We need to end child poverty in order to break the cycle of poverty.

Young Lives e-newsletter June 2015

This month we’re featuring our research on children’s work and child labour as well as our new programmes of work on violence against children, and on gender and adolescence.

World Day Against Child Labour

Today sees the launch of Children’s Work and Labour in East Africa edited by Alula Pankhurst and Gina Crivello of Young Lives with Michael Bourdillon. It presents evidence from working children’s lives and perspectives from Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya and Sudan, and shows how children’s lives have changed with increases in paid and domestic work in addition to the demands of schooling. Alula Pankhurst’s recent blog for The Conversation describes some of the findings from the book, and Gina Crivello asks in our own blog if children have a place in International Workers’ Day. Finally you can see Yahoo India’s photo essay by Young Lives on the complexities of child labour and working children.

Latest research and analysis

Recently published Young Lives papers include:

- How Gender Shapes Adolescence: Diverging Paths and Opportunities, Young Lives Policy Brief 22
- Young Lives Methods Guide: new fact sheets on Sampling and Survey Design

All available online at the Young Lives site.

Events

- Ethiopia National Girls Summit
  Date: 20 June 2015
  Venue: Hilton Hotel, Addis Ababa

- Third International Conference of the International Childhood and Youth Research Network
  Date: 10-12 June 2015
  Venue: European University Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus

- ILO Conference on Child Labour in South Asia
  Date: 12 June 2015
  Venue: New Delhi

- 21 Ways the SDGs Can Have the Best Impact on Girls
  Date: 2 June 2015
  Venue: The Guardian Online

Other news

What drives violence against children?

We were shocked to see how much violence features in the lives of the Young Lives children – at home, at school and in their communities, so are pleased to be working with the UNICEF Office of Research on a study to inform national strategies for violence prevention. As we launch this work, Ginny Morrow reflects on how corporal punishment makes children feel, and Kirrily Pells, Emma Wilson and Nguyen Thi Thu Hang have written about children’s reactions to domestic violence in Vietnam.

- Blog: Rising school enrolment, plunging test scores: Writing for Ideas for India, Renu Singh finds that the rise in enrolment is associated with a worrying decline in learning standards.
- Blog: Inequality starts at a young age: In a blog for The Global Partnership for Education, Santiago Cueto reflects on inequality in early education in Latin America.
- YouTube: “I have a lot to do at home – I don’t have time to study”: Children in Ethiopia talk about how work affects their learning
- Child Poverty and Development: sign up to receive our blog posts direct to your in-box.

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