Dear Members and Friends of WWP EN,

summer may be over, but we are still motivated and ready to start the last few months of the year.

As proof, here is our latest newsletter. Enjoy!

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WWP EN Annual Workshop 2017

Zagreb, 11-13 Oct 2017



The 6th Annual WWP EN Workshop successfully took place in Zagreb, Croatia, October 11 – 13, 2017. The main topics of the meeting were strengthening accountability, developing

practice and increasing safety. The meeting brought together 84 practitioners, researches, academics and community activists working for organizations – members of the WWP EN and some non-member organizations active in the field of domestic violence.

More information on the Croatian organisation committee, as well as detailed reports can be found <u>here</u>.

In the members-only internal area of our website, we are and will be uploading power points from the workshops and other materials. Simply follow this <u>link</u>.

New WWP EN Members

Since our last newsletter, the WWP EN family has grown by two new full members:

Association for Non-Violent Communication (DNK), Slovenia

The Association For Nonviolent Communication (Društvo za nenasilno komunikacijo) is a non-governmental, non-profit and humanitarian organization dedicated to the prevention and reduction of violence and its consequences.

Their main objectives are:

- To reduce society's tolerance of violence.
- To help those who commit violence to change their behaviour.
- To help those who experience violence.

The Association For Nonviolent Communication was founded in 1996 and was the first non-governmental organization in Slovenia with programs for victims of violence, as well as for perpetrators of violence.

Read more <u>here</u>.

European Family Justice Center Alliance

The EFJCA is a legal entity and the officially recognized network of the Family Justice Centers and affiliated multi-agency models in Europe. It promotes the FJC model and provides a central platform for its members.

The EFJCA provides the members with customized tools, specialized methodologies and on-the-job-training, which leads to continuous improvement of the Centers and helps them to create better resources for victims of domestic violence, child abuse and sexual violence.

The vision of the EFJCA is to develop a safe place for victims of gender based, domestic violence, child abuse and sexual violence in all European countries and regions. A place where:

- · All the needs of the victims are met
- Safety is assured
- · Empowerment is increased

- · Children are protected
- · Perpetrators are held accountable

Read more here.

Webinars

We are very pleased to announce two upcoming webinars.

- 1. On **Tuesday November 14**, Nina George will be doing the webinar *Cooperation and Incorporation* on the importance of partner support services in perpetrator work and
- 2. on **Thursday November 23** Cassandra Jones will be joining us for the webinar *Behind the Impact Tool Kit* during which she will give us an insight into the academic background and basis of the Impact Tool Kit.

Please register for the webinar *Cooperation and Incorporation* here Please register for the webinar *Behind the Impact Tool Kit* here

Additional webinars during the first two weeks of December are in planning. Keep your eyes on our <u>Facebook page</u> for further udates.

For all details about previous webinars go to http://www.work-with-perpetrators.eu/events /webinars.html

We are still 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 fee of 125 euros for delivering a WWP EN webinar.

Any requests for information or ideas please email info(at)work-with-perpetrators.eu

Upcoming Conferences and Events

Save the Date: National Meeting FVGS

The <u>FVGS</u> is holding their Annual National Meeting on June 19, 2018. The programme will be published within the first quarter of 2018.

For more information please contact the FVGS directly under info(at)fvgs.ch.

Journal of Gender Based Violence CfP

The *Journal of Gender Based Violence* is a multidisciplinary international journal and for its special edition on *Domestic Violence: New Developments in Policy and Practice in Europe* the journal is looking for contributions.

Themes covered in this Issue will include:

- · Developments in feminist thinking and activism
- Improving the practical response to and care of survivors of domestic violence

For articles, extended abstracts (600 words) should be sent to jgbv.editorial(at)gmail.com by December 1, 2017.

More information on the call for contributions here

Expert Conference: Against Domestic Violence

On November 14 the task force against domestic violence Marzahn-Hellersdorf, the equal opportunities commissioner Marzahn-Hellersdorf und the <u>Alice-Salomon-College</u> (ASH) Berlin are holding a joint expert conference on domestic violence.

The conference focus is on highlighting the differences and communalities in views on intimate partner violence found in academia and in practitioners' everyday work.

More information on the event here (only in German)

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Questionnaire on Good Practice

This year, following up on the last year mapping, we developed a <u>questionnaire</u> on good practice and would like to invite you to fill it in giving us examples of good practice or positive problem solving experiences in the same areas of work, which are:

- (ex)partner support;
- how the programme ensures victim safety in practical ways;
- partnerships between perpetrator programmes and specialist women's support sector.

A central principle of the work with perpetrators is that "the safety of, support for and the human rights of victims are of primary concern" (Istanbul Convention Article 16). Safety, support and regard for the human rights of victims have to be regarded in all programmes and measures of work with perpetrators. This should be established, not only as an abstract principle, but for every single victim concerned.

Therefore, the overall goal of the activity is to promote best practice and collaboration between perpetrator programmes, and tailored and specialised victim support services. This contributes to strengthening and implementing these principles in practice, with a particular focus on vulnerable groups.

This, in turn, will make work with perpetrators more effective in preventing violence and protecting victims.

To ensure the success of the report, we ask all members to please fill out the questionnaire!!!

Recent Articles

Interview with Gerhard Hafner - Frankfurter Rundschau: Men need to understand what they are doing to their partners - psychologist Gerhard Hafner on beatings within the family and cognitive-behavioural therapy for young fathers. (in German)

<u>Article by Gerhard Hafner - Der Freitag</u>: *Safety from beatings -* Germany has ratified the Istanbul Convention, but in the fight against domestic violence prevention needs to become more of a focus. (in German)

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(at)work-with-perpetrators.eu

We are looking forward to a productive winter and autumn.

Best wishes, WWP EN

The next WWP EN newsletter will be published in Winter 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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