WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

The Consortium for Street Children (CSC) is the leading international network dedicated to realising the rights of street children worldwide.

The CSC network is continually expanding and we currently have over 80 members working across 130 countries worldwide. Our network comprises small NGOs delivering grassroots work in-country, large international NGOs, multilateral agencies, academics, corporates and individuals, as well as affiliated groups of street-connected children.

We believe that collectively we can achieve maximum impact through being ‘Louder Together’.

OUR VALUES

Our values shape the way we work and define our organisational aspirations.

CHALLENGING
We will actively challenge common misconceptions of street children. Where change is necessary, we will challenge the status quo to ensure policies and practices recognise them.

We will challenge our network and each other to strive for the realisation of street children’s rights.

PROGRESSIVE
With our network, we will work hard to identify innovative solutions that address the issues faced by street children.

Through leveraging and building on our knowledge we will progress and improve ways of achieving the realisation of street children’s rights.

COLLABORATIVE
We seek to bring people together and create a louder collective voice for street children. By working collaboratively, and through sharing expertise, we will have more impact.

It is vital that street children are able to have their say in order to influence change.

ACCOUNTABLE
We will be transparent and honest in everything we do. We are a trusted partner for our network and are accountable for delivering our strategy. We are accountable to street children and promise to shine a light on the issues that affect them. We believe others should be held accountable for their actions.
It has been an honour to be the Consortium for Street Children’s (CSC) Chairman over the last 5 years, and 2013 has been of particular note as it marks our 20th year and anniversary of the network’s launch at Downing Street by former Prime Minister Sir John Major.

CSC was established because it was recognised 20 years ago that by working together and sharing learning organisations could have a bigger impact than by acting individually. Today our network spans more than 80 organisations across the world. We engage at the most senior levels of policy making and have the largest library of resources relating to street children anywhere in the world.

Every year we have made significant progress and 2013 has been no exception. On 12th April we hosted the most successful International Day for Street Children to date, with over 5,000 individuals signing our ‘Demand a Day’ petition.

We continue to see positive outcomes from the UN OHCHR report (2012) on street children, including a roundtable in South East Asia that brought together businesses that want to work more collaboratively with governments and NGOs to support street children. In addition, we have continued to advocate at the UN for a General Comment on the Rights of Children in Street Situations, with CSC leading an advisory group that makes its case to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child throughout 2014.

Our shared learning and capacity building goes from strength to strength. Our Global Resource Centre, funded by HSBC and Aviva, now holds over 1,000 research reports and articles. Our toolkit to support organisations that work with adolescent street girls will be launched in mid 2014 and our Comic Relief project alongside Chetna and Hope for Children has helped to successfully engage the Indian government, resulting in a new government-funded programme for street children.

2013 also saw us convene the first annual Research Conference for the network, hosted by Clifford Chance. Getting the evidence together – Doing participatory research with young people has had many significant outcomes, not least that through popular demand CSC is now committed to hosting a second conference in 2014.

Finally, I must recognise the hard work of the Executive Team who have delivered another impactful year for CSC despite significant leadership and organisational challenges. Personally I would like to thank our interns, staff, donors, forum members, corporate partners, trustees and our network for all they do for street children.

As ever, we are Louder Together.

Marcus Lyon,
Chairman
Consortium for Street Children
Celebrating 20 years of protecting and promoting street children

1993
The Consortium for Street Children is launched at a reception at Number 10 Downing Street by then Prime Minister John Major.

1998
CSC publishes *The Human Rights of Street and Working Children: A Practical Manual for Advocates* by Iain Byrne, with a foreword by Nelson Mandela.

2004
Following on from a two year project collecting data and case studies on street children and juvenile justice, CSC publishes *An Outside Chance: Street Children and Juvenile Justice* by Marie Warren.

2005
CSC produces and publishes a police training manual on child rights and child protection and in 2008 goes on to train 50 police trainers at the Ethiopian Police Academy who in turn train a further 36,000 Ethiopian police in child rights.

