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South Africa

Celebrating the courage  
to care in a diverse world

FICE  
Congress

**FICE South Africa is pleased to be organizing the 31st FICE International Congress for the first time on the African continent in Cape Town, South Africa from 7 – 9 December 2010.**

We warmly welcome you to join us in South Africa for the FICE 2010 Congress where 600 adult and youth delegates from across the world will join in seeking innovation in caring for children.

Recognising the richness of international exchange and dialogue, this congress will explore the theme “Celebrating the Courage to Care in a Diverse World”. The unique network that is FICE International is made up of over 30 national chapters, and members from a further ten countries – from all six continents. Members are drawn together in a professional network to engage local knowledge and skill areas in working with children and young people with international practices and expertise. The contexts in which FICE members work with young people vary dramatically. Their interests however are very similar – the continuous engagement with improving services to children in out-of-home and community-based social service programs is the common element.

Hosted for the first time on the continent of Africa, this Congress aims to provide delegates with a once-in-a-lifetime professional development experience, where the warmth, the spirit and the innovation of Africa provides the context for serious reflection on work with children across the globe. Exchanging practice experiences and local programs from all continents, this will be a truly international event where the Congress theme at once acknowledges the diversity of delegates and our shared humanity; the intentionality inherent in professional work with children, and the simplicity of caring.

**Sub-themes guiding presentations and discussions include:**

- The changing contexts of social care provision
- The realization of a children’s rights approach in complex situations
- Successes in human resourcing programs for children
- Best practice in short-term residential care
- Innovations in community-based care for children and families
- Diversity as a global phenomenon
- The imperative of care in social care provision

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