

WWP EN Newsletter June 2019

2019 has been going by at an incredible speed - and many things have been happening!

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2019 WWP EN Annual Conference

Registration is now open!

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Let's talk about it Advancing interventions on sexual violence in perpetrator work

23-25 October Heraklion, Greece

The 2019 WWP EN Annual Conference will take place in Heraklion, Greece and is organised by the Union of Women Associations Heraklion (<u>UWAH</u>). It will be held under the title "Let's talk about it - Advancing interventions on sexual violence in perpetrator work" and focus on giving perpetrator programmes the tools to effectively address sexual violence in relationships!

We invite all members and others interested in joining us to register by 1 September.

Register now!

2019 #ResponsibleTogether Campaign

2019 we will be #ResponsibleTogether in addressing men's sexual violence in relationships!

2019 #ResponsibleTogether Campaign

Addressing men's sexual violence in relationships

25 Nov - 10 Dec Across Europe

Society's neglect of the fact that women continue to have the right to make decisions about their body when entering into relationships leads to victims being routinely disbelieved, a lack in the implementation of criminal law, and the

continued existence of harmful stereotypes around sexual availability of wives and partners.

From 25 November to 10 December 2019, we will be using our voices to highlight an issue which is not addressed enough when talking about domestic abuse - men's sexual violence against their partners.

Find out more!

Welcome to New Staff

We are very pleased to welcome two new faces to the WWP EN Team!



Francesca Elsey - Communications

Francesca completed her studies at the University of Leeds. Whilst there, she took a strong interest in gender-based challenges and intersectional approaches to political theory. Passionate about gender equality and ending harmful patriarchal norms, she worked in journalism before joining WWP EN's communications team.

Marc Gärtner - MiC Project

Marc Gärtner lives in Berlin and works as a sociologist at the Institute of Men and Gender Research in Graz/Austria. He cooperates with organisations in politics, science, business and NGOs in Germany, Austria and other EU countries, and is co-author of the first European comparative Study on the Role of Men in Gender Equality.



Find out more!

WWP EN Project Update

Find out what has been happening with our projects!



CONSCIOUS

In Italy, there has been great progress with the CONSCIOUS project. For those who need it, a quick CONSCIOUS project refresher:

Project partners are working to reduce rates of recidivism amongst perpetrators in Italian prisons. The aim of the project is to develop a model of working with incarcerated perpetrators, as well as to get officials working together to reduce recidivism.

In regards to the second aim - encouraging officials to work together - we have some exciting news. Back in May, we received news that the Italian authorities and the police were showing a strong interest in the model being created and that the two groups have signed joint protocols for working together (for the first time in Italy!). Additionally to a new prison joining the project, the response rate from prisoners was very encouraging, leading to more perpetrators than expected responding to the call to get involved!

In June, information and updates about the CONSCIOUS project were presented by Adele Di Stefano of ASL Frosinone at the third National Conference on the Family in Rome. Over 200 conference participants were very interested in the project and wished to be included in the mailing list for the **newsletter** (which will be sent out from July onwards). If you, too, are interested to be put on the CONSCIOUS mailing list, let us know:)

Learn more about CONSCIOUS

ENGAGE

The ENGAGE project, which developed a roadmap for frontline professionals to identify, talk to, motivate and refer perpetrator of domestic violence, will be

coming to a close in December. Until then project partners are doing trainings for frontline professionals and are hard at work in perfecting a training manual which we will be publishing on our website soon. Keep your eye out for more information on the project and training manual on our website and social media channels!

Learn more about ENGAGE

Men in Care (MiC)

Work has just started on the Men in Care (MiC) project, which is a 3-year project of 12 national organisations (universities, social partners and NGOs) aiming to improve workplace conditions and to promote men taking caring roles in Austria, Germany, Iceland, Norway, Poland, Slovenia and Spain. Involving workers, trade unions, employers, and families, project partners will assess how policies and workplace cultures can change to enable men to become more active in caring for children, elderly family members, partners, co-workers and friends.

There will be an annual **project newsletter** which will be sent out for the first time towards the end of the year, if you're interested in this, please <u>let us know</u>. We'll be travelling to Madrid in September for a project meeting, so keep an eye out for more exciting project updates after summer!

Put me on the newsletter!

Webinar Recordings

We have three new webinar recordings on our website now!



Strangulation

Pascale Franck and Bert Groen of the European Family Justice Center Alliance (<u>EFJCA</u>) shared their knowledge on strangulation as a specific type of physical abuse in domestic violence.

Find the recording here

Accountability

Speaking from their practical experience, Natalia Batenkova (<u>Unizon</u>) and Vidar Vetterfalk (<u>MÄN</u>) recounted a crisis in their organisations' relationship and shared some of the steps of the ongoing process to accountability.

Find the recording here

Rape Crisis Centers

Sandie Barton of <u>Rape Crisis Scotland</u>, current coordinating organisation for <u>Rape Crisis Network Europe</u>, informed us about their work, considered the intersections of domestic abuse and sexual violence, and how these intersections could be addressed.

Find the recording here

Publications and Events

Check out recent publications around perpetrator work and see which conferences you shouldn't miss!



There are many great conferences around domestic violence and gender research happening this year. Whether you would like to go to Estonia, Finland or Germany - we have a conference for you!

See upcoming conferences

<u>SafeLives</u> have published two surveys for men and boys, ProMundo shared information on the world's fathers, EIGE looked at data on violence against women in the EU and WHO wrote a very interesting policy guideline on fighting violence against women.

Take a look at recent publications



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