

Minutes of NGOs meeting on children

Date : 24.04.2006

Time : 04.00 pm – 06.15 pm

Venue : Natarajan Thamayanthi Higher Secondary School, Nagapattinam

The meeting began with a self introduction by the participants. The agenda of the meeting were:

- a) Discussion on the Anti-child labour day celebration with by the NGOs
- b) Discussion on summer cultural programme

The draft containing the voices of children on issues related to their lives was distributed to all the participants. Exclusive discussion was held on each point. Additions and omissions were carried out by the participants. It was decided to change the style of the language of the draft to that of the children. The draft will be presented as a memorandum to the electoral candidates by the children during the day's function.

The rest of the time was spent on planning the arrangements for the function. The following decisions were taken:

- The venue of the meeting is Jaya Matriculation School, Nagapattinam
- The meeting will take place form 3.00 pm – 5 pm
- Around six hundred children would be brought as participants
- Each NGO who attended the meeting (see the annexure) would bring 25 children. The expense and arrangements would be taken care by the NGOs
- The *Nethilees* group supported by REAL would shoot photos and videos
- TMSSS has agreed to sponsor 700 hundred snacks pocket. Other NGOs willing to sponsor would inform NCRC on or before 25th April. The rest of the expenses would be met from the common fund
- All the electoral candidates form all the five constituencies would be invited for the function. The following NGOs took up the responsibility of inviting the candidates:

<i>Name of NGO</i>	<i>Name of constituency</i>
HRFDA	Sirkali
PHOENIX, AID & KARUNA KARYA TRUST	Nagapattinam
PCI	Vedaranyam
SNEHA & OFERR	Poombugar
HRFDA	Mayiladuthurai

- Mr Prabhu of EVERY CHILD is responsible to invite media
- OFERR, HRFDA, PDA AND PHOENIX foundation would organise a 5 to 7 minutes of cultural programme each by children

- The following NGOs also would organise and prepare children for the on-stage functions mentioned below:

<i>Name of NGO</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>
PHOENIX Foundation	Read children's election manifesto
REAL	President
TMSSS	Welcome Address
PURA	Master of Ceremony
HRFDA	Vote of thanks

- The children with responsibility would be brought to Jaya Matriculation School for rehearsal on 29th morning. Sr. Mercy of Good Shepherd has been given charge of coordinating them

Discussion on taluk wise summer cultural programme has been scheduled for the next meeting.

Annexure: *List of the participants*