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Dear Members and Friends of WWP EN,

We hope the Summer finds you well and enjoying life... here is our latest newsletter. Enjoy!

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WWP EN Annual Workshop

Registration for places now open!

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for our 2017 Annual Workshop, to be held in Zagreb, Croatia. Work with Perpetrators: Strengthening Accountability, Developing Practice and Increasing Safety - WWP EN Annual Workshop, Zagreb, Croatia, October 11 – 13, 2017

This will be our sixth annual meeting as a network, and we look forward to seeing you there.

To apply and for more information go [here](#)

Call for Workshops and Panels from WWP EN Members

We are also putting out a call for member organisations to nominate people who are interested in running workshops or being on panel sessions.

We will be focussing on 1 issue each day of the meeting, as follows –

Day 1: Strengthening Accountability - this may mean any of the following: accountability of the men on the programme, of the workers, of the programme, of the systems around the programme or of the perpetrator sector to the women's sector.

- 1 panel session and 4 workshops

Day 2: Developing Practice - the workshops that should be practice-based, we would like you to get participants to do all or part of an exercise/piece of practice you do with perpetrators, followed by some debriefing of this.

- Keynote speech and 4 workshops

Day 3: Increasing Safety - there will be one workshop on examples of good practice and principles run by the WWP EN working group responsible for this work, the other 3 workshops are open for applications.

- 1 panel session on 'What does "victim-safety orientated programmes" mean in practice?' and 4 workshops

Timings:

Workshops = 1 ½ hours. Panels = a 10-15 minute talk then answering questions.

Numbers:

Workshops = up to 2 facilitators (3 if needed). Panels = up to 3 people per panel session.

Workshop guidelines:

Workshops should be interactive; they cannot only be presentations to participants. There may be some input/presentation element but we would like all workshops to also include:

- participation from attendees (e.g. small group work or experiential learning) and
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- include time for reflections and/or feedback from participants at the end.

If you would like to do this, but are worried about your level of English language, please let us know and we can help to find a speaker of fluent English to help you out. This is not a translator, but someone to help out with questions, small groupwork, etc.

Any questions and requests for application forms to: [nina.george\(at\)work-with-perpetrators.eu](mailto:nina.george(at)work-with-perpetrators.eu)

Deadline: Monday 11th September 2017.

WWP EN Director Job Advert

The European Network for Work With Perpetrators (WWP EN) is seeking an experienced and dynamic person for the position of Director, reporting directly to the Board. WWP EN was founded in April 2014 and currently has 46 member organisations in 23 countries with a remit that explicitly supports gender informed approaches to domestic violence. The organisation is in receipt of EU operating grant and Charitable Foundation support with clear plans to develop the capacity, quality and reach of work with perpetrators of domestic violence.

More information [here](#)

Job Description and Person Specification [here](#)

Applications by end of day 11th August 2017 via email to [info\(at\)work-with-perpetrators.eu](mailto:info(at)work-with-perpetrators.eu)

Any questions related to the post please email [info\(at\)work-with-perpetrators.eu](mailto:info(at)work-with-perpetrators.eu)

Initial interviews from 28th August - 4th of September and these will be probably by skype.

Webinars

In the Autumn, we will be running more WWP EN webinars, our popular online seminar series. For all details about previous webinars go to <http://www.work-with-perpetrators.eu/events/webinars.html>

We are looking for either:

1. You to run a webinar on a subject of your choice.
2. Your ideas for what you would like to learn in a webinar.

There is a payment of 125 euros to deliver the webinar.

Any requests for information or ideas please email [info\(at\)work-with-perpetrators.eu](mailto:info(at)work-with-perpetrators.eu)

Partner Services and Partnerships

Ongoing - we are looking at best practice and developing guidance on victim/survivor safety in perpetrator work, partner services for perpetrator programmes, and relationships between the specialised women's support and perpetrator services.

Last year, we conducted a survey on members' work on all of these issues (available at <http://www.work-with-perpetrators.eu/resources/reports/mapping-report-2016.html>). This year, we want you examples of good practice. We will be sending out surveys soon, so keep an eye out for them on your email inbox.

Any questions to Nina - [nina.george\(at\)work-with-perpetrators.eu](mailto:nina.george@work-with-perpetrators.eu)

Study Visit 2017



WWP EN was lucky enough to have the 2017 Study Visit for members of the European Network for Work with Perpetrators in Sofia, Bulgaria. The visit was hosted by the Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation and its partners from the Alliance for Protection from Gender-based Violence, including NAIA Association- Targovishte (a new member of WWP EN).

These presented their methods and the locations of their work with perpetrators in Sofia, plus practices in the country. During the visit, meetings with other potential partners were organized and key institutions were visited, such as the court, police, and others. These visits were followed by in-depth group exchanges on laws and implementation of laws in the field of work with perpetrators. Our heartfelt thanks go to the people responsible for coordinating the visit, Genoveva Tisheva, Zlatka Macheva and Diyana Videva.

There were even rumours that the participants had a lot of fun as well!

Upcoming Conferences, Events and Training

II European Conference on Domestic Violence

Following the success of the [I European Conference on Domestic Violence](#), held in Belfast in 2015, the II European Conference on Domestic Violence will be held from 6th to 9th September 2017 at FPCEUP - Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences of the University of Porto, in Porto, Portugal. The organization of this Conference is the result of a collaboration between FPCEUP, [UMAR - Women's Association Alternative and Response](#), and [APAV - Portuguese Association for Victims Support](#).

More information here: <http://www.fpce.up.pt/iiecdv/about.html>

UK Respect Event on Working with Young People - Making a Difference

Tuesday 19th September 2017, Human Rights Action Centre, London EC2A 3EA

Do you work with young people who are violent or abusive to family members or in their own relationships?

