



Annual Report

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Detention Coalition

Human rights for detained refugees,
asylum seekers and migrants

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This annual report contains information for the Australian financial year July 2015 – June 2016. Previously, the IDC produced the annual report in line with the calendar year (January – December). As a result of this change, some information from the narrative component of our previous 2015 annual report has been reproduced in this publication.

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Our Values

The International Detention Coalition (IDC) is a unique global network, of over 300 civil society organisations and individuals in more than 70 countries, that advocate for, research and provide direct services to refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants affected by immigration detention.

Vision

The IDC envisions a world without unnecessary immigration detention.

Mission

The IDC works to ensure that the human rights of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants impacted by immigration detention are respected, protected and fulfilled.

The IDC aims to bring about changes in legislation, policy and practice that prevent, mitigate and respond to the harms associated with immigration detention and that promote alternatives to detention.

The IDC does this through our four key areas of work: network and capacity building, advocacy, awareness raising and campaigns, research and reporting.

Strategic Priorities

1. Ending and limiting detention, particularly for children
2. Developing and promoting alternatives to immigration detention
3. Improving rights, conditions and monitoring of places of immigration detention

A copy of the IDC Strategic Plan for this period is available upon request.

Letter from the President and Director

Around the world today, we continue to see unprecedented numbers of men, women and children being forcibly displaced, destitute and detained.

More than 65 million people have been forcibly displaced, and more than half of those are children.

It is a time when solutions are urgently needed.

Yet despite this humanitarian crisis, we have seen countries reacting with fear rather than leadership, criminalizing migration and detaining countless vulnerable people.

Grant will never forget working with a 14 year old Iraqi boy, Abdullah and his family. He was highly articulate and sensitive, and he had been detained since he was 10 years old.

Life in detention was all he could remember.

He had seen so much violence and was even placed in solitary confinement.

Children usually have such bright eyes: but there was no hope in Abdullah's eyes. It was a haunting experience, an experience that no child should have to live through.

This experience is just one of the many that keep all of us committed to our work with the International Detention Coalition to promote alternatives to immigration detention as a more affordable, effective and humane way to govern migration.

More than a decade ago, creating alternatives to detention was a concept that we saw had potential to shift the paradigm.

Today, we have identified more than 250 examples of alternatives to detention being used worldwide with positive results.



Our role as civil society is to remain vigilant, to pursue the fundamental rights for those who are vulnerable and voiceless in our society.

The IDC's work to research, advocate, campaign and build capacity has made significant advancements this year, utilizing the powerful network of thousands working to advance the rights of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in immigration detention.

This year has been a reminder of the value of collaboration, between our members, our partners, and across sectors.

We thank all who have been involved, and urge you to read more about the impact we have been having as a movement in this annual report.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna Gallagher".

Anna Gallagher,
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grant Mitchell".

Grant Mitchell,
Director

Our Members



The IDC helped us look at our activities from a different perspective to identify how we were already contributing to alternatives to detention by helping migrant children access migration documentation, identity documents and education in Mexico.

Members of IDC at a meeting on alternatives to detention in Mexico City, September 2015

Gretchen Kuhner - General Director, Member organisation the Institute for Women in Migration (IMUMI)

The IDC has 328 members from 77 countries worldwide, with 19 new members joining during this year. This year saw a strengthening of the International Advisory Committee, made up of 30 members of the IDC, who provide insight and analysis to the IDC secretariat.

We held our first ever Regional Advisor training, which brought advisors from Europe, the Americas and the Middle East and North Africa together to share experiences and enable a deeper understanding of the IDC's research findings about effective alternatives to immigration detention.

Our members have expertise across a wide range of areas, from service provision and legal aid, to research, reporting and advocacy. The wealth

of knowledge around detention and alternatives to detention within our member-base is a core strength of the IDC: active engagement and dialogue with members on emerging and important issues in domestic and international detention contexts is vital to our organisational capacity and policy influence.

This year we streamed our annual member meeting, held in Geneva, which had over 40 members from more than 13 countries attend, and more than 50 people tune in to the broadcast.

See a list of all our members who have given their permission to be publically listed here <http://idcoalition.org/members-2>

Key Impacts

Throughout this year, the IDC undertook comprehensive training of more than 82 members, as well as working collaboratively with 44 UN and regional stakeholders and 45 governments on the development of robust alternatives to detention.

Building A Global Movement to End Child Detention



An image from the Global Campaign to End Child Detention, which is coordinated by the IDC.

