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WWP EN Newsletter

In 2020, the [WHO](#) estimated that **1 billion children** aged 2-17 had experienced various **forms of violence**, including physical, sexual and emotional. A lot of the violence that children experience around the world happens in the home and is **perpetrated by parents or caregivers** yet often, children are left out of the conversation on domestic abuse. As the phenomenon of violence against children and its effects are not well documented, children are often seen as **the forgotten victims of domestic violence**.

WWP EN is working towards ensuring that perpetrator programmes across Europe keep children at the center of their interventions in order to keep them safe and to ensure that their needs are put first. **We have joined the [Keeping Children Safe](#) network as an associate member** and our team is planning upcoming work that will focus on child protection issues. Keep scrolling to watch our **interview with child safeguarding officer and perpetrator work expert, Kate Iwi** where she shares how perpetrator programmes can ensure children remain in focus during interventions.

Have any comments or feedback? [Send us an e-mail](#) and let us know.

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[WWP EN Updates and Upcoming Events](#)

The team has been working hard over the past few months, planning the next four years of our work and deciding which issues of perpetrator work we feel need more focus. Our team has also been attending online conferences and webinars and sharing their expertise with practitioners in the field and interested members of the public across the world. This has included presentations on [lifelong consequences of violence against women](#) with a specific focus on elderly victims at the [MenEngage Ubuntu Symposium](#); [regulating stalkerware and other forms of gender-based cyber violence in Europe](#) at the EU Cyberpolicy Forum; several presentations at the [Interpersonal Violence Interventions - Social and Cultural Perspectives Conference](#); and panel contributions and presentations at the ['BEYOND COVID' Conference](#), exploring the challenges, benefits, and wisdom of video conferencing with abusive partners.

On July 2nd, WWP's research and development manager, Berta Vall, will deliver a pre-recorded webinar on our [IMPACT Toolkit](#), followed by a live Q&A. If you are a perpetrator work practitioner, this is your chance to see how you can show the impact of your work and whether your programme is leading to long-term positive changes in men who use violence at the same time as ensuring survivors' voices remain at the center of interventions.

Register for the IMPACT Webinar



On July 5th, WWP's training and capacity building manager, Sandra Jovanović Belotić and facilitator at Parteciparte, Olivier Malcor, who has 20 years' experience of using creative ways to tackle gender-based violence will host a focus group. The focus group is exclusively for perpetrator programme professionals and will explore creative, interactive techniques used in programmes.

Register for the Focus Group

WWP EN Annual Conference Registration: Migration and Barriers to Perpetrator Work: Developing Pathways to Change



We are excited to announce that the registration for this year's annual conference is open. The focus this year is on the challenges facing practitioners in the field when working with perpetrators with a migration background. Experts in the field will explore the ways in which perpetrator programmes need to adapt in order to meet the unique needs of those who are not living in their native countries, and those with diverse cultural or religious backgrounds. We will put on emphasis on the need to

ensure cultural sensitivity and anti-racist practices and, as always, keep victims in the center of all conference discussions.

Register for the Annual Conference

Interview with Kate Iwi, Child Safeguarding Officer and Perpetrator Work Expert

In May, we had the opportunity to (virtually) sit down with Kate Iwi to get her expert opinion on how child protection can be brought to the forefront of perpetrator work in an effective and impactful way. Watch the full interview below.



Project Updates



The FOMEN Capacity Building Programme for frontline professionals and multipliers was delivered over four days in May and reached over 50 participants from all over Europe, exploring topics such as gender and masculinity, violence prevention, cultural sensitivity and anti-racism. The team is now finalising the organisation of the training programme for men with a migrant background: the 'Leaders of Change' training will be delivered in August online in English and Arabic.

Project partners are busy organising the FOMEN final conference, "Addressing intercultural sensitivity, gender equality and GBV prevention in the work with men with migration histories" will happen online on 27th October. Check the [FOMEN website](#) next week for the save the date and conference agenda.

Sign up to our newsletter to receive the invitation

At the end of May, [MiC](#) partners met for the fourth International Partner Meeting, to hear project updates from partners, discuss progress and next steps. There was a special focus on the national awareness raising action, which will take place starting from autumn to spring next year in the different participating countries. It was also decided that the MiC final conference will take place in person next year in Berlin.



Keep an eye on the project's blog to get involved.

