

Report of the activities of Innocence in Danger Germany 2004

In 2003 IID – Germany carefully started to build up a national as well as international network and positioned itself within the German „helping community“. In 2004 IID Germany was able to begin working within different projects.

1. Sponsoring a week of theatre prevention in Berlin at four grammar schools in Berlin, Germany. This project is being conducted by a German organization called “Strohalm e.V. (www.strohalm-ev.de).

This project reached about 1000 pupils plus teachers and parents. Accompanying the presentation of a play for children workshops were being conducted with teachers and parents. Since Berlin is a city with multilingual parents it soon became apparent that some material was needed in Turkish. Thus IID Germany also financed the translation of an information booklet in Turkish and German – allowing to reach Turkish parents much easier.

This booklet is absolutely new to the market and has been distributed about 10.000 times already.

2. Supporting the work of KARO at the Czech/German border

IID Germany was able to support KARO in order to survive the year 2004.

Apart from that IID Germany accompanied a French TV production to Cheb – as translator and guide – and was working closely with the women of KARO.

For 2005 KARO first will need to establish strict guidelines for their work before IID Germany will be able to support them with any more funding.

3. Cooperation with the German network organization - “Bundesverein zur Prävention”- regarding a TV-spot concerning sexual abuse of children and establishing a nationwide helpline against sexual abuse of children

During 2004 a TV spot was produced and in the wake of this production the first nationwide phone helpline against sexual abuse was planned and seen through! As of February 2005 this helpline is operating and the spot is aired on German television. **Still – the spot as well as the helpline are meant to travel across Europe and we are still looking for IID chapters who are willing and able to take on this idea!**

4. International Homepage of Innocence in Danger – French, English, German

5. Empirical study concerning the situation of German counselling centres regarding the victims of child-pornography

After IID Germany was able to raise funding in order to conduct this study over a period of three years – we began working in October 2004. We were able to employ two more women and to open another office in Cologne – where the centre for the study has been placed.

The study is planned to take three steps:

1. Questionnaire 1 –is being sent to specialized counselling centres working against sexual abuse, child and adolescent psychotherapists and child and adolescent

- psychiatric clinics across Germany (accounting to about 800 – 1000 addresses). This questionnaire will give a first overview and will invite all participants to take further part and follow up with questionnaire 2.
2. Questionnaire 2 – is much more detailed and tries to establish a round about view of the situation as victims of child pornography will encounter in German. Then all participants are invited to take part in the last step of the study –
 3. Interview – will give the opportunity to go in further detail and follow up on some cases.

These three phases are to be accompanied by meetings with a group of experts from various fields in order to gain an overall perspective.

Last but not least it is meant to search for international best practice examples working with victims of child pornography (France, England, USA, Australia, Sweden, etc.).

So far questionnaire 1 and 2 have been written, rewritten, thought about and rewritten again. Right now statistics experts are helping us to write a program in order to count all questionnaires regarding all our questions.

In 2005 the mailing as well as the interviews are thought to begin, in 2006 all the data is accumulated and in 2007 hopefully all results will be presented at a conference.

6. Attendance of various international conferences concerning sexual abuse and child pornography

May 24. – 26. 2004 Copine Conference – University of Cork, Ireland

**June 22. – 23. 2004 Conference of the University of Wroclaw, Poland –
Attendance and presentation of Innocence in Danger
International**

**December 07. 2004 Attendance at a Czech/German conference by KARO in
Cheb concerning commercial sexual abuse, trafficking and
child pornography.**

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