In 2012, there was very little focus on the issue of immigration detention of children within the UN system, very little pressure from regional mechanisms for change, and widespread use of immigration detention of children by governments around the world.

A group of civil society organisations, led by the International Detention Coalition, decided to initiate the Global Campaign to End Immigration Detention (“the campaign”) in 2012 to build a civil society movement around ending the immigration detention of children.

One of the first goals of the campaign was to strengthen the human rights standards relating to the immigration detention of children. In September 2012, the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (‘the Committee’) held a Day of General Discussion on the rights of all children in the context of international migration. Supporters of the campaign effectively lobbied for the Committee to include recommendations that immigration detention is always a child rights’ violation and never in the best interests of the child.

Following this development, campaign supporters began to work with UN groups, intergovernmental organisations, and civil society representatives to leverage this clarification, and to assist states to “completely and expeditiously” end the practice of child immigration detention. The organi-

sations involved in the campaign mobilised their networks around this unified call, culminating in the UN Secretary General identifying ending child immigration detention as an “achievable priority” during the 2013 High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development.

These groups recognised that together they had made some significant achievements, and decided to create a space for further collaboration with key stakeholders holding specific technical expertise. The Inter-Agency Working Group to End Child Immigration Detention was launched in June 2014, and is currently comprised of over 20 prominent UN and regional human rights experts, intergovernmental organisations, and NGOs who collectively represent stakeholders in every country of the world. Members meet quarterly aiming to standardise language and re-assert the standard that no child should be in immigration detention.

“Ending child detention is an achievable priority over the next five years: now is it a critical time to work together”

Grant Mitchell, Director of the IDC

The International Detention Coalition, as Chair of the Inter-Agency Working Group, has acted as a lead convener of the global push to end child immigration detention. We have worked to foster communication and bridge gaps between critical UN and civil society partners; to gather and promote best practice examples regarding rights-based alternatives to detention for children; and supported the Global Campaign to End the Immigration Detention of Children by hosting its secretariat.

Four years have passed since this movement began and we can see significant progress. The campaign has built the foundation for a growing social movement around ending child detention with over 100 civil society organisations, including the pre-eminent organisations working on child migration, now supporting the campaign. Together, these organisations have the ability to mobilise hundreds of thousands of campaigners worldwide to take action.

Further, ending the detention of children is now routinely referenced in General Assembly and Human Rights Council resolutions, as well as in

opinions and decisions taken by regional human rights bodies such as the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. The standard that children should never be detained was embedded as a central principle of the UN Secretary General's Report for State discussions as part of the 19 September UNGA high-level meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants. This transformation has provided even more impetus for States to take steps to avoid the harms to children inflicted by detention.

Upskilling the IDC Network



The Revised edition of the IDC's handbook, *There Are Alternatives*, was released in October 2015.

This year we continued to resource and upskill our members and partners to strengthen their advocacy on the issue of detention. Two examples highlight this work and the results it can achieve.

Firstly, we released an updated version of *There Are Alternatives* (revised edition), our handbook for preventing unnecessary immigration detention and improving the outcomes of community-based alternatives. The handbook was revised to incorporate learnings from our growing body of research and expertise, and to present a refined version of our Community Assessment and Placement model (CAP) model on alternatives to deten-

tion. The CAP model assists governments to develop alternatives to detention, and provides our members with a framework to advocate for change. The concepts in the model are brought to life with key examples from our accumulated collection of 250 alternatives in 60 countries. An online interactive map was further developed to provide readers with access to even more examples of alternatives to detention in action.



The Launch of the updated version of *There Are Alternatives: A Handbook to Prevent Unnecessary Immigration Detention*, Side Event at the Human Rights Council, October 2015

Since its launch in October 2015, the handbook has been shared with over 30 governments, downloaded over 10,000 times and more than 2,000 hard copies have been distributed. The accompanying online interactive map was one of the most visited pages on the IDC website during the year.

The handbook has been an important resource for advocacy work around the world. For example, we submitted an Options Paper to the Greek government in response to the EU Turkey deal. It focused on alternatives to detention using the revised CAP model as our framework. The government subsequently invited the IDC to meet with senior officials to present the Options Paper and to discuss opportunities for Greece to maintain and expand alternatives in the face of significant and complex challenges.

