

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

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REVIEW ON THE CONFERENCE

On 18 April 2018, the project “Draw the Line” presented in Graz, Austria, the results of its work and shared its experiences. Omega Association hosted the Conference in the Main Hall of the City – thanks to the major! - that reunited organizations from six European partner countries and local organizations.

~ 80 people joined the conference and the auditorium was – of course due to the subject - quite multi-cultural.



The project started with the two key notes mentioned in the Bulletin from March with Katharina Beclin and later on with Cris Curley.

A highlight in a different manner was the dance performance. Four women presented the theme of the project and the conference in a different way.





Later on, Yvonne Seidler, manager from Hazissa, an organization that targets the prevention of gender violence, presented research results about violence in public spaces and institutions. The proposal was developed from the praxis and from non-official information about the extent sexualized violence. One of the few surveys from Germany (Frings, Huxoll, 2012) collected data from 1800 institutions. 43% the schools reported suspicion falls.

The last speaker was Elli Scambor, who presented the project „Men Talk“, whereby 12 workshops/dialogues with adult male asylum seekers were carried out in Austria.

The dialogues had 12 different Topics/Modules about equality, sexuality and relationships, laws, authorities and rules, children’s rights, how to deal with helplessness and anger, family and

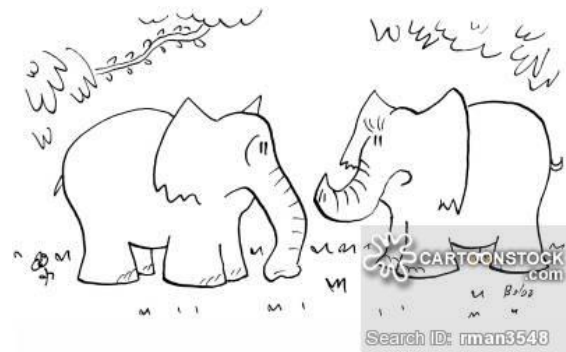
violence prevention, emotions, honour and respect. Workshops were delivered in Dari, Farsi, Arabic, English and German through native speakers and translators and trainers. In each Workshop between 20 and 25 Men took part.

4TH INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN GRAZ

At the same time, the 4th and final international meeting has taken place.

The meeting targeted at clarifying last questions regarding the products of “Draw the Line”, financial questions, and thus we did a final check if all the partners’ results are finished.

And we also had to say goodbye to each other as it was the last time we met; all further contacts will be by via skype, telephone or Email.



"This is goodbye, Fred, but of course, I'll never forget you."

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