

Invitation to Press conference

Step up 4 Children's Rights

For some time now, Norway has been receiving massive international criticism of its child welfare system. The Norwegian child welfare system, known as Barnevernet, removes children from their families too fast and very often without any justifiable reasons. International media such as the New York Times, BBC, ARTE, and others have already reported on it, and several of these cases are being examined right now at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

Just recently in January, Polish Consul Slawomir Kowalski was expelled from Norway. According to Polish media he had helped around 150 Polish families, who had been targeted by Barnevernet. After this incident, Norwegian clinical psychologist Einar Salvesen, who is highly respected and experienced, commented in an interview with "The Herland Report", that totalitarian structures have developed within the Norwegian child welfare system, which do not serve the welfare of the child, but cause great suffering and destruction to the whole family.

We are therefore holding a vigil at the Norwegian Embassy in Vienna on Sat 9 March at 11:00am, with a delegation flying over from Norway consisting of lawyers, NGO representatives and affected families, in order to draw attention to these needless and unjust removals of children. We are deeply concerned about the well-being of children who have the right to live with their families unless there are compelling reasons of gross neglect and the immediate life of the child is in danger. On Sat 9 March, we will therefore be standing up for children's rights to stop being overlooked in Norway and for children to once again be treated like human beings.

For this occasion, we cordially invite representatives of the media to the press conference. We'd also like to present the new non-fiction book on the situation in Norway entitled „Stolen Childhood“ by Steven Bennett.

When: Friday, 8 March 2019, 4:30 pm

Where: Novum Locations am Hauptbahnhof, Karl-Popper-Straße 16, 1100 Wien

Your interview guests on the panel are:

Steven Bennett

Author of the book „Stolen Childhood“

Marius Reikeras

Norwegian Human Rights Counsel

Rune Fardal

Norwegian Family Rights proponent, seen on the BBC documentary

Natalie L.

Affected Norwegian mother



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