You can access the map, and read the full publication here: <http://idcoalition.org/publication/there-are-alternatives-revised-edition>

Another way we have supported and mobilised supporters to advocate for change is by strengthening the composition and capacity of our advisory committee. The committee is a 30-person team that provides strategic advice to IDC staff members. This year we refreshed the committee membership, in order to expand the skills and geographical representation of the team.



IDC Regional Advisor Meeting, London, June 2016

Recognising their ability as change makers and experts on the issue of alternatives to detention, we further provided our regional representatives with comprehensive training on the revised handbook. Regional Advisors from the Americas, the Middle East, Africa and Europe participated in a series of discussions to explore challenges and tactics in advocating for and developing alternatives. They were encouraged to undertake further advocacy within their own networks, as an important avenue to expand the reach of the IDC network beyond the secretariat and to further mobilise the broad support base around the IDC.

“A full room of interesting people, knowledgeable and engaged on Alternatives - we really are a community!”

Participant in the Regional Advisor Workshop, London, June 2016

The resources developed from this workshop, produced in both English and Spanish, will be included in the IDC’s online capacity-building toolkit. Significant progress has been made on the development of the toolkit during this year, with a short course completed on case management in alternatives to detention, with a launch of the toolkit expected in early 2017. The toolkit will provide a series of online short courses which enable members and partners to undertake training on alternatives to detention and to engage with key elements in the IDC’s theory of change, covering case management, preventing child detention and the basics of alternatives to detention.



Regional Advisors Dr. Melissa Phillips and Oktay Durukan at the Regional Advisors meeting in London, June, 2016

Working Towards Ending Child Detention in Mexico



The second IDC workshop on alternatives to immigration detention in Mexico, Mexico City, December, 2015

Traditionally, Mexico has been viewed as a “transit country” in which there are no easy solutions for managing migration without detention. This view was so predominant that in 2015, more than 35,700 children were detained because of their migration situation.

IDC activities have focused on shifting this perspective, encouraging Mexican stakeholders to see this as an opportunity to take up the challenge to lead change in the very complex regional and global migration context of Mexico. During this reporting period, IDC has taken advantage of the opportunity to inspire decision-makers and their advisors to imagine a different outcome, one where migrants – and especially children – do not need to be detained in order to comply with immigration procedures.

This year saw the culmination of various advocacy efforts by IDC and our members and partners, resulting in the adoption of a national child protection system under new legislation that includes migrant children, and regulations directly prohibiting immigration detention of children.

Article 111. At no time will migrant children or adolescents, regardless of whether or not they are traveling with adults, be deprived of their freedom in Immigration Stations or in any other immigration detention center

(Regulations for the National Child Rights Law, December 2, 2015. Unofficial translation).

The regulations establish national norms for the implementation of the Child Rights Law and represent an important step forward in guaranteeing migrant children’s right to liberty. The regulations recognize that immigration detention is no place for children, and go further than the current Immigration Law, which only protects children traveling without their parents or guardians from immigration detention via transfer to the family welfare system. This work has been further strengthened by a clear directive from the Commissioner for the National Migration Institute to continue working on solutions that can support the release of children in need of protection.

In addition to this positive structural change, the IDC supported key government and civil society partners to jointly develop alternatives for unaccompanied migrant children. This culminated in an 8 month pilot that enabled 20 children to be released from detention into an alternative care program. Rather than facing the harmful impacts of detention, these children were released to two open-door alternative child care programs whose holistic community models which ensured freedom of movement, access to education and healthcare, and communication with family.

“Now, we seldom hear people say ‘alternatives to detention won’t be possible in this context’. Instead, we receive many questions about how to implement alternatives, requests for support and training, and general goodwill and interest...”

Gisele Bonnici, IDC Americas Coordinator

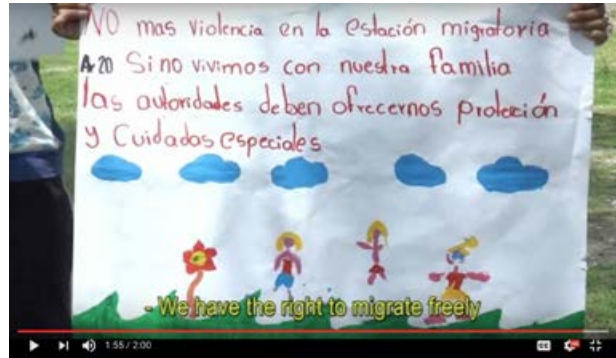
Post-pilot, international experts such as UNICEF and UNHCR, as well as the new Federal Child Rights Protection Agency (Procuraduría Federal de Protección de Niñas, Niños y Adolescentes) have engaged in working group meetings in order to continue to learn together and build upon this initiative.

