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13th WAVE Conference 2011: Update

The WAVE office and the Italian Focal Point DiRe are finalising the programme at the moment. So far, we received over 200 registrations. Officially, registration process is now closed but we will accept further forms but cannot help with further funding.

An updated programme of the Public Day is regularly uploaded on the WAVE website:

<http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=23488&b=151>

WAVE Training Institute 2011: Call for Applications

WAVE is delighted to announce the first WAVE Training Institute to be held **7th-11th November 2011** in Vienna. With the one-week training WAVE aims at further improving service provision in Europe and at ensuring that women survivors of violence and their children receive knowledge and human rights-based support of high quality.

The Training Institute 2011 will address experts from women's support services who already have experienced in supporting survivors of violence and want to enhance their knowledge and transfer it to new and less experienced practitioners. It will give them the opportunity to exchange their experience, to cultivate an in-depth understanding of the current European developments of violence against women policy, theory and research.

Scholarships:

16 scholarships are available for applicants from EU-member states through EU DAPHNE funding.

2 WAVE scholarships are available for applicants from non-EU member states.

2 self-funded participants from any European country will be accepted.

For more information about the WAVE Training Institute download the [call for applications](#) and the [registration form](#) from the WAVE website:

<http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=23857&b=7>

TIMELINE for applications is 26th September!!

PROTECT II: Next Manual Meeting in Murcia

In order to work towards the implementation of efficient risk assessment models combined with comprehensive and coordinated safety management in European countries, a *PROTECT Manual on Risk Assessment and Safety Management* will be published within PROTECT II. After a successful meeting in Bristol from 27th to 29th July 2011, project partners will get together again in Murcia from **26th to 28th October 2011**.

WAVE Country Report 2011

WAVE office staff is gathering information for the next WAVE Country Report 2011 with a focus on the situation of support services for women survivors of violence and their children including services for survivors of sexual violence. Focal Points have already been contacted and interviews are going to be arranged.

ECOSOC granted Special Consultative Status to WAVE

The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) adopted on 25 July 2011 texts on ECOSOC consultative status for non-governmental organizations and the work of the United Nations regional commissions.

The Council adopted, without a vote, as orally corrected, a decision contained in report (E/2011/32 Part 1) on the applications for consultative status, requests for reclassification and change of name, quadrennial reports received from non-governmental organizations and applications closed without prejudice, in which the Economic and Social Council decides to grant consultative status to 112 non-governmental organizations - and WAVE was one of them.

Consequently, we are happy to inform that the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) at its Substantive Session of July 2011 adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (E/2011/32 Part 1) to grant us Special consultative status. We are looking forward to the opportunity to work with the United Nations, in particular ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies.

WAVE supports the Call of EWL for a European Year against Violence Against Women

The European Women's Lobby (EWL) has initiated a broad European advocacy movement, gathering NGOs and decision-makers, lobbying for an EU comprehensive action on violence against women and for a European Year on combating and preventing violence against women in order to draw attention to the spread phenomenon of violence against women and its impacts on society. Through the establishment of such year, EU and national institutions raise awareness on the issue and renew their political commitment to end violence against women.

WAVE has signed the petition and supports the call to sign up as an organisation or individually on the EWL website: <http://www.womenlobby.org/spip.php?article64&lang=en>

Global Shelter Data Count 2011

WAVE will again participate in Global Shelter Data Count 2011 coordinated by the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters on behalf of the Global Network of Women's Shelters (for 2010 please refer to the WAVE website <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=23249&b=151>).

The information collected in 2011 will be used to educate the public about the good work that shelters do and the challenges they face. We also hope to present this information in conjunction with the 2nd World Conference of women's shelters to be held in Washington, D.C. USA, February 27 – March 1, 2012. It may also be part of a visual display at the conference.

Therefore, the individual shelter count should be done before 1st November 2011 to guarantee inclusion in the visual display via e-mail or the online questionnaire which is planned to be online from 12th September 2011 to 1st November 2011 in English, French and Spanish.

WAVE disseminates the information individually via its Focal Points, encourages disseminating the call for participation in the respective countries and assists with filling in the forms.

