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June Kane is an internationally respected expert in human rights, specifically in the fields of violence against children and women, child labour, sexual abuse and exploitation of children, and human trafficking. As an Independent Expert since 1996, Dr Kane has worked with governments, UN agencies (particularly the ILO and UNICEF), regional bodies and grassroots organizations on a wide range of initiatives. Her work has covered research and writing; strategy, programme and policy planning; capacity building;

evaluation and monitoring. She has a profound understanding of current issues in child labour/trafficking and in 2008 developed the first anti-child trafficking training manual and resource kit for UN.GIFT, the UN's global initiative to fight human trafficking.

In the past decade, Dr Kane has written more than a dozen books in the areas of child labour, human trafficking, domestic labour and violence against children. Since 1996 she has been the European Commission Daphne Programme's Expert on Violence against Children, Young People and Women and in 2006 was an advisor to the UN Secretary-General's Study on Violence against Children.

On Australia Day 2007, Dr Kane was made a Member of the Order of Australia in recognition of her work. She is also a recipient of the Albert Schweitzer Medal for Humanitarian Action.