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GREETINGS

In this report, we aim to highlight the activities carried out by WWHR in 2022 and offer a summary of the key events and developments pertaining to the women's and feminist movements in which we also take part. As we write these lines, we are infuriated and upset about the devastation caused by the earthquake on the 6th of February. As was the case in 2021, 2022 witnessed an alarming proliferation in hate speech against LGBTI+ people and feminists and an upsurge in judicial harassment, restrictions on freedom of peaceful assembly, violence and lynch culture, and the deepening of economic crisis. In 2022, opposition to gender equality has become the main gambit of the government.

That said, what has taken place in 2022? The struggle against Turkey's withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention in 2021 continued in 2022. The first hearing on the annulment of the Presidential Decision withdrawing Turkey from the Convention was held in April. This hearing went down in history as the most crowded hearing the Council of State had seen. However, the lawlessness that governed the withdrawal process also left its mark on the judicial proceedings. Even though all the Council of State prosecutors who had hitherto stated their opinions during the previous lawsuits had asserted that the decision "must be annulled", the 10th Chamber of the Council of State found the Presidential Decision "in accordance with the law". Over a hundred first-instance court cases are still pending before the





10th Chamber of the Council of State. The government, which centred its arguments regarding the withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention on overt LGBTI+ hostility, set anti-gender and hate politics against LGBTI+ people as its dominant political agenda in 2022. In the “Big Family Meetings” held in İstanbul, İzmir, Konya, Elazığ, and Diyarbakır, calls were made to the government to close down LGBTI+ organizations and associations as well as to prevent and punish any form of public visibility of homosexuality.

Arbitrary detentions and judicial harassment of journalists, politicians, activists, and human rights defenders continued in 2022. Activists who have also contributed significantly to the women’s movement were convicted of “establishing and leading a terrorist organization” within the scope of the Gezi Trial. Judicial harassment also targeted civil society organizations such as Tarlabası Community Center and the Platform to Stop Femicide. That said, civil society organizations, which the judiciary tries to suppress and intimidate, always find a way to form solidarity and continue to be a hope for each other.

In 2022, compared to the previous years, violations of “freedom of peaceful assembly and demonstration” became more intense. The restrictions put in place with the declaration of a state of emergency were later made permanent during the pandemic and turned into “bans” with the criminalization of peaceful protests. In 2022, the number of detentions during protests apexed: 40 people were detained on March 8, 530 people were detained during the Pride Marches organized across Turkey, and 380 people were detained on November 25. Despite all these bans, as women and LGBTI+ people, we did not leave the streets.

In the last month of the year, the government prepared a proposal to amend two articles of the Constitution, namely Article 24 on “freedom of religion and conscience” and Article 41 on “protection of the family and children’s rights”, to institutionalize discrimination and hatred against LGBTI+ people. As we head towards election day, the government, which subscribes to the discourse that sees women as “nothing outside family”, also strengthened its alliance with groups whose politics are overtly hostile against women and LGBTI+ people.

2022 has not been an easy year for women and LGBTI+ people. 2023 will be an important turning point for all our struggles for gender equality. In such a context where oppression, harassment, and violence are increasing, we have an important election on our way. We do not know what will be in the bag for us in 2023, but as WWHR we will keep working with all our strength for gender equality and a more equal and freer life for everyone.

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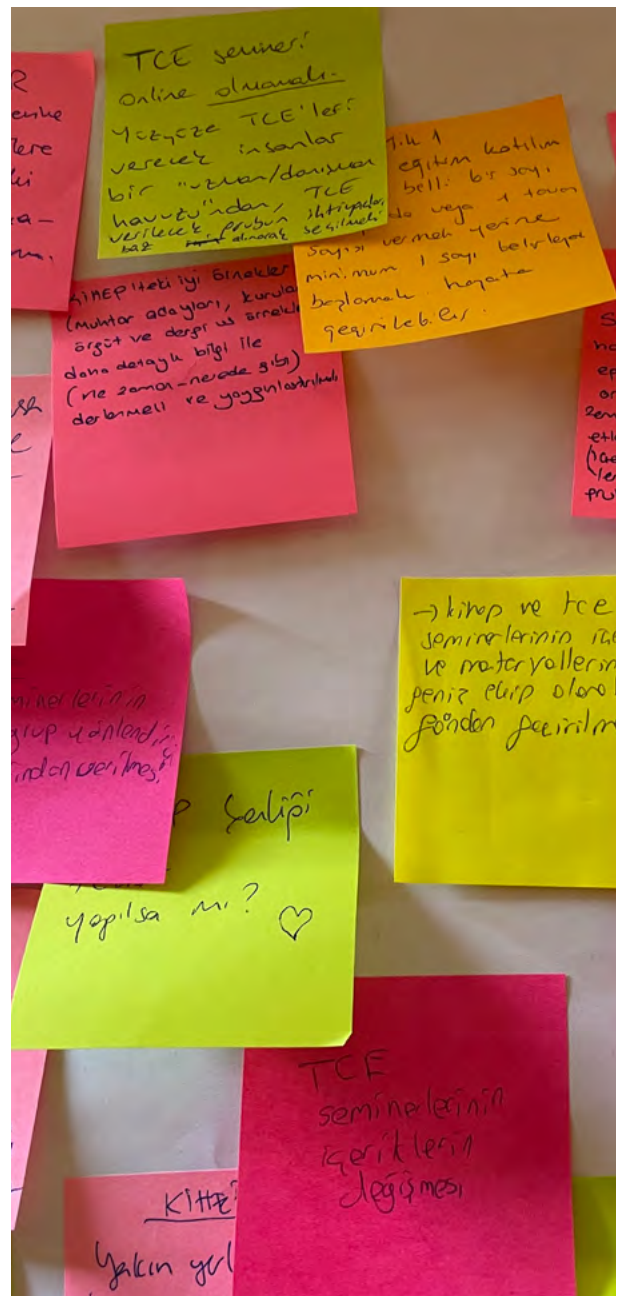
And we repeat one more time: The Istanbul Convention is ours; we are not giving it up!



WHO WE ARE?

WWHR works in collaboration with women's movements and feminist movements in Turkey and worldwide in campaigns organized to ensure that women's rights and gender equality are guaranteed by law, policies focusing on gender equality are developed, and existing legislation is implemented with an egalitarian approach. In addition to local and national advocacy work, our association, which has played an important role in many legal reforms in the past, also establishes networks and carries advocacy work at the United Nations level to create political transformation and international initiatives on issues pertaining to women's rights and gender equality.