2007
CSC publishes *State of the World’s Street Children: Violence* by Dr. Sarah Thomas de Benitez.

2008
CSC publishes *From the Streets* by A. S. Newell.

CONSORTIUM FOR STREET CHILDREN
Celebrating 20 years 1993 - 2013
Children

Elevating the rights of street children around the world.

2010
CSC begins working with insurance company Aviva on developing their global CSR programme ‘From Street to School’.

2011
United Nations Human Rights Council Resolution on street children (A/HRC/18/12) attracts more co-sponsors than almost any other resolution since the creation of the UNHRC in 2006. It is unanimously adopted.

CSC awards Father Patrick Shanahan its first ever Street Child Champions Award.

2012
United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights publishes ‘Protection and promotion of the rights of children working and/or living on the street.’ CSC was appointed as a consultant on the study.

CSC establishes a Research Forum comprising some of the most respected thinkers and experts on street children across the globe.

2013
CSC launches its global resource centre at www.streetchildrenresources.org

Two decades on from the launch of the organisation at 10 Downing Street, Consortium for Street Children celebrates its 20th anniversary at a reception in the Houses of Parliament.

1993 - 2013
CSC advocates for the rights of street-connected children in order to influence policy makers worldwide.

WE REPRESENT OUR NETWORK MEMBERS AND THE STREET CHILDREN THEY SUPPORT THROUGH:

- The International Day for Street Children
- UK Parliamentary and Government engagement
- Having a presence on national and international policy forums
- Providing technical support and advice to policy makers

THROUGH OUR ADVOCACY WORK, WE AIM TO:

- Raise awareness and knowledge among opinion formers and the public, leading to them taking action to promote the rights of street children
- Increase awareness and knowledge among national and international policy makers of the specific challenges street children face, leading to the introduction and implementation of tailored policies and legislation
SOUTH EAST ASIA ROUNDTABLE

In December 2013, together with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Aviva plc, CSC convened a roundtable discussion in Singapore on ‘Promoting and protecting the rights of children working and or living on the street’. The roundtable was a direct outcome from the UN OHCHR report (2012) on street children. It is a practical example of regional and national level implementation of the recommendations from the report – specifically on fostering collaborative approaches and creating partnerships to support street children. The roundtable engaged multiple sectors including civil society, academia, the private sector, UN independent experts, UN human rights mechanisms and national governments.

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APPG ON STREET CHILDREN

CSC is the secretariat to the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Street Children. The APPG exists to work to protect the rights of street children worldwide and to raise awareness of the various issues they face to UK Parliamentarians.

The APPG held two meetings in 2013 – one focusing on the campaign for UN recognition of the International Day for Street Children and one to highlight the experiences of child domestic workers, emphasising a campaign for the UK government to adopt ILO Convention 189.

Members of the APPG also met with Parliamentarians from Senegal and Bolivia, through the Inter-Parliamentary Union, to discuss street children in those countries, national policies, the work of NGOs and the APPG. CSC network members took part in these meetings.

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Research about street-connected children has, historically, been fragmented, hard to access and underused in the development of policies and programmes.

**RESEARCH CONFERENCE**

In March 2013 CSC held its first ever annual Research Conference at the Clifford Chance conference suite in Canary Wharf, London. The conference, titled: ‘Getting the evidence together – Doing participatory research with young people’ aimed to explore the value of research in terms of the influence it can have on influencing policies and practices affecting children with street connections.

The event was open to CSC network members and external delegates with an interest in the field. 70 delegates attended and the packed agenda included a fantastic roster of speakers and presenters, including esteemed academics, researchers and consultants working with street children, as well as representatives from organisations spanning the public, private and civil society sectors.

The conference provided an opportunity for delegates to mix with members of CSC’s Research Forum which comprises some of the most experienced and relevant thinkers on street-connected children across the globe and is chaired by Dr. Sarah Thomas de Benitez. In response to the positive feedback, CSC will be hosting another Research Conference in November 2014.

CSC seeks to address this and works towards being recognised as the ‘go to’ place for research on street children.
**GRC LIBRARY AND RESEARCH HUB**

Developed by CSC the Global Resource Centre is the largest online library of literature related to street-connected children, with over 1000 resources available.

