

**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**OUTSTANDING CHILD RESEARCHER**  
**CARIBBEAN CHILD RESEARCH CONFERENCE**  
**OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup> 2009, KINGSTON, JAMAICA**

**“PROMOTING CHILD RIGHTS THROUGH RESEARCH-  
Global Crises: The Impact on Our Children-  
TWENTY YEARS AFTER THE UN CONVENTION ON THE  
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD”**

The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) in partnership with the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), UWI, the Caribbean Child Development Centre (CCDC), UWI, the Early Childhood Commission (ECC), Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), Office of the Children’s Advocate (OCA), Office of the Children’s Registry (OCR), Jamaica Coalition on the Rights of the Child (JCRC), Child Development Agency (CDA) and the Ministry of Education (MoE) will be hosting its fourth research conference on children’s issues under the theme *Global Crises: The Impact on Our Children- Twenty years after the Convention on the Rights of the Child*. To mark the 20th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Conference will only invite submissions from child researchers.

Papers are invited from children who will be under the age of 18 years on October 21, 2009:

- The paper should have a focus related to children.
- The research should not be more than 3 years old.
- The paper may comprise work undertaken for internal (school) or external examinations such as CAPE, CSEC.
- The paper should speak directly to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the three types of rights:
  - Protection rights (e.g. issues of violence and abuse)
  - Survival and development rights (e.g. issues of access to health and education)
  - Participation rights (e.g. issues of involvement of children in the decision-making process)
- Research should be undertaken by an individual student rather than a pair or a group.
- The report should be a maximum of 5000 words (not including tables, charts, figures or references), typed using Times Roman 12 point font, double spaced, with at least 1 inch margins on A4 paper.
- Papers should be submitted with a cover letter indicating that this is an entry to the Outstanding Child Researcher competition, sent to the Caribbean Child Research Conference subcommittee at SALISES, University of the West Indies or sent via e-mail to [childresearch09@gmail.com](mailto:childresearch09@gmail.com). Both an electronic and a print copy of each paper are required on submission.
- Papers not submitted directly by the student researcher should state in the cover letter that permission to submit this paper has been received by the author.
- Papers received will be acknowledged within one week. Papers will be judged by a subcommittee of the Caribbean Child Research Conference 2009.
- Authors of the top ten papers will be invited to make an oral presentation.
- A prize of a laptop computer will be awarded to the top child researcher.
- Other prizes for outstanding presentations will also be provided.
- Judging will be final.

For further information please call Ms. Kimberley Wilson at 927-1020 or 927-1234.

- **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PAPERS – August 17, 2009**
- **NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION FOR ORAL PRESENTATION AT THE CONFERENCE – September 11, 2009**

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