WWHR developed the Women's Human Rights Education Program (HREP) in 1995 to facilitate women to exercise their legal rights. This program has been running in different regions of Turkey for 28 years. HREP is one of the most comprehensive and widespread human rights education programs in the world, and it has facilitated the establishment of new independent women's organizations. In addition to HREP group workshops, we are also organizing gender equality seminars, which we developed in 2016 together with municipalities, women's organizations, and private sector institutions.





Since our foundation, we have been carrying out research projects on a national and international level to identify the obstacles that prevent women from exercising their civil, economic, political, sexual, bodily, and reproductive rights and contributing to the formulation of actions and policies to remove these obstacles. Our research, “Being a Woman in the Covid-19 Pandemic: A Research Study”, which focuses on the effects of Covid-19 pandemic on women as well as “Reproductive Healthcare Services for Women and Women’s Experiences with Abortion Research Report”, which tackles women’s approaches to the right to abortion, which have been de facto criminalized for some time now in Turkey, are the most recent examples of our activities regarding feminist knowledge production. As WWHR, we buttress our work with publications which aim to document and share women’s experiences and contribute to the proliferation of women’s political gains, achievements, and successful tactics.

In addition to publications intending to inform the public about the Istanbul Convention, from the day the Convention was opened to public debate in 2020 and following the decision to withdraw from the convention in 2021, we have been supporting the struggle of the feminist movement and the women’s movement with our advocacy work. We will further expand our oral history documentary titled “Remember This Crowd” and continue to share with the public the collective history of feminist struggles in Turkey. The first part of the documentary, which focuses on the Istanbul Convention, will be followed by new episodes addressing the campaigns we have organized/are organizing as part of our feminist struggle throughout the years.

WWHR continues to carry out advocacy work on the Istanbul Convention and to produce and disseminate feminist knowledge on women’s rights, which are constantly under threat.



WHAT DID WE DO IN 2022?

We held the 13th HREP Trainer Training

The training was held in September 2022 with the participation of 23 representatives from municipalities, women's organizations, and mixed NGOs. Ankara Metropolitan Municipality, Muğla Metropolitan Municipality, and 6 other district municipalities, as well as organizations such as the Human Rights Association, the Association of Social Workers, and Purple Solidarity, participated in the training. With this trainer training, the number of trainers in the HREP trainer pool increased and reached 310 trainers from more than 50 provinces.

The participation from 14 cities will contribute not only to strengthening our existing partnerships with local governments and women's organizations and expanding HREP but also to the establishment of new partnerships in different locations.

In 2022, more than 400 women completed 31 HREP group workshops in 9 cities. HREP trainers also initiated 28 group workshops, which will be completed in 2023. As a result, nearly 17,000 women have benefited from the HREP group work we have been implementing since 1995. Our local partners have conducted over 1,000 group workshops in many cities across Turkey.





We held the 12th Evaluation and Planning Meeting with the HREP Trainer Training Group



We held an Evaluation and Future Planning Meeting with the 12th Trainer Training group, which had completed their training in 2021. In this meeting, the trainers who had completed their first group workshops discussed the problems they experienced in the field and suggested solutions. We believe that this meeting has significantly

contributed to implementing HREP in municipalities in Istanbul.

We made fourteen supervision visits to support the trainers who had participated in the 12th HREP Trainer Training and had already begun their first group work.





Gender Equality Seminars Continued



We conducted a two-day orientation training for HREP trainers in İzmir to facilitate their implementation of Gender Equality Seminars.

In 2022, we continued with our Gender Equality Seminars both online and in-person. We reorganized the content of these seminars in line with the needs of women's organizations, municipalities, and beneficiary groups in the private sector.

In collaboration with İzmir Metropolitan Municipality İZSU Directorate, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality İSKİ Directorate, and some private companies, we organized 15 seminars in which nearly 580 members and employees participated. Over 6000 people have benefited from the 127 Gender Equality Seminars that we have conducted so far.





We have improved our institutional collaborations

We have increased the number of partners we work together with to implement HREP and Gender Equality Seminars. This year, eight new municipalities have joined our program with the HREP Trainer Training. These are Ankara Metropolitan, Yenimahalle, Eskişehir Tepebaşı, Mersin Tarsus, Adana Çukurova, Muğla Metropolitan, Balıkesir

Ayvalık, Bursa Nilüfer and Balıkesir Nilüfer Municipalities. We also increased the number of HREP Cooperation Protocols we have signed to 20. The institutions that signed the protocol include 16 municipalities, one private company, one women's organization, one union branch, and one civil society organization.

We held the Gender and Economics Workshop



We organized the workshop “Gender and Economics Workshop: Reassessing Macroeconomics from a Gender Perspective” in cooperation with UN Women. The workshop was open to the participation of political parties, trade unions, and women's organizations. It was attended by 26 participants from the women's branch of Cumhuriyet Halk Partisi, Halkların Demokratik Partisi, İyi Parti, Demokrasi ve Atılım Partisi, Gelecek Partisi, Türkiye İşçi Partisi, Yeşiller Partisi, Yeşiller ve Sol Gelecek Partisi, Confederation of Revolutionary Trade Unions, Confederation of Public Employees' Trade Unions,

Education and Science Union, HREP trainers from various women's organizations, and the WWHR team.

Participants of the three-day workshop improved and strengthened their capacities to apply the information they received on gender, macroeconomics, economic development, and women's participation in the economy within their organizations.

We also completed the Turkish translation of the *Gender and Economics Training Manual* used in the workshops and shared it with the workshop participants.





The lawsuit we filed against the decision to withdraw from the Istanbul Convention is still pending at the Council of State

WWHR filed a lawsuit at the Council of State regarding the annulment of the decision to unlawfully withdraw from the Istanbul Convention. The hearing of some of more than 200 cases pending at the 10th Chamber of the Council of State was held on April 28, 2022. As WWHR, we attended the hearing on April 28th, which was followed by nearly 1000 women lawyers and activists from the women's and LGBTI+ movement. This hearing was the most crowded in the history of the Council of State. We simultaneously shared on social media the police violence outside the courtroom and the incidents in the courtroom. We published the developments regarding the hearings and a detailed analysis of the entire legal process in *the Purple Newsletter*. On the other hand, the case we filed as WWHR is still pending at the 10th Chamber of the Council of State. However, as in many other cases, despite the fact that more than a year has passed, the Council of State has still not set a hearing date for our case.

