Annual Report 2008-2009



Introduction

 This report constitutes the third Annual Report of the Association (from our last meeting in May 2008 in Istanbul. It is also a report to date on the second year of The Children's Identity and Citizenship European Association (a Company Limited by Guarantee, registered under the Companies Act of 1985 (England), Registration Number 6290058 (registered on 22 June 2007)) and of The Children's Identity and Citizenship European Association (a Registered Charity under the Charities Act of 1993 (England), Registration Number 1120176 (registered on 20 July 2007). The reporting year of the Association, the Company and the Charity runs from 1st October 2008 to 30th September 2009.

This Report has been prepared by the Executive Committee for the Annual General Assembly of the Association, which is to take place at 9.00 am in The University of Malmo, on Saturday 23 May 2009.

Executive Committee

The Executive has met three times since the last General Assembly meeting in May 2008: in London in July 2008, in Oradea in October 2008, and in Mechelen in February 2009. A fourth meeting will have been held immediately prior to the Annual General Assembly. Each meeting has taken place at the same time as an Academic Network Executive Meeting, so no expenses have been incurred by the Association in holding Executive Meetings.

The Charity and the Company limited by guarantee

Following last year's decision at the Annual General Meeting, the Executive has prepared annual reports as follows for the Charity and the Company:

The Charity, for the period July 20th 2007 – September 30th 2008. The Company, for the period June 22nd 2007 – September 30th 2008 These have been inspected by professional accountants, who have agreed that they represent a true account of our income and expenditure over these periods.

Annual reports have therefore been presented for the Charity to the Charity Commission, and for the Company to Companies House.

We have also reported changes in the membership of the Board of Trustees and in the Company Directors, as required by law:

- the resignation of Soren Hegstrup
- the appointment of Nanny Hartsmar and Susana Goncalves
- the replacement of Julia Spinthourakis as Secretary by Susana Goncalves.

Application for CiCe4

We are pleased to report that the application to the European Commission for a fourth phase of funding (2008-2011) was successful. This allows the size of the Executive to be increased to 9 members and a cooption of the Academic Network Coordinator (Peter Cunningham)

Membership

Our membership has developed as follows

	12 March 2007	12 March 2008	26 March 2009
Individuals	32	78	69
Institutions	14	28	27

Any further changes will be reported at the meeting.

The Association's Journal

We continue to produce two copies of the Journal each year, under the editorship of Ian Davies, of the University of York. We are pleased to report that, with or partners in the journal (CitizED), we have now entered into an arrangement with a commercial publisher of academic journals (Intellect publications) to take on the publishing and distribution of the journal with effect from the calendar year 2011. We will receive and distribute copies to our members as at present. Intellect will publish the Journal to non-members, and we will eventually receive a royalty payment on their subscription income.

The Editorial board will include the President of the Association (ex officio). The next Reviews Editor will be a member of the Association.

The first issue published under the new arrangements will be Volume 6, No 1. This will be available and distributed to members in the Summer of 2010 (but will be dated January 2011, for marketing reasons). Volume 6, No 2 will be a European Special Edition.

We hope to be able to show Association members a mock-up of the cover design at the Annual General Meeting in May.

Newsletter

We have produced two copies of the Association's Newsletter, which have been distributed electronically to members.

The Association's Website

We have continued to develop the web site for the Association, which includes all materials concerning the Association – minutes of meetings, reports, accounts, etc. The website also has links to the Network site (and vice versa).

Research Grants

The second research grant scheme was announced in February 2009. We hope to be able to announce the outcome at the Annual General Meeting in May.