If you don't have already established a certain date for counting, WAVE proposes to do so on 4th October 2011 or in the 40th week.

For further information please refer to <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp?ID=23249&b=151>

2nd World Conference of Women's Shelters: Workshops Confirmed

We are excited to announce that after reviewing hundreds of amazing proposals from all over the world covering a wide range of topics, we have made our final selections. We are excited to be able to bring together so many talented, dedicated presenters to share their knowledge, experiences, and expertise at the conference!

Although we are still finalizing workshop titles, presenters, and other details, we wanted to share with you some of the confirmed topics that will be presented on and discussed at the conference. As we get more details, we will post them on the [website](#).

Confirmed Workshop Topics Include:

Shelter Practices

- A variety of workshops on shelter rules, survivor-centered advocacy, and trauma-informed practices
- Funding programs and shelters
- Working with abusers or perpetrators
- Determining risk and danger assessments, including strangulation.
- Much more!

Building Partnerships to Sustain and Enhance Services

- Working with the local, national, regional or international governments
- Working with faith-based communities
- Building coordinated community response teams and collaboration
- Innovative methods for creating economic opportunities for women
- Much more!

Addressing Barriers and Creating Access

- Working to create broader social change and end violence
- Providing services to survivors in disaster areas and conflict zones
- Working with survivors to secure employment
- Working with victims with substance abuse issues
- Working with incarcerated survivors
- Working with LGBTQ victims
- Much more!

International & Cross-Border Issues

- Trafficking
- Working with immigrants, refugees, and displaced individuals
- Inter-state child custody issues

Empowering and Supporting Advocates, Activists, and Allies

- Effectively engaging men as allies
- Creating a sustainable work environment
- Much more!

Roundtables

Regional or continental roundtables for networking and coalition building.

Registration Information

Be sure to register by August 31st to take advantage of the Early Registration discount.

[Register now](#)

[Registration fees](#)

More Information: www.worldshelterconference.org

Reminder: Scottish Women's Aid's Annual Conference on Wednesday 14 September 2011 in Edinburgh

The theme is **Focus on the Future: Working towards a world without domestic abuse**. A marvelous line-up of knowledgeable and inspiring speakers and facilitators will explore what a society without domestic abuse would look like - and how we can make it a reality using the resources and tools available right now.

Keynote speakers will include Nicola Sturgeon MSP, Wiveca Holst from the European Women's Lobby and Gudrun Jonsdottir from Stigamot in Iceland.

For more information please refer to <http://www.scottishwomensaid.org.uk/training-and-events/conferences-and-other-events/swa-conference-2011>

SAVE THE DATE: “International Conference on Undocumented Migrant Women”, 12 -13 December 2011, in Brussels, Belgium

PICUM will hold an International Conference to launch the findings of its Undocumented Migrant Women’s project in Brussels, Belgium on **12-13 December 2011**.

This high-level conference will mark a significant gathering of key policy-makers and field-practitioners to discuss concrete improvements for the protection and promotion of undocumented women’s rights in Europe. The event will also serve as the official launch of PICUM’s report on the strategies used to support and empower undocumented women across the region, highlighting key practices in the fields of labour rights, sexual and reproductive health rights, and protection from gender-based violence.

Migrant organisations, NGOs, services providers, women’s shelters and support services, social workers and healthcare professionals, trade unions, key policy makers, and all others working on these core issues are invited to please mark this date in their diaries and disseminate this announcement throughout their contact network.

Promoting cooperation and exchange, this event seeks to foster real change for undocumented women across the EU.

More detailed information about this event and online registration will be available within the coming months. To find out more about PICUM’s work on undocumented migrant women in Europe, please visit PICUM’s [website](#).

INTERNATIONAL NEWS & DOCUMENTS

EIGE’s Conference Announcement: Good Practices in Gender Mainstreaming - Towards Effective Gender Training” - Brussels, Belgium on 28 November 2011

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) aims to contribute to and strengthen the promotion of gender equality including gender mainstreaming in all EU policies and the resulting national policies.

In this context, EIGE is organising an international conference on “Good Practices in Gender Mainstreaming: *Towards Effective Gender Training*”.

· **Where and when?**

The conference will take place in Brussels, Belgium on 28 November 2011.