“Remember This Crowd: The Istanbul Convention” documentary has met with its audience

“Remember This Crowd: Istanbul Convention”, the first part of our documentary series with which we aim to recall the campaigns organized by our feminist struggle and to share our memories with the crowds, met with the audiences. Directed by Burcu Melekoğlu and Vuslat Karan, this episode of the documentary series focuses on the efforts of the feminists from Turkey in the emergence and signing of the Istanbul Convention, starting with the Nahide Opuz case, and our struggle following the decision to withdraw from the convention. The documentary, which we screened at the 2022 Pink Life QueerFest, together with the participation of the directors and the participants of the documentary, has been viewed 16,000 times in 2022.





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We contributed to the Istanbul Convention report through our meetings with the PACE General Rapporteur on Violence against Women and Istanbul Convention Rapporteur Gurmai

As the European Women's Lobby Turkey Coordination, we met with Zita Gurmai, the Rapporteur on Violence against Women and Rapporteur on the Istanbul Convention at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) in Istanbul. In this meeting hosted by Mor Çatı, we contributed to the Istanbul Convention report that Zita Gurmai would prepare for submission to the Council of Europe. PACE adopted [the report](#) in January 2023.

We participated in the CEDAW's 82nd session in which Turkey has been reviewed



After the face-to-face sessions were postponed due to the pandemic as WWHR, we updated [the shadow report](#) we prepared as a member of the CEDAW Civil Society Executive Board and submitted it to the CEDAW Committee in 2022. We also contributed to the thematic shadow report prepared by the Musawah and Havle Women's Association. In June, we attended the 82nd session of CEDAW at the United Nations headquarters in Geneva to follow the sessions in person, presented our shadow report and held discussions with the committee members. While preparing for the sessions, we participated in the

“From Global to Local” training organized by IWRAW Asia Pacific, which provided technical information on CEDAW sessions and advocacy opportunities. We instantly shared the developments of the CEDAW session in Geneva on our social media accounts. Afterwards, we prepared [a press release](#) in which we compiled the highlights of the General Recommendations issued by the CEDAW Committee and shared our analysis with the press. You can read the two-part interview series comprised of our detailed observations on the 82nd session of CEDAW [here](#) on *Bianet's* website.





We contributed to the Turkey report by interviewing Reem Alsalem, UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women and Girls

We contributed in writing to the Turkey report prepared by Reem Alsalem, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women and Girls, Its Causes and Consequences. The report will be delivered to the Human Rights Council in June 2023. Simultaneously, we participated in civil society visits conducted by the Special Rapporteur. WWHR also held a special meeting with Alsalem in Istanbul, where we provided her with detailed information and analysis on gender-based violence, including the decision to withdraw from the Istanbul Convention. We kept on communicating with the Special Rapporteur after her field visit to Turkey. We informed her about the agenda of the feminist and LGBTI+ movements, the recent developments about gender-based violence and the increasing violence against women and LGBTI+ movements in Turkey.





We launched a signature campaign against the discriminatory constitutional amendment proposal and called on the opposition to take action

We called on opposition parties to say “no” to the proposed constitutional amendment with letters and press releases we prepared. The proposal, publicly known as the “headscarf regulation”, was submitted by the government to the Grand National Assembly of Turkey on the 9th of December 2022. 171 women’s and LGBTI+ organizations signed the petition, which we forwarded to all opposition parties. The petition pointed out the dangers of how the constitutional debate will institutionalize discrimination and hate speech against women and LGBTI+ people. We also launched a campaign on social media, calling on all opposition and public actors to object to this proposal, and we propagated our word through the press.



As Feminists for Divorce and Alimony, we stood up for our right to alimony

In the first months of 2022, the government once again brought to the public agenda an amendment of the law that governs women’s right to poverty alimony. Against the government’s intention to limit women’s right to alimony as WWHR, we launched the “Feminists for the Right to Divorce and Alimony” campaign with the participation of feminists and women’s organizations. We prepared a statement in which we evaluated

the amendments in detail and prepared a brief note containing our demands regarding the right to divorce and alimony. We shared the information we prepared with opposition MPs. As a result of the impact of our campaign, which we bolstered with social media content and visuals, and the persistent reactions of women, the government once again backed down from its attacks on the right to alimony.





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As part of the 66th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, we organized a parallel event titled “Imagining a Global Independent Feminist Organization: Obstacles and Opportunities”

Within the scope of the 66th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), which took place in a hybrid format in March 2022, the Beijing+25 Women’s Platform, together with the Women’s Coalition, organized an online parallel event entitled “Imagining a Global Independent Feminist Organization: Obstacles and Opportunities”. As WWHR, we shared with the women’s movement our observations on the 66th session of the CSC and our detailed analysis of the Joint Conclusions at the end of the session with the fact sheet we prepared.

We continued to discuss feminist politics within the scope of our Feminist Gathering series

In 2022, we organized two events as part of our Feminist Gathering series. In the first of these events, titled “Various Faces of Backlash”, with the participation of Deniz Kandiyoti and Alev Özkazanç, we discussed the increasing anti-gender discourses and practices in Turkey and worldwide. In the second event, based on the DEMOS report “From Intersecting Paths to Narrowing Spaces,” together with Güley Bor and Nisan Alıcı, we discussed the peace struggles of women and LGBTI+ organizations in Turkey.



FEMİNİST BULUŞMALAR

#FeministBuluşmalar

Güley Bor ve Nisan Alıcı ile
“Kesişen Yollardan Daralan Alanlara:
Türkiye’de Kadın ve LGBTİ+
Örgütlerinin Barış Mücadelesi”
üzerine konuşuyoruz.

Tarih: 26 Mart Cumartesi Saat: 14:00

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Deniz Kandiyoti ve Alev Özkazanç ile
“Geri Tepmenin Çeşitli Yüzleri”
üzerine konuşuyoruz

Tarih: 16 Nisan Cumartesi Saat: 14:00

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We initiated the My Right to Abortion project



Supported by the Safe Abortion Action Fund (SAAF), we began working on a new project in collaboration with Mor Çatı and Women on the Web. This new project aims to create informative content on access to the right to abortion, to influence policy development processes, to share best practices from

around the world, and to disseminate rights-based approaches, especially among health workers and medical students, regarding the right to safe abortion. Our preparations for implementing the project, which will be launched in October 2023, are ongoing.

We organized International Network Experience Sharing Webinars with the CISU Platform



We organized “International Network Experiences Webinars” together with the Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights Platform of Turkey (CISU). We are a member of the executive board of CISU. In these webinars, we came together with different organizations working in sexual rights, sexual and reproductive health, and shared our experiences. We also conversed on disability and sexual rights advocacy with CREA, Sruti Disability Center and Deaf Women Included, and talked about abortion rights advocacy and networking in the abortion movement with Safe Abortion Action Fund (SAAF).