During the same period, IDC conducted targeted capacity building with civil society organizations whose work was contributing to the development of alternatives to detention in Mexico. Two civil society workshops were held in November 2015, one for organizations who provide direct services to migrants and one for advocacy organizations. Advocacy organizations were able to identify priorities to promote alternatives and begin to develop shared advocacy strategies. Much of this work focused on ensuring that a legal framework is in place that guarantees the right to personal freedom, and ensuring such safeguards and alternatives to detention are effectively implemented.

For implementing organizations, it was important to be able to place their daily activities responding to migrants' needs and other case management work within the broader framework of alternatives to detention. This enabled them to understand how their current efforts could contribute to the broader advocacy agenda. Documenting existing positive practices and informal, ad hoc alternatives to detention was identified as a top priority. This will support efforts to highlight alternative ways to conduct effective migration management without resorting to detention.

We have observed how the combination of targeted capacity building and technical assistance, as well as continuous coordination of pilot implementation, has spurred new ideas and collaborations with new stakeholders in favor of preventing unnecessary immigration detention for children. These approaches have also strengthened the scope for implementing alternatives to detention in Mexico.

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Drawings by children in the pilot alternative care child community model in Mexico.

Program of Work in 2015-2016

Throughout this year, the IDC undertook comprehensive training of more than 82 members, as well as working collaboratively with 44 UN and regional stakeholders and 45 governments on the development of robust alternatives to detention.

The IDC produced a number of key resources during this year:

	<p>There Are Alternatives</p> <p>The comprehensive handbook was revised and updated with a launch at the 30th session of the UN Human Rights Council and subsequent launches worldwide. See more about how this resource is being mobilized through IDC's network on page 2.</p> <p>→ Access here: http://idcoalition.org/publication/there-are-alternatives-revised-edition</p>
	<p>The Position Paper - LGBTI Persons in Immigration Detention</p> <p>This position paper builds upon the IDC Core Position that vulnerable individuals should never be placed in immigration detention by looking specifically at the plight of LGBTI refugees, asylum seekers, and irregular migrants. It finds that immigration detention is particularly harmful to individuals who are already at a heightened risk of discrimination, abuse and exploitation, such as LGBTI persons and calls for an end to LGBTI immigration detention.</p> <p>→ Access here: http://idcoalition.org/publication/lgbti-persons-in-immigration-detention-position-paper</p>
	<p>NGO Monitoring of Immigration Detention - Tips, examples and positive practices</p> <p>This briefing note captures the outcome of a workshop on monitoring immigration detention for European NGOs, sharing their experiences advocating for more robust monitoring of immigration detention. It complements the Monitoring Immigration Detention Guide produced by IDC in partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Association for the Prevention of Torture.</p> <p>→ Access here http://idcoalition.org/publication/ngo-monitoring-immigration-detention</p>
	<p>The IDC led the development of two resources produced by the Inter Agency Working Group (IAWG) to End Child Immigration Detention. The advocacy booklet provides an overview of the issue of child immigration detention.</p> <p>→ Access here http://www.iawgendchilddetention.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/IAWG_Advocacy-Brochure_Aug-2016_FINAL-web.pdf</p> <p>The IDC also led the development of a Summary of Normative Standards and Recommendations Policy Developments on Child Immigration Detention.</p> <p>→ Access here: http://www.iawgendchilddetention.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/IAWG_Child-Detention-Standards_Aug-2016_FINAL.pdf</p>



International

- The IDC continued to serve as Chair of the Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG) to End Child Immigration Detention, which is an international alliance working to support States to end child immigration detention consistent with existing international human rights obligations to protect the best interests of the child. The IAWG is Comprised of over twenty prominent UN groups, inter-governmental and civil society organizations representing stakeholders in every country in the world, including IOM, OHCHR, UNHCR, and UNICEF.
- The IDC continued its close collaboration with a number of key UN partners, including among others: the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, the UN Committee on Migrant Workers, the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, and the UN Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- The IDC is also part of the NGO Core Group which supported the development of a UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty, and has now been named one of only three NGO representatives to the Advisory Group for the UN Global Study. The Advisory Group will provide critical support and advice to the recently-appointed Independent Expert, Mr. Manfred Nowak, who will be undertaking the study beginning in 2017. The UN Global Study will address deprivation of liberty of children in a number of different contexts, including: children in conflict with the law; immigration detention of children; and children detained in institutional settings.
- State engagement has continued to be a priority for IDC during this year, with IDC Secretariat staff conducting over 30 country-visits to engage directly with government ministers and/or migration officials. At the UN level, the IDC has actively participated in and taken on a visible role at a number of critical State policy making forums, including the UN General Assembly, the UN Human Rights Council, meetings of the UNHCR Executive Committee (ExCom), and the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD). At the regional level IDC staff and Members participated actively in sessions of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Council of Europe, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, The Africa Union, MDSA and the ASEAN Commission on Women and Children. The team also held meetings with the European Agency for Fundamental Rights, the COE Committee of Ministers, and the African Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and the Commissioners of the ASEAN Commission on Women and Children among others.