Do you want to develop your practice to create change for young people and improve safety?

Information here - <http://respect.uk.net/events/>

Also links to details of Working with Perpetrators and Male Victims of Domestic Violence events.

Publications, Articles and Resources

Nordic Countries Overview of Work with Perpetrators of Intimate Partner Violence

From the Nordic Council of Ministers, An Overview of Perpetrator work in the Nordic Countries - a great piece on the situation across our Nordic perpetrator programmes, information here - <http://norden.diva-portal.org/smash/record.jsf?pid=diva2%3A1082406&dswid=6788#sthash.Y1DJVuZY.dpbs> report available here - <http://norden.diva-portal.org/smash/get/diva2:1082406/FULLTEXT05.pdf>

By the way, the questionnaire was built on an original questionnaire used on a European level – Work with Perpetrators of Domestic Violence in Europe – Daphne II Project 2006–2008 - information available on our website - <http://www.work-with-perpetrators.eu/research/project-wwp.html>

The treatment of perpetrators of domestic violence: counseling to help perpetrators change their violent behavior in the family

Fascinating article by Atila Uligaj, from Woman to Woman in Albania, on the developments in tackling domestic violence and the latest efforts of the project to address perpetration of abusive behaviour - it starts with a lovely quote from a counselor in Albania:-

"If we want to build a ship, we must know how to put it together. We also need to learn how to navigate it, but we also have to deal with our own fears, resistances, insecurities and

sometimes our own overestimation before we are ready to start the journey." on the process of learning and developing perpetrator counseling work.

<http://men-care.org/2017/06/28/treatment-perpetrators-domestic-violence-counseling-help-perpetrators-change-violent-behavior-family/#.WVtMtOqggA.facebook>

Family and domestic violence perpetrator programmes: Issues paper of current and emerging trends, developments and expectations

New paper from "Stopping Family Violence Inc" in Australia on emerging issues in work with perpetrators. Although set in Australia, this paper has some great insights into the emerging themes of the work relevant for us all. Paper available here -

<http://sfv.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/FDV-perpetrator-programs-issues-paper.pdf>

See pages 44-46 for WWP EN Impact Project as good practice example...

"Own, Apologize, Repair: Coming Back to Integrity"

Check out this great article on apology and accountability

"Own, Apologize, Repair: Coming Back to Integrity" here - <https://norasamaran.com/2016/08/28/variations-on-not-all-men/amp/> by Nora Samaran. She has a great page with lots more information and articles here that you might find relevant or our work -

<https://www.facebook.com/nora.samaran>

UK Based Research - Child Contact Issues

Research from Women's Aid in England and the Cafcass (who support children and families in Family Courts) - shows that 62% of all the cases that go to the courts for decisions on where a child should live and spend time after parents have split up feature allegations of domestic violence.

Press release - <https://www.womensaid.org.uk/cafcass-womens-aid-collaborate-domestic-abuse-research/>

Research - https://www.cafcass.gov.uk/media/321990/allegations_of_da_in_child_contact_cases_pdf.pdf

Online Podcast

'What's The Crack', a new podcast that seeks to explore the research behind drug news stories, asked this week: What's the link between intimate partner violence and substance use? As one of the key questions that drives the ADVANCE PROGRAMME, the project team here at King's College London listened with intent. Speaking to Karen Bailly, also a researcher at King's, and drawing on the work of Dr Gail Gilchrist, the podcast astutely 'discusses some of the myths, prevalence and patterns of behaviour that are associated with IPV as well as some of the issues facing those seeking treatment and help following an abusive relationship'.

Available here - <https://www.acast.com/whatsthecrack/intimatepartnerviolenceanddruguse>

Offer - available to WWP EN Members only

Appearing first in the SAGE International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology, the research article "Evaluation of European Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programmes: Toward a Model for Designing and Reporting Evaluations Related to Perpetrator Treatment Interventions.", by Sarah-Jane Lilley, Marianne Hester and William Turner. This research builds on the Project Impact Research (see here for details - <http://www.impact.work-with-perpetrators.eu/index.php?id=13>) by taking that research and

adding to it studies and meta-analyses of European studies. The authors analyse 60 evaluations from 67 articles. This is a "must-read" if you are interested in evaluating your programme, using the Impact Toolkit (contact nina.george@work-with-perpetrators.eu if you are interested).

Usually, this is an article only available if you are signed up to the journal, but the authors have kindly agreed to let WWP EN members have sight of it on the internal area of your website.

All WWP EN members can access relevant documents on the website's internal area. For details on how to access the WWP EN internal area email info@work-with-perpetrators.eu

Funding

European Commission

Latest call for action grantson Prevention and combatting gender-based violence and violence against children. Deadline 14th November 2017.

Priorities

- 1 Prevention of gender-based violence (GBV): The focus is on primary prevention, i.e. changing social attitudes and behaviour, in order to end tolerance of all forms of violence.
- 2 Protection and support for victims of gender-based violence and violence against children
- 3 The coordination and/or adaptation of support services for sexual and gender-based violence to include refugees and migrants (children, women, LGBTQI persons, young men and boys)
- 4 Treatment of perpetrators
- 5 National coordinating frameworks or action plans for violence against children (supporting Member States and other actors).

Link here -

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/rec/topics/rec-rdap-gbv-ag-2017.html>

We look forward to seeing you at the network's Annual Workshop in Zagreb, Croatia.

Best wishes
WWP EN

The next WWP EN newsletter will be published in Autumn 2017.

Your news is our news

If you've got important news about programmes or projects, conference announcements, recent research or latest publications to share with our members and friends, please don't hesitate to email
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