Author of GCE report on Early Childhood Care and Education entitled - *Rights from the Start*

The Global Campaign for Education (GCE) is seeking a consultant with significant experience of work on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) to write a 25 page report for the GCE Global Action Week, in addition to supplementary materials that summarize it (for print and web use).

**Profile:**

1. Multifaceted and grounded knowledge of the issues and practices in the field of early childhood care and education in different contexts, including low-, middle- and high-income countries.
2. A track-record in writing for non-specialists, without compromising the substance of the issues.
3. Knowledge about the first three years of life
4. Ability to describe and analyse the state of affairs of ECCE in relation to the EFA agenda

The consultant would need to be available from 5th March for four weeks at a daily rate of approx 400 Euro a day.

Please e-mail your cv and a short cover note that responds to the above criteria to Owain@campaignforeducation.org by February 27th if you are interested. The author will be appointed on 1st March.

**Aim of the report**

The aim of the report will be to inform GCE coalitions on key arguments in favour of the right to ECCE to support their work around the GCE Global Action Week at the end of April 2012. It will also be distributed directly to GCE’s global targets during the Global Action week. The report will make a decisive case for global, national and local action on the right to Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE). The first emphasis will be on effecting change in the national arena, which supposes appropriate legal and policy frameworks and concrete approaches within education centres. The second goal will be at the global level with recommendations that aim to refine and strengthen the benchmarks of the Global Partnership for Education on ECCE, the EFA architecture around ECCE and critiquing the relevant sections of the World Bank’s education strategy.
Report Content:

a) The Big Picture - why right to ECCE must be prioritised (approx 15 pages)

b) Recommendations (approx 2-3 pages)

c) Boxes: 3 Country Case Studies & 2 Expert Testimonies (5 pages)

d) Bibliography and further resources (2 pages)

Roles

- The consultant would play the lead role in drafting the report. They will be supported by the GCE Head of Policy, GCE President and GAW Working Group

- The first draft of the report needs to be completed by 28th March and the final version by 9th April.

- GCE Head of Policy will be content co-ordinator from GCE, working with the consultant on any questions they have and facilitating consultation amongst the GCE Board and the GAW Working Group on the report drafts.

- GCE Communications & 1GOAL Manager to be responsible for the production of the report in the 5 GCE official languages, the offline and online distribution of the report and promotion to the media.

- The final sign off of the report is with the GCE Board and they are solely responsible for the use and distribution of the report.

- Bernard van Leer Foundation is providing the funding for the consultant researcher and the production and distribution of the report.