[www.streetchildrenresources.org](http://www.streetchildrenresources.org) is aimed at academics, practitioners, journalists and members of the public. The library continued to grow throughout 2013 with an average of 52 new resources uploaded every month, including street children related research, reports and articles.

Hosted within the site is CSC’s **Research Hub** - a password protected portal, exclusive to Members and Associates of CSC's Research Forum. The Research Hub enables street children academics across the globe to discuss key issues, peer review documents and collaborate on research.

CSC’s Research Hub is sponsored by Aviva.

**Research Forum**

In 2013 CSC appointed Natalie Turgut as part-time research officer. Natalie’s role includes the co-ordination of the Research Expert Forum and supporting the development of the research strategy.

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*Dr Hakan Seckinelgin speaks at the Research Conference on ‘Participation in Research’*
CSC brings organisations together so that they can collaboratively identify and meet the needs of street-connected children.

**CAPACITY BUILDING & SHARED LEARNING**

Our network members benefit through sharing knowledge and experiences that can help build their organisational and programme capacity.

**THROUGH OUR CAPACITY BUILDING & SHARED LEARNING ACTIVITIES WE:**

- Enhance knowledge across the network of different approaches to working with street children
- Assist members of the network to develop their organisations and programmes
- Ensure network members are better equipped in their work with street children

**CHILD PROTECTION**

CSC continued to support its network to develop robust, relevant child protection policies and procedures whilst keeping at the forefront of child protection thinking. In August, we held our second Child Protection Systems meeting, bringing together Save the Children, Plan UK, Child Frontiers, Global Child Protection Services, Family for Everychild and Moroccan Children’s Trust.

The meeting focused on the importance of specialised interventions within thinking and development of child protection systems.
CSC’s Shared Learning Hub is a password protected portal, exclusive to CSC network members. The Shared Learning Hub enables CSC network members across the globe to share information, discuss key issues, and collaborate on shared areas of work.

One of the key features of the Shared Learning Hub is the ‘Groups’ function, where network members can discuss various issues and topics, or work together on collaborative pieces of work. In addition, AGM papers, presentations and speeches from CSC’s Realising Rights workshop can be found on the Hub. CSC’s Shared Learning Hub is sponsored by HSBC.

Realising Rights – a Comic Relief-funded project run by Chetna, Hope for Children and CSC, is in its final year. Our role is to help bring together key stakeholders in Delhi – from government, NGOs, the police, businesses and street children themselves – to share learning and collaborate to develop next steps that prioritise street children. A key feature is a day’s workshop with street-connected children from five NGOs to better understand their concerns, challenges and ideas. We also hold a London-based workshop that discusses key themes raised in Delhi and looks at them from a global perspective. In 2013 the theme was the role of governments in supporting street children.

The 2013 London workshop took place in November. Speakers discussed the status of government policies and programmes for street children in Uganda, Tanzania, the UK, Brazil and India, as well as hearing from the UK government’s Department for International Development and the private sector.

In 2013 CSC began work on the development of a toolkit for organisations that work or want to work with adolescent street-connected girls. It was in direct response to our network members’ request for guidance.

The toolkit, ‘Nothing about us without us’, has been developed by CSC and a working group of network members and external experts. Research to develop the toolkit included interviews with street-connected girls and the organisations that support them in eight countries, as well as a review of literature about street girls written over the last ten years. It has been piloted in Kenya, Peru, Morocco and Colombia in late 2013 and will be launched in mid 2014.

The toolkit contains sections on:

- Organisational capacity building
- Programme delivery
- Monitoring and evaluation

It also suggests useful additional tools for organisations that wish to develop their work further. It will be available for download on the CSC Resource Centre.
The third International Day for Street Children took place on Friday 12th April. This year we launched the ‘Demand a Day’ petition calling on the UN to recognise the Day to give the issue greater global exposure and put pressure on governments to act. CSC network members and other organisations working with street children celebrated the Day by holding over **315 events in 132 countries**. These included marches, balloon releases, concerts, football matches, record-breaking attempts and theatrical performances.