The launch of *There Are Alternatives* at the 57th session of the African Committee on Human Rights, November 2015, Banjul, Gambia

Africa

Work achievements in in this year included:

- The IDC undertook comprehensive training of more than 8 members, as well as working collaboratively with 17 governments on the development of robust alternatives to detention.
- The IDC was granted observer status with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), a mechanism that promotes and protects the rights guaranteed by the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. NGOs with observer status may participate in and speak at the public discussions.
- A Regional Launch of *There Are Alternatives* was held at 57th session of the African Committee on Human Rights (ACHPR)
- IDC and members established ongoing partnerships with relevant Special Rapporteurs of the ACHPR
- Mapping project completed on alternatives to immigration detention practices in the region, with publication planned for late 2016
- Monitoring the African Children's Charter at the 25th Session of the African Union
- Regional digital Day of Action by IDC and supporters of the Global Campaign to End Child Detention on Day of the African Child (June 2016) raising awareness on alternatives for children
- Advocacy efforts at the member-run Annual Regional Course on Forced Migration towards a focus on the resources that can be provided by migration
- Resourcing southern African governments to maintain MIDSA commitments to alternatives and monitoring



IDC Africa Middle East Regional Coordinator, Junita Calder, with Susan Orlean from IDC Member Organisation, Refugee Law Project at the UNHCR Consultations 2016, Geneva



Alternatives to detention civil society workshop, Mexico City, October 2015



Commissioner Gil Botero with IDC staff Vanessa Martínez and Ben Lewis launch *There Are Alternatives* in Washington, D.C., April 2016

Americas

- In Mexico, over 200 government officials were trained on alternatives to detention and representatives from 25 IDC member and partner organisations working across 12 cities developed strategies to promote alternatives, which continue to be implemented via collaborative cross-sector capacity building and advocacy activities
- In Mexico, 22 unaccompanied children were released from detention to participate in a pilot to explore community-based alternatives. Successful pilot implementation improved children's well-being and generated interest from key government stakeholders and international organisations, creating opportunities for an institutionalized government-sponsored program
- The collaborative advocacy in Mexico contributed to new legislation prohibiting immigration detention of children
- Partnered with IDC member organizations IMUMI and Sin Fronteras to establish case management and legal assistance support for children in the community and identify, expand and support specialized reception capacity to strengthen community placement options for unaccompanied children in Mexico.
- IDC became a founding member of the Regional Working Group for the Brazil Plan of Action, whose objective is to represent a united civil society voice on international protection issues and promote the implementation and follow-up of the Brazil Plan of Action, including specific State commitments
- to eliminate the use of immigration detention for children and expand alternatives
- Highlighted harmful interception practices as a primary reason for the increase in arbitrary detentions at a cutting edge regional hearing before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in October 2015, and continued engagement with the IACHR rapporteurs on migrants' and children's rights, especially during their site visit to Mexico
- Launched the updated version of *There Are Alternatives* in English and summary in Spanish, in Washington DC in April 2016, with a keynote address from the IACHR Rapporteur for the Rights of Migrants
- In the US, IDC co-hosted a convening on immigration detention monitoring, together with UNHCR and IDC member organization Detention Watch Network; and also joined the Family Case Management Program Reference Committee to provide feedback on a US government run pilot in order to encourage implementation of a holistic community-based case management model as part of an effective alternative to detention for families
- Held a Central American "Northern Triangle Focus Month" in September 2015 as part of the Global Campaign to End Child Detention, which included contributions from partners across five countries and first-time support from government officials, followed by the launch of the [Spanish version website](#) for the Campaign in April 2016, providing an accessible, centralized and bilingual portal for all resources and information



Regional Expert Roundtable on Alternatives to Immigration Detention for Children November 2015, Bangkok, Thailand.

