

**STOPP- Supporting the implementation of rehabilitation programmes
for perpetrators of violence against women and domestic violence**

**CAPACITY BUILDING FOR PERPETRATOR PROGRAMMES IN THE WESTERN
BALKANS**

P R O G R A M M E

DATE	EVENT	PRESENTERS/ TRAINERS
17 March 2022 10.00-11.30h	Webinar: „Setting up accountable and safe perpetrator programmes-guidelines for standards“	Alessandra Pauncz, Sandra Jovanović Belotić
23 March 2022 9.00-15.00h	Training "Survivor safety-oriented perpetrator work-part 1"	Fionnuala Collins
25. March 2022 9.00-15.00h	Training "Survivor safety-oriented perpetrator work-part 2"	Fionnuala Collins
31 March 2022 9.00-16.00h	Training "Risk assessment for perpetrator programmes-part 1"	Chris Newman
1 April 2022 9.00-16.00h	Training "Risk assessment for perpetrator programmes-part 2"	Chris Newman
7 April 2022 9.00-16.00h	Training “Cyber-violence and perpetrator work”	Elena Gajotto
28 April 2022 14.00-15.30h	Webinar: “Perpetrator work in Covid-19, learnings from online service provision”	Sandra Jovanović Belotić Melissa Petrangelo Scaia

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WEBINARS

Webinar: “Setting up accountable and safe perpetrator programmes-guidelines for standards” (17 March 2022, 10.00-11.30)

Working language of the webinar is English. Simultaneous interpretation on Albanian/Kosovar, Serbian/Bosnian/Montenegrin, North Macedonian and Turkish will be provided.

Webinar Outline

Webinar will focus on framework of accountable and survivor centred perpetrator work and give practical recommendations on how perpetrator programmes should be set up. Key challenges in setting up perpetrator programmes will be highlighted and discussed, with emphasis on good practices and possible solutions. Throughout the webinar [Guidelines for standards for programmes working with perpetrators](#) will be presented that can be a basis for starting or improving practices in Western Balkans and Turkey. It will also encourage exchange on the regional level and enable sharing of experiences on the topic.

Presenters

Alessandra Pauncz is Executive Director of the European Network of the work with perpetrators (WWP EN) a young vibrant network organization of over 60 organizations from 30 European countries. She earned her Ph.D. at the University of Rome “La Sapienza” and has been working in the field of domestic violence for over 20 years covering many areas of expertise. She has advocated and worked for victims of domestic violence as a shelter worker, psychologist, researcher, manager, trainer, and in fund and conscious raising at a local (Association Artemisia), provincial (Equal Opportunities of the Province of Florence), regional, national and European level (European Women’s Lobby & WWP-EN). She founded and ran the first Centre in Italy working with perpetrators (CAM – Centre for abusive men), and set up the National Italian Network of work with perpetrators (Relive). Additionally, Alessandra has published articles and books for the general public (Shifting power: 2012,; Da uomo a uomo: Erickson, 2015; Dire di no alla violenza domestica: Angeli, 2016).

Sandra Jovanović Belotić is the WWP EN Training and Capacity Building Manager. Sandra is responsible for coordination of trainings, and various capacity building activities. She is a psychologist with more than ten years of experience in the field of domestic violence. She has provided psychological support for women and children exposed to violence, ran the first Serbian perpetrator group and founded the National Network for the Work with Perpetrators of Violence Serbia (OPNA).

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She has been working as an expert consultant in the field of perpetrator work, focusing on the standardization of perpetrator programmes, and their set-up in accordance with the provisions of the Istanbul Convention.

Webinar: “Perpetrator work in Covid-19, learnings from online service provision” (28 April 2022, 14.00-15.30)

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Webinar Outline

Throughout the pandemic perpetrator programmes across Europe have been adjusting and further developing their practice. Different modalities of the work emerged. Many of them moved online and started developing framework for safe online perpetrator work, facing similar challenges, but also finding new exciting opportunities. While understanding benefits of the online work, that some men are more cooperative and open, that multi-agency work is better, service providers also struggle to find solutions on questions like; How to ensure survivor safety in the online environment? How to ensure that men are not using online space in potentially manipulative ways? Findings and lessons learned from Europe-wide mapping of perpetrator programme responses in COVID-19 will be presented, using recommendations of the [COVID-19 Revision of Practice Toolkit](#). Experiences in running online perpetrator groups from the United States, as a pioneer practice and research project will be shared.

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the Istanbul convention. Sandra was a part of the team that developed WWP EN Revision of Practice Toolkit.

