



Press Release:

New Director for Child ALERT (ECPAT NZ)

The Board of Trustees of Child Alert (ECPAT NZ) is pleased to announce the appointment of Warren Ferdinandus as the organisation's new Director. Warren comes to us with an extensive background working in international development, particularly working with the rights of children. Warren has worked for organisations such as Compassion International and World Vision International where he led teams in countries such as Mongolia, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka. Warren brings valuable experience in working to combat commercial sexual exploitation of children and we look forward to him increasing public concern for this issue in Aotearoa through his role. I know that all supporters and members of Child Alert will join us in thanking Debbi Tohill for doing such a good job maintaining the organisation as Interim General Manager and also in welcoming Warren and his family to New Zealand.

The Board has recently reviewed the vision, mission and values of our organisation to align with our international partners and to ensure as an organisation we have a clear identity with a focussed mission. One of the key priorities identified is to raise the profile of our name "Child Alert" and to be a key advocate for the elimination of sexual exploitation of children. Our vision, mission and key strategic goals for the next three years are outline on our webpage.

Over the next few months we will be launching new initiatives that will enable opportunities for greater participation around the country. Please do keep contact with us via our newsletters, website and facebook for further information. We encourage all members and supporters join us as we work collaboratively to ensure the rights of children are acknowledged and upheld.

Warren can be contacted at warren@ecpat.org.nz or 021 826 137.

Chairperson
Child ALERT (ECPAT NZ)