



## Mission statement 2007

‘Health professionals thinking and acting locally *and* globally to improve the health and well being of children and young people’

**We believe in** – working *together* to use our skills, resources and knowledge to develop local and global strategies to improve the health and well being of children and young people.

**Our methods include** – improving communication between all those involved in child and adolescent health and well being, bringing you the latest on the relevant research world wide, developing tools for advocacy, developing tools for teaching, developing tools for involving children and young people themselves, and by providing information about effectiveness and efficacy of interventions, meeting together at conferences, maximising our individual and group effectiveness.

**We work with** – national social/community paediatric organisations, NGOs working in the same field, child advocacy groups, health professionals involved with child health, governments, economists, sociologists, lawyers and others with the same interests and aspirations.

**The benefits of joining us** – means that we can work together in making us all a more powerful voice and force for change. You have access to people, strategies and concepts via the internet to promote your ideas, you meet people with similar aspirations and contribute at conferences held in various places throughout Europe. Members of ESSOP can be subscribed to the Journal of Child: care, health and development at a reduced price (which includes online access). For further information you can visit

[www.blackwellpublishing.com/journals/cch](http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journals/cch).

**What does it cost and where does your money go?** Annual membership presently costs 35 Euros (or 50 Swiss francs) and goes to supporting a general secretary, a website with detailed information about the organisations activities and membership, and the development of advocacy and teaching materials. But essentially costs are kept to minimum by involving all the membership in developing the association. You, your, knowledge, your actions are the association’s main resource.

**How often does the association meet?** Once a year, in various locations around Europe, and sometimes elsewhere, so as to promote social paediatrics both locally and internationally. Recent conferences - ‘Equity in child health and health care’ (Cardiff, Wales), ‘Child health care during the period of transition’ (Sibenik, Croatia), ‘Early Childhood Prevention - Theories and Practices’ (Montréal, Canada).

*The next meetings will be held in Trieste, Italy in 2007 and in Iceland in 2008.*

**Membership subscription details** - can be found at our website on [www.essop.org](http://www.essop.org) .

Join us now to know how change can brought about in the field of child and adolescent health and be at the cutting edge of that change.