Asia Pacific

Work achievements in in this year included:

- The IDC undertook comprehensive training of more than 13 members, as well as working collaboratively with 4 governments on the development of robust alternatives to detention.
- A Regional Expert Roundtable on Alternatives to Immigration Detention for Children was co-organized by the IDC and Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN) on 19-20 November 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Roundtable was hosted by Thailand's representative to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (Dr. Seree Nonthasoot); 50 participants from government, civil society, national human rights commissions and intergovernmental agencies in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand spent two days actively engaged in discussions about potential models of alternatives to immigration detention for children and their families
- Alternatives to detention for children are being developed or strengthened in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand at the government level.
- 11 civil society organisations in Australia have developed a four-year advocacy strategy to promote legislative change, with funding for this project now being sought.
- On 29 and 30th March 2016, in collaboration with APRRN, the IDC briefed Commissioners of the ASEAN Commission on Women and Children (ACWC) on its work in the region on developing and piloting alternatives to detention for children. The IDC has also offered ACWC technical assistance in the implementation of its Regional Plan of Action on the Elimination of Violence against Children, in which the development of alternatives is listed as a priority area.
- Participated in the Second Meeting of the Asia Dialogue on Forced Migration, convened by the Centre for Policy Development which led to refugee protection issues being placed on the Bali Regional Ministerial agenda.
- Attended parliamentary meeting with local members in South Korea in December 2015 to propose new legislation to end child detention and to further campaign efforts in the country.
- On 30th March 2016, briefed Malaysian Members of Parliament on the impact of immigration detention on children and the benefits of alternatives ahead of their visit to immigration detention centres in Malaysia.
- A three day advocacy strategy development workshop was held with Australian members in December 2015, which led to a four year advocacy promoting legislative change, with

funding for this project now being sought by a Coalition of 11 civil society organisations.

- Support provided to Australian civil society organisation to lead meetings with Australian Parliamentarians and children who had been directly impacted by immigration detention, with complimentary events supporting children and members of the parliament to raise awareness of the impact of child detention and the need for viable alternatives to detention to be developed
- Presented on alternatives to national human rights institutions from the Asia Pacific Region, as part of training conducted by the Asia Pacific Forum and the Association for the Prevention of Torture.
- Presented on the work of the IDC and alternatives to a regional meeting of the Asia Pacific Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies
- Together with APRRN, briefed government officials and members of parliament in New Zealand on the potential role the country could play in promoting alternatives for children in Southeast Asia.
- Advocacy and campaign training with refugee and human rights advocates from across Asia in Thailand in December 2015, in collaboration with APRRN

The IDC has been very effective and supportive on advocating for the rights of refugees globally and bringing the voices of the voiceless refugees in many different settings..”

Najeeba Wazefadost, Case Manager for the Australian National Committee on Refugee Women



Presentation to the South Korean Parliament on alternatives to the detention of children and launch of the End Child Detention campaign in Seoul November 2015, Seoul.



Exploring alternatives to immigration detention in Greece: Mr Tzanetos Filippakos - Alternate Secretary General of the Ministry of Interior and Public Reconstruction, Police Major General Emmanouil Grigorakis - Head of the Aliens and Border Protection Branch of the Hellenic Police, IDC Europe Regional Coordinator - Eiri Ohtani, Police Brigadier General Menelaos Kōstaris - Head of the Illegal Immigration Division of the Hellenic Police, IDC Director - Grant Mitchell, Police Lieutenant Colonel Athanasios Papadimos - Personal Aide to the Alternate Secretary General Police Major Dimitrios Karapatakis.

Europe

- Government meetings on developing alternatives to detention in Greece, Cyprus and Ukraine with a specific focus on children with parliamentarians in Switzerland and the Netherlands
- Partnered with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) to conduct national work for the Campaign to End Child Detention collaborating with local agents to promote the issue among 47 member states
- IDC moderated the PACE Roundtables on ending child detention in Europe
- Published the report NGO Monitoring Immigration Detention: Tips, examples and positive practices which collates the experiences of NGOs across Europe and suggests viable advocacy avenues to increase access to detention
- Advocacy and member engagement in Cyprus, France, Greece, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Slovakia, Switzerland, Turkey, UK and the Ukraine
- Regional human rights bodies that have been engaged during this period include the EU Fundamental Rights Agency, the European Commission and the European Parliament
- Europe regional level engagement has continued with IOM, OHCHR, UNHCR and ICRC.