We visited relevant institutions in Brussels together with the CISU Platform

Together with the CISU Platform, we visited various European Union and Council of Europe institutions in Brussels, such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation Europe and Central Asia Network (IPPF EN), the European AIDS Treatment Group, the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (EPF). We shared our advocacy experiences in sexual and reproductive health rights.



Together with Kaos GL and the 17 Mayis Association, we organized the Solidarity Keeps Us Alive Forum

Within the scope of the One Day One Struggle (ODOS) Campaign, which is organized by the Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR) every year on November 9th, we organized a forum titled "Solidarity Keeps Us Alive" together with Kaos GL and 17 Mayis Association. In this forum, we discussed the effects of poverty on our lives, the pressure that strong family discourses exert on us, and our ideas and future visions regarding the upcoming elections.





We strengthened and increased the solidarity against the lawsuits filed to shut down civil society organizations



We participated in campaigns against the closure lawsuits filed against the Tarlabası Community Center and the Platform to Stop Femicide on the grounds of “violation of law and morality” and actively monitored the

hearings. We also continued to report to human rights mechanisms the increasing judicial harassment experienced by civil society organizations working for gender equality.

On Pride Week, we said, “Our Struggle Cannot Be Banned”

As part of 2022 Istanbul Pride Week, we organized a panel titled “The End of the World as We Know It: Challenging Anti-Gender Ideologies” with Kaos GL. Together with the speakers Çağla Akdere and Arya Zencefil, we discussed the intersections between trans-exclusionary and anti-immigrant



discourses and how these discourses that attack our rights and lives converge across borders. We published [the statement](#) we prepared against arbitrary detentions during the Pride March and reported the violations to international human rights mechanisms.





“What is male violence? Mini Dictionary” reached many women

Homofobi nedir?

Bu terim, eşcinsellere yönelik önyargı ve nefreti anlatır. Eşcinselleri ve eşcinselliği aşağılayan, hakaret ya da komedi unsuru olarak gören söylem ve eylemlerin tümünü içerir. Nefret söylemi ve nefret suçları ile yakından ilişkilidir. Bireysel ve psikolojik bir korkudan ziyade, toplumsal hiyerarşilerden güç alan, o hiyerarşileri sürekli olarak yeniden üreten bir toplumsaldır. Homofobi adlı ve doğrudan bir yaşamı savunan herkesin sorunudur. Homofobi kavramı bir süre özellikle sosyal psikolojide tüm LGBTİ+lara karşı nefret ve önyargıyı tanımlayan bir kavram olarak görüldü de, homofobi, bifobi ve transfobi birbiri ile ilişkili ancak ayrı kavramlardır.

Kaynak: Karo Gü.

Kadına yönelik şiddet, erkek şiddeti ve eril şiddet nedir?

Kadına yönelik şiddet kavramsallaştırması, uygulanan şiddetin farkını ortaya koyması ve buna karşı stratejiler geliştirilmesi bakımından önemli bulunmakla birlikte şiddetin failini vurgulamaması ve şiddete maruz kalan kadınların “magdur” ya da “kurban” olarak görülmesini kolaylaştırması nedeniyle eleştirilmiş ve özellikle politik alanda yerini erkek şiddeti kavramına bırakmaya başlamıştır. Bu noktada dikkat çekilmesi gereken erkek şiddetinin, eril şiddetten farklı olarak toplumsal cinsiyete dayalı her tür şiddete değil, erkekler tarafından kadınlara uygulanan şiddete karşılık geliyor olmasıdır. Eril şiddet zaman zaman erkek şiddeti ile aynı anlamda gelecek şekilde kullanılan bir kavram olmakla birlikte sadece kadına yönelik şiddet değil, LGBTİ+lara yönelik şiddet, fiziksel ve cinsel yönden çocuk istismarı, akraba zorbalığı, yetişkin erkekler arası şiddet biçimleri ve siyasi şiddet gibi farklı şiddet biçimlerini de kapsar.

Kaynak: Tamerel Bektaş ve Kadane Yılmaz (Sedici) Sorununa Dönük Bir Yaklaşımda Doğru.

Erkek şiddetinin sebebi nedir?

Erkek şiddetinin temelinde toplumsal cinsiyet eşitsizliği ve kadınlarla erkekler arasında ataeril toplum yapısından kaynaklanan asimetrik güç ilişkisi bulunur. Eğer kişiler arasında eşitsiz bir ilişki, hiyerarşik bir eşitsizlik varsa eşit olmayan taraf şiddete açık hale gelir. Erkek şiddeti, patriyarkayı sürdürme işlevini görür. Dolayısıyla güç dengesizliğini devam ettirmede de önemli bir araç olarak kullanılır. Erkek şiddeti psikolojik bir sorun değildir, öfke kontrolü, alkol tedavisi, terapi gibi yöntemlerle tedavi etmek yerine toplumsal cinsiyet eşitsizliğini sağlamaya çalışarak mücadele etmek gerekir.

Psikolojik şiddet nedir?

Kişinin bedeninden çok ruh sağlığını hedef alan şiddet türü psikolojik şiddettir. Sürekli olarak bağlamak, korkutmak, küfür veya hakaret etmek, alayla, arkadaşlarla, komşularla görüştürmemek, giyim tarzıyla ilgili baskı yapmak, eve hapsedmek, çocuklardan uzaklaştırmak, kışkırtıcı bahanesiyle sürekli kontrol altında tutmak, başkalarıyla kıyaslamak, sevdiği eşya ve hayvanlara zarar vermek, tehdit etmek, şantaj yapmak, aynı şekilde düşünmeye zorlamak gibi eylemlerle karşı karşıysanız psikolojik şiddet görüyorsunuz demektir.

Cinsel şiddet nedir?

Kişinin cinselliğini hedef alan ve onu istemediği cinsel içerikli davranışlara maruz bırakan her tür davranış cinsel şiddettir. Çocukların cinsel istismarı, tecavüz, evlilik içi tecavüz, cinsel saldırı, cinsel taciz, cinsel organlara zarar vermek, zorla cinsel içerikli yayın izletmek, cinsel organları rahatsızlık verici şekilde teşhir etmek, çocuk doğurmaya/doğurmamaya zorlamak, kürtaja zorlamak veya kürtaj yaptırmasına engel olmak, fuhuşa zorlamak, zorla evlendirmek, bekaret kontrolü ve benzeri eylemler, cinsel şiddet olarak tanımlanır.