Melissa Petrangelo Scaia is the Director of International Training for Global Rights for Women (GRW). Melissa currently co-facilitates a men’s domestic violence offender group each week and has been co-facilitating for over 21 years. In her position at GRW she brings a wealth of experience as the former executive director of Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs (DAIP), also known as “the Duluth Model.” Prior to working in Duluth she was the executive director of Advocates for Family Peace (AFFP) for 17 years, a local domestic violence advocacy program. She co-wrote a curriculum and DVD for working with men who batter as fathers entitled, “Addressing Fatherhood with Men Who Batter”. She also co-authored a curriculum and DVD with Ellen Pence, PhD and Laura Connelly for working with women who have used violence in intimate relationships entitled, “Turning Points: A Nonviolence Curriculum for Women”. Melissa is running an online perpetrator group for several years.

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TRAINING

Training "Survivor safety-oriented perpetrator work" (23 & 25 March 2022, 9.00-15.00)

Working language of the webinar is English. Simultaneous interpretation on Albanian/Kosovar will be provided.

Learn How To

- Collaborate with victim support services/perpetrator programmes
- Ensure your program is working in line with international standards for perpetrator work
- Overcome the challenges of building good collaboration
- Choose the model of victim support that works for your programme

Training outline

This training provides key competences for perpetrator programmes and victim support services for running safe, victim safety centred perpetrator work. Ensuring internal victim support measures and close cooperation of perpetrator programs and victim support services is a core demand of international standards, such as the Istanbul Convention. However, many programmes face challenges in establishing these measures. Training is practice oriented, giving framework for cooperation, defining roles and responsibilities of each service and providing useful tools for this process.

Trainer

As the Development Officer for MOVE Ireland, **Fionnuala Collins** provides tailored training for a diverse range of frontline staff. She has developed various training methods to encourage reflection and deeper engagement, and to create good communication, protocols, and practices. She has more than 20 years of experience working with victims and perpetrators of abuse in family, youth and community services. Fionnuala is one of WWP EN's trainers.

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Training "Risk assessment for perpetrator programmes" (31 March & 1 April 2022, 9.00-16.00)

Working language of the webinar is English. Simultaneous interpretation on Albanian/Kosovar will be provided.

Learn How To

- Introduce evidence-based risk assessment in your programme
- Recognise relevant risk factors
- Assess and measure risk to your clients' (ex-)partners and children
- Collaborate with victim support services and agencies in risk assessment

Training outline

Assessing and managing the risk of repetition of violence is one of the key elements of victim-safety oriented perpetrator programmes. However, this is a demanding and often challenging task, and professionals in the field need ongoing support to ensure they are noticing all risks. This two-day practice-based and interactive training is designed for perpetrator work professionals of all levels of experience. The trainers will address challenging questions, such as:

- What is the meaning of "risk" in domestic violence and why is it relevant for perpetrator work?
- What are relevant indicators of risk for which you should watch out?
- How can you assess and measure risk? What are reliable, evidence-based tools, models and procedures?
- How can you manage risk in the context of perpetrator work in collaboration with victim support services and agencies?

Trainer

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Chris Newman is director of Partner Abuse Interventions, an independent organisation offering structured assessments of domestic violence risk and vulnerability in cases where domestic violence is a child protection concern. Chris is a practice supervisor and consultant to organisations working with perpetrators of domestic violence, including work within a multidisciplinary team at the Tavistock and Portman Clinic in London. He worked as a research psychologist before moving on to specialise in risk assessment, violence prevention and parenting work with those who have used violence in the family. Chris is one of WWP EN trainers.

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Training “Cyber-violence and perpetrator work” (7 April 2022, 9.00-16.00)

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Learn How To

- Detect the use of online violence by men in your programme
- Understand the link between coercive control and cyberviolence
- Strategically work on online violence with perpetrators

Training outline

Cyber violence in relationships is not a separate phenomenon from "real world" violence. It often follows the same patterns as offline violence and is associated with negative psychological and social consequences, as well as worsening quality of life and, often, physical, psychological and sexual violence. Indeed, with the help of social media and smartphones, perpetrators can make their partners feel paranoid and instil in them a constant sense of fear. This practice-based and interactive training is designed for perpetrator work professionals of all levels of experience. The trainers will address challenging questions, such as:

- What are the mechanisms and forms of online violence?
- How can you detect online violence with perpetrators?
- How can you effectively work on online violence with perpetrators?

Trainer

Elena Gajotto is a quality and project manager for EU-funded projects on gender-based violence. She is also the co-author of the [DeStalk Cyberviolence Toolkit](#) for professionals working with perpetrators and victims/survivors. Elena is one of WWP EN's trainers.

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