“The IDC handbook There are Alternatives as well as the IDC website have been very instrumental to The Platform’s work. Not only do we find there the arguments to promote alternatives to detention, but also concrete examples from various countries...”



Tine Vermeiran, Coordinator of IDC Member organisation the Platform for Minors in Exile, based in Brussels, Belgium.

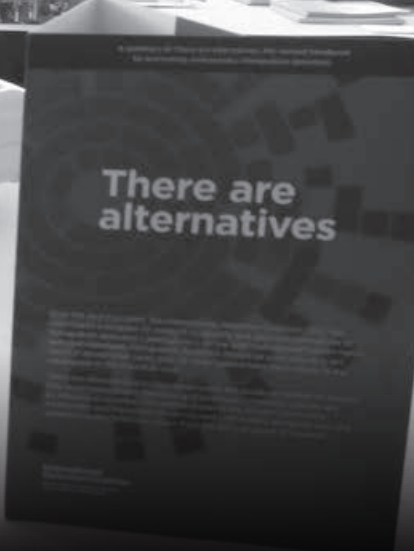
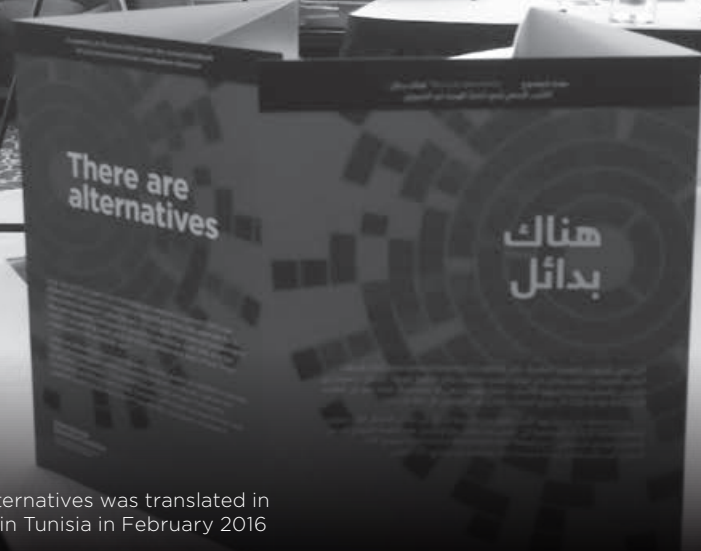


IDC Europe Regional Coordinator, Eiri Ohtani speaking at the “Rethinking Detention” panel at the European Policy Centre, Brussels, April 2016

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Detention working



A summary of There Are Alternatives was translated in Arabic for the launch event in Tunisia in February 2016

Middle East North Africa

Key developments:

- Regional Launch of *There Are Alternatives*, Revised Edition publication in Tunisia in February 2016
- National member meeting in Tunisia in February 2016 strengthened member engagement and established commitment to networked approach to alternatives and detention policy, with an action plan
- Resourcing groups providing support services to victims of trafficking in the Gulf States to frame systemic conversations in terms of alternatives to detention, through member-run workshop, May 2016 and ongoing network development
- Key IDC members produced research reports on the state of immigration detention in the region, a significant contribution to ongoing advocacy and lobbying efforts
- IDC members supported to meet with key organisations in Geneva during advocacy visits, review of reports presented by them to UN special procedures
- For the first time, a summary of key IDC research publication *There Are Alternatives*, Revised Edition was translated into Arabic

“This is a good effort and we appreciate what has been done because we are in need of such trainings and alternatives. Of course due to the political and security situation in Libya at this time we see ourselves as preparing for the future”.

Training participant, Dr Giuma Ataigha from Libyan Human Rights Association



An illustration of an alternative to detention by a workshop participant, Tunisia, February 2016

Our Partners

The IDC would like to thank our members and supporters from around the globe for their continuing support during this year. Particular thanks go to the members of the International Advisory Committee and the Governance and Finance Committee who give of their time so generously and enable us to make our collaboration effective and global. Our gratitude is also extended to the participants in the 2016 Internship Program. Many of our partners do not sit on formal groups for the IDC, but their generosity and commitment to collaboration enables the IDC network to achieve far more than it ever could as one entity. Thank you all for your vision, energy and willingness to share your knowledge.