Dijital şiddet nedir?

Cep telefonunuza sürekli mesaj gönderiyor ya da sizin sürekli ona mesaj göndermenizi istiyorsa, ısrarı bir şekilde cep telefonunuzu anyorsa, telefonunuza uygulama yükleyip sizi takip ediyorsa, iletişim bilgilerinizi sizin razınız olmadan başkalarıyla paylaşıyorsa, çıplak fotoğraflarınızı çekiyor veya tehdit ediyorsa, sosyal medya hesaplarınızı kanişiyor, ortak kullanmaya zorluyor veya şifrelerinizi istiyorsa, sosyal medyada gizli hesaplar açarak sizi rahatsız ediyorsa, sosyal medyada sizi küçük düşüren davranışlarda bulunuyorsa dijital şiddet görüyorsunuz demektir.

In cooperation with Çankaya Municipality, we have collected informative content on male violence in a brochure we prepared for dissemination on social media. These brochures printed by Çankaya Municipality continue to be distributed in municipal events and activities. Our association printed ten thousand copies of *What is Male Violence? Mini Dictionary* and distributed these to many women's organizations in different provinces.



We organized a Digital Literacy and Campaign Training



In collaboration with Facebook, we organized a Digital Literacy and Campaign Training on 22-23 and 25 February 2022. The training, which was organized for CSOs working in the field of women's rights, covered many topics, from examples of social media campaigns to digital communities and the

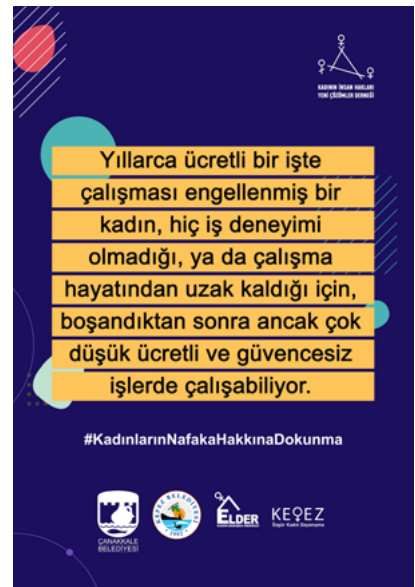
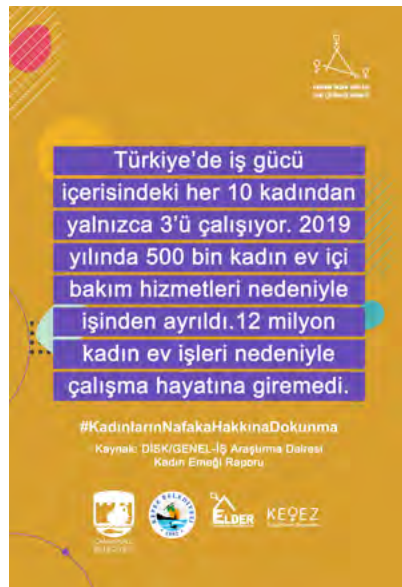
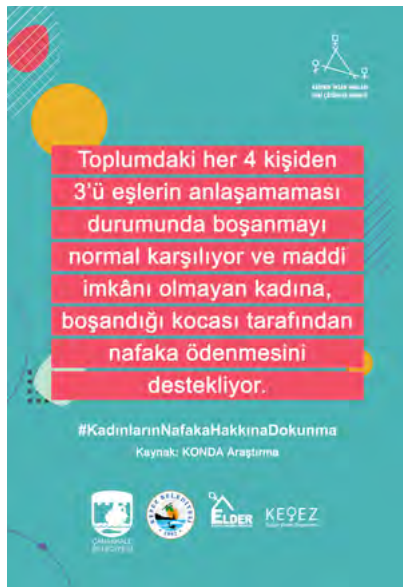
basics of digital campaigning.

Women's organizations that participated in this training learned how to use their social media accounts more effectively and how to reach a wider audience with their campaigns.

We are not giving up our right to alimony!

In recent months, we have put the issue of alimony back on our agenda following the news that the Civil Code will be amended. We adapted the videos we prepared into posters and billboards and displayed them at bus stops and on the streets of

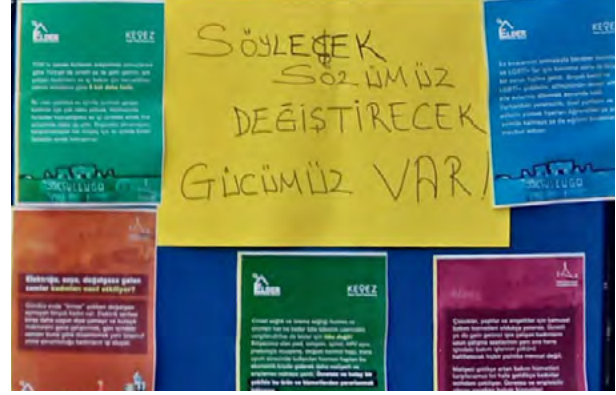
Çanakkale in cooperation with Kepez Free Women's Solidarity and ELDER. We also prepared billboards on the right to alimony in cooperation with Şişli Municipality and displayed the facts about alimony on the streets of Şişli.





We raised our voices against poverty

During this period, when the impact of the economic crisis on our lives is felt immensely, as WWHR, we prepared content on how women and LGBTI+ people are affected by deepening poverty and shared what we produced on our social media accounts. Before the International Workers Day, the visuals we prepared were exhibited on the streets of Çanakkale with the cooperation of Kepez Free Women's Solidarity and ELDER.



Our website on the Istanbul Convention, istanbulsozlesmesi.org, has been launched



On the anniversary of August 1, the date when the Istanbul Convention took effect in Turkey, we launched our website <https://istanbulsozlesmesi.org>, where we gathered information and documents on the preparation of the Istanbul Convention, Turkey's process of becoming a party to the convention, the establishment and activities of the Istanbul Convention Monitoring Platform, as well

as the essential documents and reports on the Convention. The website also includes audio-visual materials produced by the WWHR on the Convention and information and documents about Turkey's withdrawal from the Convention. At the same time, we updated the chronology section, where we recorded the day-by-day developments in the process of withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention.





We participated in the WikiGap workshop hosted by the Consulate General of Sweden



WikiGap is an effort to make the internet a more gender-equal platform by improving the representation of women on Wikipedia, the world's largest online encyclopedia.