The MiC transnational report, "Carving out space for caring masculinities – Results from a European study" is finalised and will be online next week. The document builds on the [national benchmarking reports](#), which reveal the situation in eight European countries on gender gaps in care and domestic work, in work and work-life balance, and on how society can support caring masculinities to reduce such gaps and enhance gender equality. Follow updates on our social media posts as well as on the MiC website for more details.



On June 16th, [MARVOW](#) Partners met online to discuss project milestones and plan next steps.

After the MARVOW implementation phase, a new strand of work started for better inclusion of perpetrator programmes or perpetrator interventions in the MARVOW model. Partners will meet on July 1st to share perspectives and lessons learned to fine-tune the comprehensive multi-agency cooperation model for working with elderly victims of abuse.

The second MARVOW campaign took place in June on social media, and the project was also presented within the [MenEngage Ubuntu Symposium](#) workshop "[Violence Against Women - Lifelong Consequences](#)". This presentation focused on important reflections about elderly victims and perpetrators of violence; on what happens when they grow old; and that without a prevention strategy, there is no end to domestic violence.

Finally, we are excited to be planning our next partner meeting in person in Berlin this September.



DeStalk

detect and stop stalkerware and
cyberviolence against women

The multidisciplinary team has finalised the training design of the [DeStalk](#) e-learning package on cyberviolence and stalkerware in gender-based violence. Kaspersky, Blanquerna and WWP EN have been developing the content definition and the team is now working on the creation of IT infrastructure for the online course, which will be ready in autumn.

The first edition of the platform will host up to 100 trainees, who will learn what is defined as online violence and how to recognise different forms of online violence. Emphasis will be placed on the issue of stalkerware, and on how to help victims/survivors; how to address this topic with perpetrators without teaching them more about how to use online violence; and how to collaborate with the police.

The DeStalk online training will be held in 5 languages (EN, FR, ES, DE, IT) and will target operators of victims support services, professionals of perpetrator programmes and representatives of public authorities and policy makers.



*Supporting the implementation of programmes for
perpetrators of violence against women and domestic
violence in Turkey and the Western Balkans*

Last but not least, the brand new project, STOPP started in May in partnership with [UN Women Europe & Central Asia Regional Office](#), to integrate perpetrator work in fighting GBV in order to strengthen the Istanbul Convention in the Balkan area. Project STOPP is part of the wider initiative “[Implementing Norms, Changing Minds: Ending Violence Against Women in the Western Balkans and Turkey](#)”.

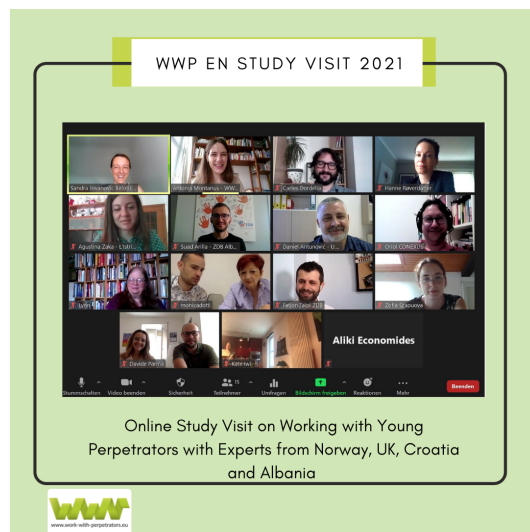
This is a Regional ERAW Programme UN Women is developing in the area, funded by the European Commission. WWP EN will coordinate the capacity building action to establish perpetrator programmes together with key local members.

Read more about project STOPP

Read more about WWP EN's Projects

WWP EN Study Visit 2021: Working with Young Perpetrators

On June 22nd and 23rd WWP EN members and experts in the field got together for our annual study visit. This year, the focus was on working with young perpetrators and how early interventions can be effective in preventing violent behaviour later in life. Experts from Alternative to Violence (Norway), Respect (UK), U.Z.O.R (Croatia) and ZDB (Albania) gave presentations. Different methods of working with young perpetrators were explored, including the particular challenges within different cultural working contexts, and collaboration with the criminal justice system.



COVID-19 Revision of Practice Toolkit

A year since the pandemic began, the WWP EN team took time to consider the effects of the health restrictions on perpetrator work and what have been the

challenges and potential best outcomes of the way that perpetrator programmes have had to adapt. These considerations were turned into a toolkit to help practitioners in the field to reflect on how their work has changed and what the future may look like.

Download the Toolkit



Watch the launch event of the toolkit.

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