In the UK CSC launched the ‘Home Street Home’ campaign, which saw giant children’s room signs placed in inhospitable urban environments, to highlight the issue of children sleeping on the streets. In total 40 billboard posters were displayed across five UK cities. The advert also ran in the Metro Newspaper.
CSC team members and volunteers then undertook a face-to-face public engagement campaign at a major London station, raising awareness and encouraging commuters to sign the petition on-line or via text.

5000 people signed the Demand a Day petition as a result of the focus put on street-connected children through the International Day.

There were 82 articles on the International Day including coverage in the UK, Pakistan, Greece, South Africa, Jamaica, Oman, Tanzania, and India.

Our Facebook posts reached over 19,000 people and on the 12th April alone there were 1372 tweets mentioning #streetchildren #DemandaDay and #HomeStreetHome with a reach of over 8.1 million.

We received support from a wide range of stakeholders, including the International Police Association, the European Network of Children’s Commissioners, Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer, Stephen Fry and Bianca Jagger.

Aviva, HSBC, Tesco, The Partners and Jack Agency supported the Day.
STREET CHILD CHAMPION’S AWARD

CSC’s annual Street Child Champion award acknowledges the unsung heroes who are making a real difference to street children’s lives.

Every year we ask our network members to nominate people - either from their own, or a partner organisation - who they believe deserve recognition.

In 2013 the award focused on children and young people who are making an outstanding contribution to raising awareness and changing perceptions about street-connected children.

The award was won by the Hard Life Art Club (HLAC). The Club was nominated by StreetInvest who described them as ‘inspirational proof of how street children can effect social change’, and by Mkombozi Tanzania, who called their team leader Morgan a ‘role model and success story that inspires the children he works with.’

The HLAC was set up by four former street children in the old chicken coup of Mkombozi’s residential centre for street children. Since then, the Club has grown to give 75-100 children every week the opportunity to paint, create arts and crafts and play sports. Through art HLAC brings together street children and children living with their families in the local area and in doing so promotes the inclusion and acceptance of street children. The HLAC won £1000 to put towards a project of their choice. Morgan and Joseph from HLAC said ‘we are delighted about the award. We will use the money to buy more materials for the art works and expand our project to reach more kids.’
THE NOMINEES IN FULL

Fred
S.A.L.V.E International, Uganda
Nominated by Bulikimu Kisoboka and Shaloom

Isa
S.A.L.V.E International, Uganda
Nominated by S.A.L.V.E International

Manu
The Hope Foundation, India
Nominated by Hope Kolkata Foundation

Moktar
Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Bangladesh
Nominated by Dhaka Ahsania Mission UK

Moyna
Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Bangladesh
Nominated by Dhaka Ahsania Mission UK

Sandra
Street Kids Direct, Guatemala
Nominated by Mi Arca

Vijay, Shanno & Jyoti
Ex office bearers of Badthe Kadam, India
Nominated by Chetna

Morgan, David, Rogie & Joshi
Hard Life Art Club, Tanzania
Nominated by Mkombozi Tanzania and StreetInvest
CSC’s network comprises a wide-range of organisations, including small NGOs delivering grassroots work in-country, large international NGOs, individuals, and a federation of street children.

We invite applications from organisations and individuals whose works impacts – whole, or in part – street-connected children. By becoming part of the CSC network, you will join forces with other individuals and organisations who believe in realising the rights of street children. We believe that collectively we can achieve maximum impact through being Louder Together.