Wikipedia has 1.7 million biographies, but only 20% of them are about women. This points to the need for more information on women who have achieved significant accomplishments, the limited visibility of women in the media, and the limited information available to the public. The WikiGap event aims to fill this gap.

As WWHR, we participated in the WikiGap workshop hosted by the Consulate General of Sweden on October 8 and learned about the content production processes and the gender gap in Wikipedia. We also stepped towards closing this gap by producing content for Wikipedia.

The content we produced on “What is Male Violence” has been displayed on the streets of Çanakkale

We continued to disseminate our informative content on male violence in different formats, which we prepared to share on social media during November, including the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on November 25th. With the support of ELDER, Kepez Free Women's Solidarity, Çanakkale Municipality and Kepez Municipality, our “What is Male Violence?” content was placed at bus stops and on billboards in Kepez and central Çanakkale.



TEAM ACTIVITIES

We came together at WWHR Camp

As 15 WWHR team members, we came together in Şile Ağva on May 28-29-30, 2022. As in the WWHR camp we held in 2021, we had the opportunity to discuss the topics we wanted. Of course, we did not miss the nature walks. It was very good for all of us to talk and debate away from the city and the hustle without worrying about limited time. The main topic of the 2022 camp was the evaluation of the past strategic plan period. We had the opportunity to discuss

the evaluation of the past four-year period together with the evaluations of our external stakeholders and the internal evaluations of the team. Our evaluation exercise did not end in the camp; the same group came together again in Istanbul on August 10-11, 2022, to complete the process. With this additional meeting, we completed the evaluation phase and became ready to make new plans for the next strategic plan period.

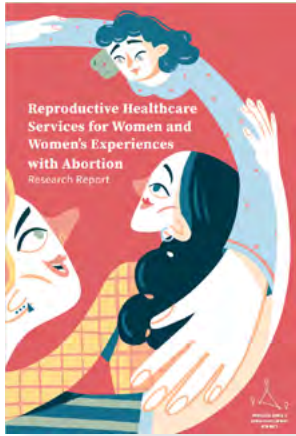


OUR NEW AND UPDATED PUBLICATIONS AND VIDEOS

Brochures

- What is Male Violence? Mini Dictionary

Reports



- Reproductive Healthcare Services for Women and Women's Experiences with Abortion Research Report



- One Day One Struggle Report: "Gender from Feminism to Queer Theory"

- Written Input for SR VAW's Country Visit to Turkey

Translations

- The Istanbul Convention and the CEDAW framework: A comparison of measures to prevent and combat violence against women



Brief Notes, Press Bulletins, Statements

- Amendments Proposed by the Ruling Party that are against Gender Equality cannot be in Women's Favor! ([Toplumsal Cinsiyet Eşitliğine Karşı Bir İktidarın Boşanma ve Nafaka Konularındaki Düzenlemeleri Kadınların Lehine Olamaz!](#))
- Information Note on the Amendment about divorce and Alimony ([Boşanma ve Nafaka Düzenlemelerine dair Bilgi Notu](#))
- Opinion on the Information Request by TİHEK ([TİHEK'ten Gelen Bilgi Talebine İlişkin Görüşümüz](#))
- Our Assessment of TİHEK's Information Request for 2021 Discrimination Report ([TİHEK 2021 Yılı Ayrımcılıkla Mücadele Raporu Bilgi Belge Talebine cevabımız](#))
- We Insist on Peace! ([Barış için ısrar ediyoruz!](#))
- Istanbul Convention is Ours. We Don't Give Up the Istanbul Convention! ([İstanbul Sözleşmesi Bizim. İstanbul Sözleşmesi'nden Vazgeçmiyoruz!](#))
- Information Note – Our Assessment of the Amendments Made to Turkish Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure ([Türk Ceza Kanunu ile Ceza Muhakemeleri Kanunu'nda Yapılan Değişikliklere İlişkin Değerlendirmelerimizi İçeren Bilgi Notu](#))
- Brief Note: The 66th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women [Kadının Statüsü Komisyonu'nun \(KSK\) 66. Oturumu Bilgi Notu](#)
- 8th Periodic Review of Turkey at the 82nd session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) by UN Concluded with the Active Participation of Women's and LGBTI+ Organizations ([BM Kadına Karşı Her Türlü Ayrımcılığın Ortadan Kaldırılması Sözleşmesi'nin \(CEDAW\) 82. Oturumu'nda gerçekleşen Türkiye'nin 8'inci Gözden Geçirilmesi Kadın ve LGBTI+ Örgütlerinin Aktif Katılımıyla Sona Erdi.](#))
- Our Resistance Cannot Be Banned, Happy Pride Month ([Direnişimiz Yasaklanamaz, Onur Ayımız Kutlu Olsun.](#))
- Key Findings of EU Commission 2022 Report on Turkey about Gender Equality, LGBTI+ Rights and Freedom of Organization and Expression ([Avrupa Birliği Komisyonu 2022 Türkiye Raporu'ndan toplumsal cinsiyet eşitliği, örgütlenme ve ifade özgürlüğü ve LGBTI+ haklarına ilişkin öne çıkan tespitler](#))
- We Will Continue Our Struggle Until All Women Live Free from Violence. Against Hate, We Insist on Life! ([Tüm Kadınlar Şiddetten Uzak Bir Hayat Kuruncaya Kadar Mücadele Etmeye Devam Edeceğiz. Nefrete İnat, Yaşasın Hayat!](#))
- Press Statement: WWHR Sent a Letter to Opposition Parties titled "We Say No to the Amendment to the Constitution Proposed by the Ruling Party" ([Basın Bülteni: Kadının İnsan Hakları – Yeni Çözümler Derneği "İktidarın Meclise Sunduğu Anayasa Değişikliğine Hayır Diyoruz" Başlıklı Mektubu Muhalefet Partilerine Gönderdi](#))
- As Women's and LGBTI+ Organizations, We Call on Opposition Parties: NO to the Constitutional Amendment! [Kadın ve LGBTI+ Örgütleri Olarak Muhalefet Partilerine Çağrımızdır: Anayasa Değişikliğine HAYIR!](#)
- 171 Women's and LGBTI+ Organizations Call Opposition Parties to Say: No to the Amendment to the Constitution ([171 Kadın ve LGBTI+ Örgütü Olarak Muhalefet Partilerine Çağrımızdır: Anayasa Değişikliğine HAYIR](#))
- Press Release: Letter from Women's Human Rights Association (WWHR) to İYİ Party and CHP MPs, especially Akşener and Kılıçdaroğlu: No to the Constitutional Amendment! [Basın Bülteni: Kadının İnsan Hakları – Yeni Çözümler Derneği'nden \(KİH-YÇ\) Akşener ve Kılıçdaroğlu başta olmak üzere İYİ Parti ve CHP'li milletvekillerine mektup: Anayasa Değişikliğine Hayır!](#)





Videos



Remember This Crowd: The Istanbul Convention

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNVYwdg-yl8>



WWHR Promo Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7Aah92U73o>



Women's Reproductive Health Services Abortion Experiences

<https://youtu.be/Do6iiNR3T-4>

On September 29th, Safe Abortion Day, we shared the video, which we compiled from the findings of the Reproductive Healthcare Services for Women and Women's Experiences with Abortion Research Report, on our social media accounts and in our mail groups.





