



DRAW the Line: Training and empowering immigrant women to prevent sexual violence and harassment

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NETWORKING

Networking with other organizations is an important aspect in bringing the theme to the attention of other stakeholders (see also Bulletin Nov,-Dec. 2017). Thus, initiating network meetings with participants at different levels – local officials who offer main stream services, counselling centres, social workers, police, policy makers etc. has been one of the key activities in the project. These stakeholders work together with us in order to inform and discuss the developments and findings made within the project.

Through outreach and network building at a local as well as international level and coordinating the exchange of experience between partners, the goal was to reach sustainable results in the form of broad dissemination and training for immigrant women with a view of positively influencing their empowered approach to violence.

NETWORKING MEETING IN THE CHAMBER OF LABOUR

The 3rd Network meeting was planned to connect the multipliers with counselling centers. The main topic was the reduction of inhibitions and information to increase the tendency to call to turn to relief organizations in case of need.

Bernadette Pöcheim presented the *Chamber of Labour*, in particular the women's section (but also the adult education centre), including topics such as legal rights to child care allowance, parental leave, sexual harassment, religious discrimination, payment discrimination, overtime, education and training advice and interest test.

Elke Lujansky-Lammer introduced the *Equal Treatment Office* as a state organization against all forms of discrimination and showed a video clip:

<https://www.gleichbehandlungsanwaltschaft.gv.at/beratung-und-unterstuetzung>



Marion Raidl introduced the *Anti-Discrimination Agency* and described examples of discrimination in the public sector, where the anti-discrimination body intervenes.

Emina Saric presented the institution *Caritas Divan* as a focal point for women / girls in cases of abuse, such as forced marriage, domestic violence, etc. Divan counselling services: mother tongue counselling, legal counselling, psychosocial counselling and psychotherapy.

Godswill Eyawo finally presented the *Migrant Advisory Council* as a political representation of interests for migrants in Graz, whose representatives from "non-EU countries" are democratically elected.

After the presentations, the individual positions were set out over the room, so that to multipliers could utilise personal consultation or information.

CONFERENCE ON 18TH OF APRIL IN GRAZ

We are happy to introduce our key speakers for the coming conference in the City Hall:

Key speaker 1, Katharina Beclin, is a lawyer at the *Institute of Criminal Law and*

Criminology of the University of Vienna. Focus: legal fact research; Juvenile delinquency; Gender in criminal law and criminology, especially sexual and human trafficking; Economic crime. She will talk about Violence against women: prevalence, legal bases, prevention, statistics 2018.

Key speaker 2, Chris Mc Curly from UK, is a lawyer, specializing in family law, in particular cases with an intercultural dimension, and also specialist in international child abduction, domestic violence and cases of forced marriage and crime "in the name of honor" and a legal expert for the *Ministry of Justice* and the *National Committee against Violence against women and children*. She is experienced for many years in the sacrificial work and will refer about sexualized violence against women in public places: underlying gender-specific mechanisms, impact on women in general and migrant women in particular, practice of victim work.

There will also be a "bazar of experiences" and short presentations from the men advice, organization for sex education "Hazissa" and the organization for rape victims "Tara" as well as a dance performance called "Draw my Line!".

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