



**THE WB NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES**

**LEGAL AID SOCIETY**

**Invites Participation for**

***3<sup>rd</sup> National Conference on***

***“Development of Child Rights--***

***A Step towards Ensuring Justice and Protection of Children”***

**March 1 – 3, 2013**

**Venue: NUJS Campus at Kolkata, India**

### **CONCEPT NOTE**

The WB National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS) is one of the premiere national law schools of India, and in its short existence has contributed immensely to the legal fraternity. As a centre of legal knowledge dissemination and legal research, the University has aimed to promote among its students a justice oriented model of legal education, respect for the fellow citizens, fostering social justice and involve in activities and research to make law and the legal process an efficient instrument for social development. To fulfil this objective more

effectively, the University has established various vibrant and dynamic specialized centres to undertake dedicated research and campaign for promoting human rights and social justice.

The Legal Aid Society is one such functionary and responsible to administer activities and programs for promotion of universal access to justice. This society has been a frontrunner in engaging the students to use their knowledge of law to provide free legal aid to those who are needy and cannot afford it by organizing Awareness Camps and several projects e.g. providing free legal service to inmates of correctional homes, victims of natural disaster, filing public interest litigation on burning social issues and undertaking action research projects to increase access to justice for common citizens.

The Legal Aid Society of National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata has decided to conduct a three day conference on ***“Development of Child Rights- A Step towards Ensuring Justice and Protection of all Children”***.

The concept of Child Rights has undergone a lot of developments from welfare to rights perspective. Initially, children were not entitled to any rights, they were often considered as beneficiaries of welfare schemes and it was the responsibility of the head of the family to provide for the welfare of children. Gradually, a shift was noticed, from the concept of children being mere recipients of welfare schemes to the entitlement of children to certain special but basic rights. Thus, developed the concept of ‘child rights’.

Child rights are those rights that a person possesses by virtue of being a child. Their physical and mental immaturity, their innocence and inexperience in life makes them an easy target for exploitation and thus a greater need arises to entitle them with certain special rights so that their childhood can be protected. Child right brings within its ambit every right, protection, schemes, etc. which a child requires, not only to protect their interest, but also to provide them with ample opportunity to grow and develop to the fullest.

There is no dearth of schemes existing at national as well as international level to ensure these rights to children. However, despite this, a vast majority of children are still impoverished. They are marginalized, vulnerable, and destitute, neglected and are deprived of their basic right to family care, protection, shelter, food, health and education. As a matter of fact, India has the largest population of street children.

The main aim of this conference is to foster an academic dialogue, promotion of empirical studies and publication, sharing of information and knowledge on issues, and creation of a

nationaladvocacy group to campaign for the protection and promotion of these rights of children.

The conference shall be spread over a period of three days and will be conducted in various sessions. The themes of these sessions are –

- ✚ International Law and Child Rights
- ✚ Juvenile Justice and Children
- ✚ Child Labour : Problems and Perspectives
- ✚ Right to Free and Compulsory Education
- ✚ Child Welfare Schemes
- ✚ Child Sexual Abuse
- ✚ Children and Health Care
- ✚ Protection of Rights of Children with Disability
- ✚ Child Rights in India : A postscript

The Legal Aid Society calls for submission of original research papers and articles on any facet relating to the theme of the Conference from eminent legal practitioners, civil society organizations, and academicians and students of law and social sciences.

### **REGISTRATION FEES**

The Registration fee for participants is Rs 1500 only (inclusive of food and accommodation for the days of the conference).

Local participants and others not desirous of seeking accommodation need to pay a registration fee of Rs 500 only.

In case of co-authorship, each of the authors will have to pay the registration fees separately.

The mode of payment of registration fees will be intimated later separately to the selected participants.

### **DEADLINES**

The last date for submission of abstract is 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2013

The publication of the list of selected participants on the basis of abstract is 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2013

The final date for submission of paper is 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2013

The publication of final list of participants 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2013

All abstracts should be directed at either the address mentioned below or e-mail it to [3rdlegalaidconference@gmail.com](mailto:3rdlegalaidconference@gmail.com) with the subject of the email being: “Abstract Submission”

### **GUIDELINES FOR PAPER SUBMISSIONS**

- ✚ Submission of an abstract of about 500 words.
- ✚ Abstract should highlight the Name & Organization of the contributor, Title, Main research issues, Research methodology, and the inference to be drawn from the study.
- ✚ Co-authorship is allowed for up-to 2 authors per submission.
- ✚ The papers sent should be original and unpublished articles (not submitted for publishing in any place)
- ✚ The final submissions would have to be between a minimum of 3000 and a maximum of 5000 words (inclusive of footnotes).

We at the Legal Aid Society are looking forward to your enthusiastic participation.

To participate in the conference, please mail your abstract, along with a cover letter (mentioning your name and institutional affiliation) to [3rdlegalaidconference@gmail.com](mailto:3rdlegalaidconference@gmail.com).

### **AWARDS**

The best three student papers adjudged by a panel of jury consisting of eminent persons will receive a certificate and award of Rs 3000 (Best Paper), Rs 2000 (Second Best Paper) and Rs 1000 (Third Best Paper). In order to be considered for this award, the student has to be enrolled in any full-time undergraduate course of study.

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