Two of our videos are now accessible to the visually impaired with audio description

Our promo video and Information on the Right to Alimony are now available in audio-described versions for our visually impaired followers.



WWHR Promo Video with audio description:

<https://youtu.be/K9MSz5lFGq0>



Information on the Right to Alimony with audio-description:

<https://youtu.be/finBNlzywaQ>





"Sözün yükünü taşı"r

TÜMÜ BEÇİM 2023 MARIŞ DEPREMİ ÖZEL GÜNCEL POLİTİKA TOPLUMSAL CİNSİYET

Ana Sayfa - Mergel

Feminist hareketin tarihine yolculuk: Bu Kalabalığı Hatırla

6 Ekim 2022 Pazartesi - 16:16 - Mergel, Toplumsal Cinsiyet



Türkiye'deki feminist hareketin tarihine yolculuk yapmayı amaçlayan "Bu Kalabalığı Hatırla" belgesel serisinin ilk bölümü yayınlandı.

Kadın İnsan Hakları - Yeni Çözümler Derneği'nin yapımcılığını, Vuslat Karan ve Burcu Melekoğlu'nun yönetmenliğini üstlendiği "Bu Kalabalığı Hatırla" belgesel serisinin ilk bölümü paylaşıldı.

Feminist hareketin tarihinde yaptığı kampanyaların yeniden hatırlatıldığı belgeselde, yıllar geçtikçe büyüyen ortak mücadeleye de ışık tutuldu.

Serinin ilk bölümünde geçtiğimiz yıla damga vuran ve hala kadınların gündeminde olan İstanbul Sözleşmesi'nin tarihi serüvenine odaklanıldı.

Belgeselde, Nahide Opuz davasından başlayarak İstanbul Sözleşmesi'nin ortaya çıkışı ve imzalanmasında Türkiye'deki feministlerin emekleri, yine İstanbul Sözleşmesi'nden Türkiye'nin resmi olarak çıkma kararı verdiği süreçte kadınların verdiği mücadele yeniden hatırlatıldı.

Belgesel, "İstanbul Sözleşmesi Bizim" sloganın ardındaki tarihi, Feride Acar, Canan Arın, Şehnaz Kıymaz Bahçeci, Meral Caniş Beştaş, Feride Eralp ve Yıldız Tar'ın yorumuyla izleyiciyle buluşturuyor.



Anasayfa - Belediye Haberleri - Kadıköy'de Kadın İnsan Hakları Eğitim Programı

Kadıköy'de Kadının İnsan Hakları Eğitim Programı

Türkiye ve dünyadaki en kapsamlı insan hakları eğitim programlarından biri olan Kadın İnsan Hakları Eğitim Programı (KİHEP) Kadıköy'de başladı. Bu yıl 6'ncısı düzenlenen program Kadıköy Belediyesi ve KİHEP Yeni Çözümler Derneği işbirliğiyle 27 Aralık'a kadar devam edecek.



BELEDİYE HABERLERİ KADIN - AİLE MARMARA BÖLGESİ BÜYÜKŞEHİR İLÇE BELEDİYELERİ

2 Kasım 2022 0 Yorum

Kadıköy Belediyesi'nin kadına yönelik ayrımcılığa karşı sürdürdüğü çalışmalarından birisi olan "Kadın İnsan Hakları Eğitim Programı", KİHEP Yeni Çözümler Derneği ile 2017 yılında yapılan protokol kapsamında tekrar başladı. Bu yıl 6'ncısı gerçekleştirilen program 27 Aralık'a kadar toplamda 16 hafta boyunca sürecek ve kadınların özel ve kamusal alanlarda haklarını kullanabilmesine, hak ihlallerini önleyebilmesine ve toplumsal, hukuki ve siyasi değişime yönelik örgütlenmeler oluşturmalarına katkı sağlayacak. Kadıköy Belediyesi Sosyal Destek Hizmetleri Müdürlüğü bünyesinde sürdürülen programda konunun uzmanı eğitimcileri kadınlar farklı temalarla bir araya geliyor. Kadına karşı şiddet ve aile içi şiddet, şiddete karşı stratejiler, iletişim, doğurganlık hakları, anayasal ve medeni haklar, toplumsal cinsiyete dayalı çocuk eğitimi ve çocuk hakları, kadının ekonomik hakları, kadın ve cinsellik, kadın ve siyaset, feminizm ve kadın hareketi ve kadın örgütlenmesi gibi başlıklarla süren programda kadınlar hem birlikte öğrenip, hem de deneyimlerini paylaşıyor. Böylece kadınlar eğitimci olarak haklarını bilecek, gelecekteki çözümleri 'sözlü' yasalar değil, ulusal ve uluslararası yazılı yasalarla koruma altına alınmış haklarını öğrenecek, bunu günlük hayata geçirecek stratejiler geliştirebilecek.

Program, aynı zamanda yasal okur-yazarlık konusunda da farkındalık yaratmayı, kadınların kendi kendini güçlendirmesine destek olmayı ve hem grup üyeleri hem de ülkedeki diğer KİHEP grup katılımcıları arasında dayanışmayı geliştirmeyi de hedefliyor. Kadınların bir arada daha güçlü olduklarının farkında olarak haklarını bilmesi ve dayanışmacı bir bakış açısıyla, birlikte öğrenmenin ve tartışmanın değerli olduğu gerçeğinden yola çıkarak geliştirilen projeye katılım için, Kadıköy Belediyesi Rasinpaşa Sosyal Hizmet Merkezi'nin 2163491189 nolu telefonundan bilgi alınabilir.



CANLI YAYIN YAYIN AKISI İLETİŞİM KÜNYE

'İstanbul Sözleşmesi' web sitesi yayınlandı

Kadın İnsan Hakları - Yeni Çözümler Derneği'nin; İstanbul Sözleşmesi'nin hazırlanması, imzalanması ve Türkiye'nin sözleşmeden çekilme sürecine ilişkin bilgileri derledikleri bilgilere yer verdiği internet sitesi yayında.