“We were very impressed and moved by the excellent work you-all are doing on alternatives to detention...”

David Morawetz, Founder and Director, Social Justice Fund (a fund of the Australian Communities Foundation)

Governance and Finance Committee

- **Anna Marie Gallagher**, President
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Most importantly to our funders who continue to share our vision of a world without immigration detention: Oak Foundation, Open Society Foundation, Cammina Foundation, Avina Americas, Ford Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, Planet Wheeler Foundation, BB & A Miller Foundation, The Antipodean Family Foundation, and the Ballandry (Peter Griffin Family) Fund, the Clare Murphy Fund, The Social Justice Fund and the Williams Fund donors via the Australian Community Foundation, along with donations from private individuals.

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Financial Statements

Statement by Governance and Finance Committee

The International Detention Coalition continued to maintain a secure position of financial stability during the financial year ending June 2016.

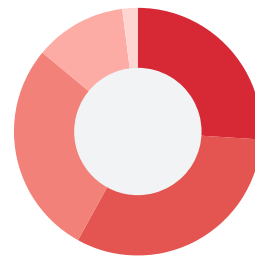
Total revenue for the reporting period remained steady with the majority of funding being ongoing multi-year recurrent project funding. Funders for this period are included on page 17.

A complete copy of the audited financials are available upon request from the IDC office at info@idcoalition.org. IDC makes a firm commitment to full disclosure and transparency of financial reports in accordance with the ACFID Code of Conduct.

There were no significant changes in the nature of any IDC activities during this reporting period.

Mary Latham
Treasurer
 International Detention Coalition

Expenditure



■ Childrens Campaign	\$310,077
■ Capacity Building	\$375,625
■ Global ATD Campaign	\$331,346
■ Admin/Secretariat exp	\$139,714
■ Non-Designated Purposes	\$33,689

Income Statement

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

	AUD	AUD
	2016	2015
REVENUE		
Donations and Gifts		
Monetary	\$2,414	\$1,305
Grants		
Australian Funding	\$263,035	\$199,399
Overseas Funding	\$878,509	\$1,021,909
Investment Income	\$19,530	\$19,855
Other Income	\$20,346	\$10,827
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,183,834	\$1,253,295
EXPENDITURE		
International Programs		
Funds to international programs	\$278,545	\$289,127
Program Support Costs	\$761,908	\$767,571
Domestic Programs Expenditure	\$42,298	\$-
Fundraising costs	\$3,621	\$33,848
Accountability and Administration	\$89,717	\$116,214
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$1,176,089	\$1,206,760
EXCESS/SHORTFALL	\$7,745	\$46,535

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Balance Sheet

For year ending June 30, 2016

	AUD	AUD
	2016	2015
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash equivalents	\$925,162	\$662,738
Trade and other receivables	\$8,332	\$9,178
Inventories	-	-
Assets held for sale	-	-
Other financial assets	-	-
Total Current Assets	\$933,494	\$671,916
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	\$12,108	\$6,450
Other non-current assets	-	-
Total Non-Current Assets	\$12,108	\$6,450
Total Assets	\$945,602	\$678,366
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	\$15,770	\$37,098
Borrowings	-	-
Current tax liabilities	-	-
Other financial liabilities	-	-
Provisions	\$123,743	\$111,119
Other (unexpired grants)	\$668,300	\$400,105
Total Current Liabilities	\$807,813	\$548,322
Non-Current Liabilities		
Borrowings	-	-
Other financial Liabilities	-	-
Provisions	-	-
Other	-	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities	\$-	\$-
Total Liabilities	\$807,813	\$548,322
Net Assets	\$137,789	\$130,044
Equity		
Reserves	\$130,044	\$83,509
Retained Earnings	\$7,745	\$46,535
Total Equity	\$137,789	\$130,044

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**INTERNATIONAL DETENTION COALITION INCORPORATED
A.B.N 31 857 674 815**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
INTERNATIONAL DETENTION COALITION INCORPORATED**

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of International Detention Coalition Incorporated (the association) which comprises the accompanying reports, including the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016 and the income statement for the year ended 30 June 2016, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 Victoria and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks or material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

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Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of International Detention Coalition Incorporated presents fairly in all material respects the financial position of International Detention Coalition Incorporated as of 30 June 2016 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist International Detention Coalition Incorporated meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

**ACCOUNTANCY GROUP PTY LTD
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**Manuel Tsirmiris CPA
Director**

Dated: 6-9-2016

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