· **What are the conference objectives?**

- To provide a **platform** for an exchange of **good practices** on gender training, facilitate a discussion on the guiding **quality principles** for **gender training** as well as to support the establishment of a **thematic network of practitioners** working in the field of gender training in the European Union.
- To present a **database of trainers and training institutions** in Europe made available through EIGE’s website. The database will include references to trainers/institutions with experience in providing training on gender mainstreaming for European Institutions and Member State administrations.

· **Who is the target group?**

Commissioning institutions, practitioners and final users of gender training at Member State, European and international levels as well as other stakeholders.

· **How to register?**

Registration will take place on EIGE’s website from 19 September to 31 October 2011.

For further information, please contact: eige.sec@eige.europa.eu

3rd Congress of Women on 17th-18th September 2011 in Warsaw

On 17th and 18th September this year the 3rd Congress of Women will be held. The event will be one of the crucial elements of the Polish Presidency in the European Union. We would like to invite you to participate and discuss with us matters of importance for women, and significant for Europe and the world.

[Download 3rd European Congress of Women PDF](#)

Further information: <http://www.stowarzyszeniekongreskobiet.pl/english.html>

UN Women Resource: Violence against Women Prevalence Data - Surveys by Country

UN Women has produced a compilation of data about violence against women throughout the world. This short report shows in 7 pages a table with data on violence against women in 86 countries.

For every country, it shows the percentage of intimate partner violence or non-partner violence (for both lifetime and past-year prevalence), forced first sex and abuses during pregnancy.

The data is drawn from leading international surveys: Center for Disease Control and Prevention Reproductive Health Surveys, Demographic and Health Surveys, Violence against Women Surveys and the WHO Multi-Country Study. Other population-based surveys publicly available through March 2011 were used for countries with no internationally comparable surveys.

Download the document on the [WAVE website](#) or go to [UN Women's Virtual Knowledge Center: Programming Essentials, Monitoring & Evaluation: Overview of Violence Against Women and Girls](#)

Due Diligence Obligation to Address Violence against Women

The 2013 annual report of the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its Causes and Consequences, Ms Rashida Manjoo, will be devoted to a study on the "Due Diligence Obligations to address Violence against Women." The Special Rapporteur is seeking information in preparation of a global study that analyses the interpretation and implementation of the due diligence obligation by States to be submitted to the Human Rights Council.

Article 4 (c and d) of the UN Declaration on Elimination of Violence against Women requires States to 'exercise due diligence to prevent, investigate and in accordance with national legislation punish acts of violence against women whether those actions are perpetrated by the State or private persons.' The Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the work of the Committee reiterates the need for states to take appropriate measures to ensure women are free from all forms of violence. To achieve this, States must develop penal, civil, labour and administrative sanctions in domestic legislation to punish and redress the wrongs caused to women who are subjected to violence. Thus a state not only has a negative obligation to refrain from acts of violence against women, but also has positive duties to prevent and protect women from violence, punish perpetrators and compensate victims of violence. Due to the multiplicity of forms of violence against women, and the fact that this violence often occurs in an intersectional manner, States must adopt more holistic, multi-pronged approaches to effectively implementing their due diligence obligations. State interventions must also be designed at the different levels at which violence occurs, namely at the individual, community, State and transnational levels. The state may be held responsible under international law for the failure to provide reasonable and adequate measures to prevent or address the violations of women's rights. In essence, due diligence provides a standard of care used to measure whether a state has complied with its international obligations. A determination of compliance will require an assessment of the adequacy of the domestic measures in the state.

The mandate has consistently paid attention to the principle of due diligence over the last seventeen (17) years and is keen to further the discussion and compile emerging practices that have the potential to reach the common goal of elimination of all forms of violence against women. The Special Rapporteur notes that various individuals and organisations may wish to develop documents and reports of consultations to submit for consideration. In accordance with the established practice of mandate-holders, the Special Rapporteur welcomes all relevant submissions that NGO's and other independent experts may wish to transmit for her consideration in preparation of the annual report on due diligence. These submissions should be sent to vaw@ohchr.org

Kindly note that the Special Rapporteur will, in due course, provide a detailed plan for the process she will follow in generating the annual report.