OUR MEMBERS IN 2013

ACTION FOR BRAZIL’S CHILDREN (ABC) TRUST ACTION FOR CHILDREN IN CONFLICT ACTION INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES AIDS CONSORTIUM ALUCOP AMAZING CHILDREN UGANDA AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (CHILDREN’S HUMAN RIGHTS NETWORK) AMOS TRUST APPRENTIS D’AUTEUIL AZAD FOUNDATION BADHTE KADAM CALCUTTA HOPE CARETAKERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT TANZANIA (COET) CEADEF CENTRE FOR EQUITY STUDIES CHEKA SANA CHILDREN’S TRUST CHETNA CHILD HOPE UK CHILD TO CHILD TRUST CHILDREN IN CRISIS CHILDREN UNITE CMAP CONGO CHILDREN TRUST COVENANT HOUSE DEPAUL INTERNATIONAL DHAKA AHŞANIA MISSION UK EDITH WILKINS STREET CHILDREN FOUNDATION EMERGE POVERTY FREE FOCUS IRELAND FRISHTA CHILDREN’S VILLAGE GLAD’S HOUSE HAPPY CHILD HOPE FOR CHILDREN HOPE FOUNDATION HUMANITARIAN ORGANISATION OF MERCY HUMMINGBIRD TRUST INTERNATIONAL CHILDCARE TRUST INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN’S TRUST INTERNATIONAL HIV AIDS ALLIANCE JUBILEE ACTION JUCONI ECUADOR KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE COALITION KIDASHA LATIN AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE (LAFF) LAUGHTER AFRICA LEARNING FOR LIFE LITTLEBIGHELP MKOMBOZI CENTRE FOR STREET CHILDREN MOROCCAN CHILDREN’S TRUST PLAN INTERNATIONAL UK RAILWAY CHILDREN REACH WITHIN RETRAK S.A.L.V.E. INTERNATIONAL SAFIRE SAHA SAVE THE CHILDREN UK SKCV CHILDREN’S TRUST SOS CHILDREN’S VILLAGES SOWED STEPPING STONES NIGERIA STREET ACTION STREET CHILD (FORMERLY STREET CHILD OF SIERRA LEONE) STREET CHILD AFRICA STREET CHILD WORLD CUP STREET INVEST STREET KIDS DIRECT STREET KIDS INTERNATIONAL STREETS AHEAD RWANDA STUDENTS SUPPORTING STREET KIDS TOYBOX VIA NIÑOS UK WALOU WAR CHILD UK
In 2013 we received significant income from corporate partnerships, consultancy work and donations. Aviva continued to fund the Advocacy work as well as supporting the International Day for Street Children, with Tesco supporting the development of our Street Girls Toolkit.

Aviva and HSBC funded our Global Resource Centre and in 2013 restricted expenditure increased as a result of these new projects. We carried forward sufficient funds to meet our reserve policy into 2014.

**BREAKDOWN OF INCOME**

**Total:** £318,253
- Grants 83%
- Consultancy 3%
- Donations 8%
- Membership 4%
- Donated services 1%
- Investment income 1%

**BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE**

**Total £422,522**
- Advocacy 31%
- Network services 21%
- Communications & Research 29%
- Governance 9%
- Generating Voluntary Income 10%
AVIVA: Aviva is the UK’s largest insurer. Aviva became a corporate partner of CSC in 2010 as part of Street to School, the company’s global flagship community programme.

Aviva believes that each and every child should have access to education, because education is insurance for a better life. Through Street to School programmes, Aviva has reached over 640,000 street-connected children or those at risk of becoming street-connected.

Aviva has supported the International Day for Street Children since 2011 and also continues to support CSC’s Research and Advocacy work, including our Global Resource Centre and Research Hub.

HSBC: HSBC is one of the world’s largest banking and financial services organisations, with around 6,600 offices and 58 million customers. In 2013 as part of their flagship global education programme ‘Future First’, HSBC provided support to CSC’s Global Resource Centre and Shared Learning Hub.

TESCO: Tesco is one of the world’s leading retailers. In 2012/13 Tesco donated over £74.5 million to charities and good causes through direct donations, cause-related marketing, gifts in kind, staff time and management costs. In 2013 Tesco supported the development of the Street Girl’s Toolkit as well as the CSC corporate website.

Pro-Bono

In 2013 CSC benefitted from the pro-bono support of a number of organisations for which it is extremely grateful:

BRITISH AIRWAYS: Provided CSC with complimentary flights to enable CSC to visit projects and develop its work

THE GLASSWORKS: Continued to support CSC

HOWARD ROTH: Provided payroll and accountancy services

THE PARTNERS & JACK AGENCY: Provided communications support and display space for the 2013 International Day for Street Children ‘Home Sweet Home’ campaign