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Kadın İnsan Hakları - Yeni Çözümler Derneği'nin İstanbul Sözleşmesi'nin hazırlanması, sözleşmeyi Türkiye'nin imzalaması, İstanbul Sözleşmesi İzleme Platformu'nun kuruluşu ve çalışmaları, sözleşme ile ilgili temel doküman ve raporlar, dernek olarak sözleşme ile ilgili ürettiğimiz görsel, işitsel materyaller, Türkiye'nin sözleşmeden çekilme sürecine ilişkin bilgi ve belgeleri derledikleri web sitesi www.istanbulsozlesmesi.org yayında.

Site, İstanbul Sözleşmesi'nin Türkiye'de yürürlüğe girmesinin yıl dönümü olan 1 Ağustos tarihinde açıldı. Kadın İnsan Hakları - Yeni Çözümler Derneği tarafından yapılan açıklamada, "Açılan bu sitenin, İstanbul Sözleşmesi'nin yeniden imzalandığı, uygulandığı ve toplumsal cinsiyet temelli şiddetin son bulduğu bir dünya için verdiğimiz mücadelemize bir katkısı olmasını diliyoruz. Şiddetsiz bir dünya için feminist dayanışmamızı büyütmemiz dileğiyle" denildi.



GÜNCEL SİYASAL ÖZETİ SANDIK BAKLARIYLA VAR GALERİ GÜNÜN... BİZ KİMİZ?

GÜNDEM

192 siyasetçiye, iktidarın anayasa değişikliğine 'hayır de' çağrısı

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Kadın İnsan Hakları - Yeni Çözümler Derneği kamuoyunda "bayırtı düzenlemesi" olarak anılan tefdiye karşı muhalefet partilerini "hayır" demeye çağırdı

Kadın İnsan Hakları - Yeni Çözümler Derneği (KİH-YÇ), AKP, MHP, BBP'nin 336 milletvekili imzasıyla TBMM Başkanlığına sunduğu Anayasa'nın 24. ve 25. maddelerinde değişiklik yapılması ve çocuk hakları 41. maddelerinde değişiklik önerilerini içeren, kamuoyunda "bayırtı düzenlemesi" olarak anılan tefdiye karşı muhalefet partilerini "hayır" demeye çağırdı.

Kadın İnsan Hakları - Yeni Çözümler Derneği, Cumhuriyet Halk Partisi, İktidarın Demokratik Partisi, Türkiye İçi Partisi, İy Parti, Demokratik ve Anlam Partisi, Gelenekçi Partisi genel başkanlarına, milletvekillerine, parti yöneticilerine ve bağışta bulunanlara hitaben 192 siyasetçiye iktidarın anayasa değişikliği teklifine "hayır" demesi gerektiğini belirten bir mektup gönderdi.

KİH-YÇ gönderdiği mektupta "Yasal haklarımızı daha kullanmadığımız, kadına yönelik şiddetin cezai ceza ile sonuçlandırıldığı, çocukların 'evlilik' adı altında istismar edildiği ve bu meselelerin 'insani bir durum' desekle başka taraflardan meşrulaştırılmaya çalışıldığı; bir ortamda sunulan bu anayasa teklifine temelden itirazımız var. İktidarın Anayasamızın eşitlik ve hüriyet ilkeleriyle çelişen bir şekilde kadınların kük kıyafetini düzenleyen ve kadınlar arasında dindardır olmanın zıttını yapmasının önünü açan, LGBTİ+ baskılarına yönelik tedbirleri anayasaya dahil ederek ayrımcılık ve şiddet meşrulaştırmaya çalışan bu iktidarın toplumsal cinsiyet eşitliğine ve aileye bağlı açısını yarıstarak teklifine 'hayır' diyoruz. sizlerin de 'hayır' demenizi bekliyoruz" dedi.

Fotoğraf: Kadıköy'de kadınlar



MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND GATHERINGS



We did presentations on gender equality upon the invitation of various non-governmental organizations, platforms, and student clubs.

- We supported fourteen students who contacted us for their projects or dissertations.
- At the event organized by the 3H Movement, we presented the Reproductive Healthcare Services for Women and Women's Experiences with Abortion Research Report.
- We did a presentation about our association's archive in the "Archiving as a Form of Action" session at the Archive and Memory Seminars organized by Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality.
- We talked about our experiences and HREP at a meeting on gender inequalities and women's organizations which Özyeğin University held.
- We presented HREP at Felisa Tibbits' lecture at Columbia University.
- We did a presentation on the Istanbul Convention at Protect Defenders.
- At the Health and Social Services Workers Trade Union, we shared the results and policy recommendations about our research titled "Being a Woman in the COVID-19 Pandemic".
- At the Turkish Health and Family Planning Foundation (TAPV), we shared the results of the Reproductive Healthcare Services for Women and Women's Experiences with Abortion Research Report.
- We presented our association's archive at a panel organized by the Women's Library and Information Centre Foundation.
- At the meeting organized by Altınbaş University TOKAMER (Gender and Women's Studies Application and Research Center), we presented the research on "Being a Woman in the COVID-19 Pandemic".



- At the Harvest Art Workshop, we did a presentation on violence against women in Turkey, and we talked about HREP as an example of the struggle against this violence.
- We gave a speech on the Istanbul Convention at the December 5th Summit organized by Kadir Has University.
- We did a presentation on the women's movement in Turkey at the youth research event organized by Hafıza Merkezi.
- We gave a speech on women's rights in Turkey and the Istanbul Convention at the Human Rights Day Conference organized by the German Consulate.
- We gave a speech on Violence against Women in Turkey at the talk organized by Gelibolu Health Tourism Culture and Art Association and Gelibolu Municipality City Council Women's Assembly.
- We talked about HREP in the Feminist Social Work course at Hacettepe University.
- We shared the results of the Reproductive Healthcare Services for Women and Women's Experiences with Abortion Research Report at the panel on Access to Safe Abortion in Turkey organized by Bahçeşehir University Human Rights Club.
- We gave a speech on gender equality and HREP at Istanbul University Social Responsibility Days.
- In a talk organized by members of Amnesty International, we talked about violence against women and the Istanbul Convention.
- We participated in the Panel on Violence against Women and Practices of Struggle organized by the Istanbul City Council Women's Assembly, of which we are a steering committee member, and Kadir Has University.





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