CEDAW-Committee Landmark Decision on Case of Maternal Mortality & Women's Reproductive Health - Decision: Alyne da Silva Pimentel v. Brazil

In the first maternal death case to be decided by an international human rights body, the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) establishes that governments have a human rights obligation to guarantee that all women in their countries—regardless of income or racial background—have access to timely, non-discriminatory, and appropriate maternal health services. Even when governments outsource health services to private institutions, they remain directly responsible for their actions and have a duty to regulate and monitor said institutions.

For further information please refer to:

<http://reproductiverights.org/en/case/alyne-da-silva-pimentel-v-brazil-committee-on-the-elimination-of-discrimination-against-women>

and

<http://reproductiverights.org/en/document/decision-alyne-da-silva-pimentel-v-brazil>

Protecting Women's Rights in War - UN CEDAW Committee

During its discussion on the protection of women's rights in conflict and post-conflict situations on 18 July, the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) heard from a wide range of inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations from around the globe.

The discussion will contribute to a "general recommendation" to countries on how to fulfil their obligations in conflict and post-conflict contexts under the Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

Non-governmental organisations stressed that modern conflict settings require a new focus due to the range of violations and State accountability. They suggested that the general recommendation prioritize prevention, making references to the complexity and diversity of conflict and post-conflict situations.

UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, Ivan Šimonović, highlighted the increasing attention paid to violence against women in recent years, including at the highest levels in the UN system. He observed that the gender dimension has become entrenched in the general discussion of violence, both within and outside the conflict context.

Rashida Manjoo, the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, noted implementing existing human rights standards was critical.

"States should ensure that the root causes and consequences of violence against women are tackled at all levels of society, starting within the family and up to the transnational arena," she said.

The discussion revealed the lack of knowledge about the nature of sexual violence in times of conflict, where rape is used as a weapon of war causing trauma to individuals, families and communities, even after the conflict.

According to Margot Wallström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, this is due to the compounded impact of the shame and stigma sexual violence survivors and their families have to endure.

“There is widespread recognition that women experience a higher risk of violence in conflict and post-conflict situations,” stated Pramila Patten, chair of CEDAW’s working group on women in conflict and post-conflict situations.

Victims of sexual violence are shunned by their families and communities. They may face disease or unwanted pregnancies. Discrimination often affects their children as well. They may share the stigma of their mothers and, for example, be unable to enrol in school.

Patten said that CEDAW’s general recommendation to States should consider the situation of especially vulnerable groups of women, including refugees, internally displaced persons, asylum seekers and stateless persons. It should also cover both internal and international conflicts, as well situations of extreme violence and political disturbances that fall short of armed conflict.

Lakshmi Puri, Deputy Executive Director of UN Women, expressed confidence that the general recommendation will facilitate the framing of international responses to conflict and post-conflict situations, as well as support the enforcement of temporary special measures.

She pledged that UN Women would work with the Committee to prioritize the protection of women in conflict and post-conflict situations.

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/ProtectingWomenRightsInWar.aspx>

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe: E-course “Measurement of violence against women through statistical surveys” from 3 October to 26 November 2011

The Division for Gender Affairs and the Latin American Institute of Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) is organizing the e-course **“Measurement of violence against women through statistical surveys”** from **3 October to 26 November 2011**.

The target audience of the course is the professional and technical staff from the national statistical offices and constituencies for the advancement of women from the member states of the five United Nations Regional Commissions, whose functions are related to the production of information on violence against women. The e-course will be carried out in English, however bilingual e-tutors will be provided whenever possible and reference material in other official languages will be available.

The deadline for registration in the course is **15 September 2011**. For more detailed information, please refer to WAVE or contact social.stats@unece.org

UN Day of General Discussion on Undocumented Migrant Workers on 19 September 2011, Geneva, Switzerland

PICUM together with Migrants Rights International (MRI) is proud to inform you that after strong advocacy by MRI and its international partners, the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (CMW), the body of independent experts that monitors implementation of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Migrant Workers Convention), have agreed to hold a **Day of General Discussion (DGD) on Undocumented Migrant Workers on 19 September 2011, in Geneva, Switzerland**.

