



Leanne Torpey
Global Campaign Coordinator

As Communications Coordinator at the International Detention Coalition organisation, Ms. Torpey was appointed Coordinator of the *Global Campaign to End Child Immigration Detention*. In this framework, she provides support to national campaigns, coordinates communications and, where appropriate, lobbies international connections to put the spotlight on this issue.

The cooperation between the Council of Europe and International Detention Coalition started on January 2015, when the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe decided to join the Global Campaign by **sending a letter of support to Ms. Leanne Torpey**.

Since then, there has been fruitful cooperation and commitment from both sides to launch the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children, and Ms. Torpey participated as a speaker at the launching event of the Campaign on 20 April 2015 as well as offering her expertise in the “Living Library” initiative organised in this framework.

During her speech, Ms. Torpey noted that it was hard to give an accurate picture of the numbers of migrant children detained in Europe: "In Europe it is very difficult to have statistics on children in detention. It is estimated that there are 40,000 children who are detained each year," she said.

Previously, she has worked to develop and disseminate training in media to promote empowerment and community development, including working in Western Sydney at Information and Cultural Exchange, in Tonga with the Women and Children Crisis Centre and as a reporter with the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

She has a Graduate Diploma in Journalism and a Bachelor of Business from the University of Technology, Sydney

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