

Call for Abstracts for a Special Issue of *Children, Youth and Environment*
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“Children, Violence, Community and the Physical Environment”

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Key words

Children, youth, violence, community, place, physical environments, harmful environments, on-line environments, child friendly environments, environmental psychology, design and violence, children’s freedom of movement.

Aims

The aim of this issue is to explore the influence of the community and physical environment / place on violence against children. Violence and abuse of children have received much attention from researchers and policymakers in recent times. However, the physical environment in which violence occurs is not often a focus. This special issue of *Children, Youth and Environments* shall examine the interplay between the communities in which children live, the physical parameters of these environments and the nature and incidence of violence experienced by children and young people - that is, the socio-ecological factors which moderate or aggravate violence against children. The primary aim shall be to examine the physical environment in which community relations occur and the effect these have on violence against children / youth, or the creation of places of refuge and healing.

All papers should concern themselves with aspects of place. They should make clear how children enact their lives in particular places and how specific place-related characteristics affect their safety.

Expressions of interest

One-page abstracts of your paper ideas (up to 200 words) should be sent by November 30, 2011 to Kevin Lalor <kevin.lalor@dit.ie> and copied to cye@colorado.edu

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