The DGD is a public meeting intended to foster a deeper understanding of the contents and implications of the Convention as they relate to specific articles or topics. Representatives of governments, UN bodies and specialized agencies, civil society organizations, national human rights institutions as well as individual experts are welcome to participate. The DGD is designed to enable participants to exchange views on this topic in a frank and open dialogue. Discussions raised may serve as general comments that the CMW can adopt as formal interpretations of the content of the Convention.

This is a significant development in the international protections for the rights of all migrants, regardless of status. **MRI strongly encourages all civil society groups to attend the DGD in Geneva on 19 September**, if possible. It will be very important to highlight all the various areas where undocumented migrant workers' rights are being violated and how to promote better inter-governmental response within the framework of the Convention.

For those who are unable to attend the DGD, **we encourage you to send in statements in support of the DGD, and to call attention to any particular issue or topic related to undocumented migrant workers that needs to be addressed and heard by the CMW** during the DGD. Please send these statements in Word document format, not more than 2 pages (please do NOT send papers or other reference documents) and feel free to put it on your organization's letterhead. Forward these to MRI (migrantsrightsinternational@gmail.com). MRI will compile all of these and submit to the CMW during the DGD on 19 September.

On 20 September 2011, PICUM, MRI and its partners will also organise a side event to the Human Rights Council following the DGD. We will publicise the agenda of this event separately at a later date.

The official programme and the registration form are available [here](#).

Please see additional information and guidelines for civil society participants [here](#).

International Police Symposium "Violence against women" on 22nd and 23rd November 2011, Valencia, Spain

The City Council of Valencia, through its local police, is organizing the International Police Symposium "Violence against women", to be held on November 22nd and 23rd, at the Palau de la Musica in Valencia, coinciding with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

This symposium is organized within the HERA European project that aims to improve the processes of policing connected to gender violence, seeking an effective and preventive response by sharing the best strategies and police practices at European level.

This project is co-financed by the European Commission through the Daphne III Programme.

Denmark: Witness of violence against children – Danner Campaign

Danner has just made a small campaign to make Danes react when they witness violence against children. Maybe it is of your interest.

I think you can understand the two situations perfectly well all though you do not understand Danish.

Neighbor at home:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CTeQdcgKrw4>

Man in a supermarket:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Llji5GvdCdk>

The last three frames just say:

Have you witnessed violence against children?

Do you doubt what to do?

Call Danner – we will help you.

Ireland: Domestic violence charity turns away 60 per cent of victims

THE number of women seeking help from a domestic violence housing charity has more than doubled during the recession.

However, Sonas Housing told the [Irish Independent](#) it had to turn away almost two-thirds of women because it had no space for them.

"It is very difficult to turn women away -- the majority of women who call us are in dire, abusive situations," said chief executive Sharon Cosgrove.

"Picking up the phone to a domestic violence service can be a massive step, so it's crushing if they do not receive a positive response."

Last year, Sonas supported 184 women and 234 children in its nine refuges across Dublin. This was up from 70 women and 88 children in 2009.

It also received 433 requests for a refuge place in 2010 -- however, 60pc of these were turned down as the charity's services were already running at maximum capacity.

Crisis

Sonas revealed that it has seen a further 26pc increase in requests for sheltered housing in the first six months of 2011.

Ms Cosgrove, who will publish the charity's 2010 annual report today, said the surge in demand could be attributed in part to the opening of its new crisis refuge in Dublin 15 and another supported housing service in north Dublin. However, the recession also had a part to play.

"Domestic violence often increases in a recession. Increased financial pressure and/or [unemployment](#) can escalate stress and the downturn can be used as an excuse to legitimise controlling behaviours," she said.

The charity said [Ireland](#) lagged far behind European standards, which have one refuge space for each 10,000 people. By this standard, Ireland should have 424 spaces, however there are only 131. Rachel Mullen, chairperson of Sonas, said: "It is a constant challenge to retain a level of service provision for women when there are limited resources."

<http://www.independent.ie/national-news/domestic-violence-charity-turns-away-60pc-of-victims-2860206.html>

All the best from the WAVE office in Vienna!

