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20th WAVE CONFERENCE

The Importance of Women's Specialist Services in Tackling Violence against Women

Mon 22nd of October – Wed 24th of October 2018, Valletta, Malta

Conference venue: University of Malta Valletta Campus, Valletta Campus, St. Paul Street, Valletta 1216, Malta

Welcome Drink: Sun 21st of October, 18h

Official conference language: English

MONDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2018 - PUBLIC DAY

08:00 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:00 Opening

- Welcome: **Marceline Naudi**, WAVE Board
Stephanie Futter-Orel, WAVE Executive Manager
- **Maria-Louise Coleiro Preca**, President of the Republic of Malta
- Partner organisation in Malta

10:00 – 10:30 Key note speech: Women's rights are human rights

- **Yolanda Iriarte**, Regional Programme Manager, UN Women Turkey

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Session 1: Protecting women's specialist services from gender neutral policy and practice

- **Baljit Banga**, London Black Women's Project, United Kingdom – TOPIC TBC
- **Irene Zeilinger**, Garance asbl, Belgium – TOPIC TBC
- **Albena Koycheva**, Attorney at Law, Bulgaria - TOPIC TBC

12.30 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00 Session 2: Challenges in addressing different forms of sexual violence against women and girls

- **Lara Dimitrijevic**, Women’s Rights Foundation, Malta – Difficulties encountered by women specialist services in supporting women victims of sexual violence
- **Tanja Mandić Đokić**, Association of Women with Disabilities ‘Nika’, Bosnia and Herzegovina – Sexual violence experienced by women with disabilities
- **Kika Fumero**, European Lesbian Conference – Sexual violence against lesbian women
- **Natalia Batenkova**, Unizon, Sweden – Big sporting events as driving forces for prostitution and human trafficking

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00 Session 3: Supporting migrant women and women seeking asylum affected by gender-based violence

- **Lucila Granada**, Latin American Women’s Rights Service, United Kingdom - Effectively empowering migrant women
- **TBC**, Differenza Donna, Italy - TOPIC TBC

17:00 – 17:15 Closing speech: Helena Dalli, Minister for European Affairs and Equality, Malta

17:15 Group Photo

17:45 – 18:45 WAVE Step Up! Campaign Meeting (WAVE Campaigners)

TUESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2018 - PUBLIC DAY

On the **second day of the conference**, workshops will take place in three sessions, giving participants the possibility to discuss various aspects of the prevention of violence against women, exchange knowledge/experiences, network and plan joint actions.

08:00 – 08:45 Registration

08:45 – 09:00 Welcome

09:00 – 10:30 SESSION 1

a) Challenging gender neutrality

- **Zuzana Vasiliauskaite**, Vilnius Moteru Namai Intervention Centre, Lithuania – Overcoming an interpersonal trauma: The importance of specialized complex help for female victims of DV/IPV
- **Baljit Banga**, London Black Women’s Project, United Kingdom - TOPIC TBC

b) Effectively addressing sexual violence in conflict

- **Adriana Bego**, Centre for Women War Victims – ROSA, Croatia and **Gorica Ivić**, United Women Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, **Sanja Pavlović**, Serbia, Violence against women in conflict: Justice and compensation for survivors
- **Julia Kharashvili**, Women’s Information Consultative Center, Ukraine – Sexual violence related to conflict

- c) Successful development of a strength-led needs-based approach in women’s specialist service provision
- **Rebecca Vagi**, Women’s Aid England, United Kingdom - Stronger Together
 - **Ardita Ramizi Bala**, Women’s Wellness Center, Kosovo - TOPIC TBC
- d) Best practice examples in supporting children victims of violence
- **Shazia Choudhry**, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom – ‘What about my right not to be abused?’ Domestic abuse and the Family Courts in the UK
 - **Roseanna MacDonald**, Scottish Women’s Aid, United Kingdom – Power up/power down: Children’s views on improving court-ordered contact

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 SESSION 2

- a) Effective collaboration between women’s specialist services and work with perpetrators programmes
- **Verena Tadler**, Domestic Abuse Intervention Centre Vienna, Austria – Victim-safety oriented work with perpetrators
 - **Lauren Agius**, Apogg, Malta – Collaboration between women’s specialist services and working with perpetrators’ programmes
 - **Alessandra Pauncz**, Work with Perpetrators, Germany – Accountability of perpetrators programmes
- b) Effectively empowering migrant and refugee women who experience VAWG
- **Pamela Kerpius**, Migrants of the Mediterranean, Italy/USA - TOPIC TBC
 - **Anna Sangaré and Diana Tudorancea**, Migrant Women Association, Malta – Mental health service for migrant women who experience(d) gender-based violence
- c) European efforts on tackling femicide
- **Marceline Naudi**, Academic Expert, Malta – European Observatory on Femicide
 - **Elena Dimushevaska**, National Network to end Violence against Women and Domestic Violence, Macedonia – Presentation of the conducted analysis on femicide in Macedonia
 - **Melissa Petrangelo Scaia**, Global Rights for Women, Georgia - TOPIC TBC
- d) The pivotal role of the health care sector in addressing and preventing VAWG
- **Diana Dulf**, Department of Public Health, College of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania – Identifying and reporting of gender-based violence in women’s health services – The RESPONSE Project

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

- a) The importance of data collection in effectively fighting violence against women and girls
- **Sarah Davidge**, Women’s Aid England, United Kingdom – What we need to collect to enable us to have a Europe-wide evidence base?
 - **Barbara Stelmaszek**, European Observatory on Femicide, Malta– Beyond homicide. Targeted research into the killings of women
- b) Intersectional forms of violence against women and girls -how specialist support services can holistically support all women
- **Tanja Ignjatović and Vanja Macanović**, Autonomous Women’s Centre, Serbia – Multiple discrimination of women victims of domestic violence
 - **Indira Bajramović**, Roma Women’s Centre, Bosnia & Herzegovina - TOPIC TBC
 - **Beverley Abela Gatt**, Malta Gay Rights Movement - TOPIC TBC
- c) Long term empowerment of survivors of violence against women
- **Anne Kesteloo**, Federatie Opvang, Netherlands – The new future: Focussing on economic independence
 - **Nicole Hauspurg**, Vital Voices, USA - TOPIC TBC
 - **Josette Stensen**, Malta – The journey from crisis to independent living
- d) Prevention of violence against women and good practice examples
- **Irene Zeilinger**, Garance asbl, Belgium – TOPIC TBC
 - **Brenna Jessie**, Scottish Women’s Aid, United Kingdom – One thousand words: changing understandings of violence

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee break

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13:30 - Lunch break

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