

We need a better term than reintegration or normalization. Reintegration assumes children were integrated in the first place. Bringing things back to normal is not positive if normal is what led to the conflict. The reasons youth became involved in the first place need to be addressed, not return to normal.

Distinctions are made between war and conflict, also in terms of selecting youth. Escalating conflict is not yet war, but it may be important to deal with it at that time, if we take prevention seriously.

There are different views about whether gender should be a separate focus or mainstreamed through all the workshops. Similar questions can be raised about child participation. There is agreement that gender specific research and findings from participatory research involving children need to be included in every aspect of this issue.

NGO Fair

There is support for public access to the Fair. Youth interpreters were suggested, possibly working with local groups such as the Boys and Girls Clubs. Red Cross has a youth group in Winnipeg which may be interested.

Three people volunteered to focus on the NGO Fair: Megan Rock, Lai Ling Lee, and Kate Kane. They will work with John van Mossel on more detailed plans. Emphasis was put on letting all NGOs, including the international NGOs, know about the plans as soon as possible.