project trainers we have produced a Peer Education and Training Manual: *TELLING IT LIKE IT IS:-)* the first training experience utilising this resource took place in Sweden (September 2003) with members of the **PEER 2 PEER 4 YOU** Project Team, who are pictured above. Participants are currently sharing their new skills and knowledge with their peers, with the aim of establishing country level teams of White Paper Peer Educators. We meet again in Holland in April 2004 to evaluate this phase of the Project. More information about **PEER 2 PEER 4 YOU** and *The European White Paper on Youth* can be found at: [www.article12.org](http://www.article12.org)

# WORK IN THE EUROMED REGION

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EURO-MEDITERRANEAN YOUTH PLATFORM

The Euro-Med Youth programme proposes a permanent dialogue between young people from the 27 Euro-Mediterranean partners with the aim of fostering mutual understanding among the people of the region, to integrate young people into social and professional life, and to contribute to the process of democratisation of civil society.

To support and promote the programme the Euro-Med Youth Platform was officially launched in September 2003. The Platform aims at bringing young people from the region together in an environment of tolerance and mutual understanding. Article 12 is a member organisation of the Platform and contributes regularly to debates and discussions. To find out more about the Euromed Youth Programme visit [www.euromedp.org](http://www.euromedp.org)



We have successfully completed the **Salto Euromed "Advanced Training on Organisation and Project Management"** and consequently are recognised as "Euromed Multipliers" - meaning we are equipped with the skills required to develop and deliver Euromed and Intercultural Learning training courses at local, national and international level.



Our Peer Education and Training Manual **TELLING IT LIKE IT IS:-)** has recently been added to the Salto Euromed Training Toolkit; an online resource that is accessed by staff and young people from across Europe and the Euromed Region.

In August 2003 (as **Salto Euromed Trainers**) we were invited to participate in an EVS Seminar in Jordan. The seminar brought together young people and practitioners from across the Euromed Region to work on agreeing a common definition of Voluntary Service and establishing concrete North/South EVS partnerships.



Our key roles were to lead a workshop on the culture and customs of the North countries and to promote Scotland as a worthy host country for young people from the Meda region. Plans are now underway to host a Euromed Seminar in Scotland in September 2004, which will enable young people and practitioners from Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Greece and Germany to meet with potential host agencies and to experience, first hand, Scottish culture, customs and hospitality.

# ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2003

THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF ARTICLE 12 IN SCOTLAND FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES OF THE STATEMENT OF RECOMMENDED PRACTICE (SORP) FOR ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING BY CHARITIES WITH A GROSS ANNUAL INCOME UNDER £100,000.

## ARTICLE 12 (SCOTLAND)

*Prepared by CBA*

### Income & Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2003

<u>INCOME</u>	2002	2003
From contributions	49057	44703
Restricted Funds	16830	-
Community Fund	-	19720
Carnegie UK Trust	-	5000
Bank Interest	<u>715</u>	<u>405</u>
Refund	-	<u>2148</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>66602</u></b>	<b><u>71976</u></b>

## EXPENDITURE

Salaries	27306	32604
Book-keeping	1080	1080
Training	114	935
New Lanark Residential	1585	-
Telephone & Internet	1240	854
Travel & Accommodation	1934	2495
Insurance	251	-
Badges & Stationery	-	835
Expenses (Staff/Volunteers)	900	1725
Host agent	1016	2200
Visa payments	3484	6752
Printing	1837	1427
I.T.Hardware/Software	303	1216
Petty cash	953	1912
Room hire / Seminar costs	848	1170
Miscellaneous / Freelance work	347	1809
Web Management	300	-
Car Hire	164	-
Professional Fees	220	-
Depreciation on Computers	488	741
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>44370</b>	<b>58637</b>

**Profit / ( Loss ) for the Year**      **22232**      **13339**

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*Fixed Asset Schedule  
for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2003.*

### P.C. 1

C/Fwd- £1036.30  
Depreciation on 31/12/03 @ 25% - £259.08  
Balance C/Fwd- £777.22

### P.C. 2

C/Fwd- £426.75  
Depreciation on 31/12/03 @ 25% - £106.69  
Balance C/Fwd- £320.06

### Laptop


Purchased for £700.00  
Depreciation on 31/12/03 @ 25% - £175.00  
Balance C/Fwd- £525.00

### P.C. 3

Purchased for £800.00  
Depreciation on 31/12/03 @ 25% - £200.00  
Balance C/Fwd- £600.00

**Total depreciation on Fixed Assets – £740.77**

These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Project. For further information, copies of the full annual accounts can be obtained from the Project office.



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