Members Update, Issue 8

Do you have any suggestions of what to share with members? Email us at: info@wide-network.org

Any member interested in this year long European exchange on dismantling fake news intersected with gender, with a first meeting 16-18 July in Seville, Spain?

WIDE+ is part of a European project with Transform! members to: "Dismantling Fake News to Stop Hatred: Education for the Inclusion of Adult Women in Risk of Exclusion", led by Fundación Europa de los Ciudadanos in Spain.

It is part of a year long exchange with 4 exchange meeting. Due to COVID-19 this project has had a long delay in kick-starting the meetings. The first upcoming meeting is between 16-18 July in Seville, Spain. Would any member be interested to take part in this exchange on behalf of WIDE+ together with its coordinator Gea Meijers? Travel and stay will be reimbursed.

Selection is based on first come, first served principle. WIDE+ hopes that there is a member in our network keen to engage in this consortium with this topic! Kindly write to Gea Meijers, gea.meijers23@gmail.com

For more about the project

View WIDE+ Solidarity Statement for the Civil Society in Belarus, 2021

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The unfair elections in Belarus took place almost a year ago and the situation of repression has since only gotten worse. We believe the struggle for a free and democratic Belarus is far from decided and would like to express our solidarity with people, feminists, young and old women, female activists, the women’s movement, people fighting for freedom of speech and members of the LGBTQI* community.

We support the fight for a rights-based Belarusian society, in which everybody has the influence over the decisions affecting their lives and livelihoods. We extend our solidarity with female activists, who have face ill-treatment in detention and who have faced prison sentences resulting from unfounded criminal persecutions. We support all democratization efforts from public society in Belarus working towards a feminist future, peace and human security.

We stand in solidarity with the feminist movement of Belarus fighting to address unequal power relations and that oppose economic, social, sexual generation and ethnic discrimination. People of Belarus have been opposing repression and violence; we admire women who have used non-violent and peaceful ways to push for human rights, freedom and dignity. We stand in solidarity with the women protesters of Belarus in their fights against patriarchal attitudes, re-traditionalization of society and repression of human rights.

View the video here

#solidaritywithbelarus

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Claudia Thallmayer, WIDE+ Austria, Austria
Two New Publications available in English from RED Latinas’ activities in 2020 to promote the resistance of migrant women

Read about the Political School with its two modules “Migration, Citizenship and Participation” and “Migrant Women Confronting Violence”.

Read about the online webinars on the COVID-19: Structural Violence against and Resistance of Migrant Women in Spain and Europe

WIDE+ Annual 2020 Report Now Available

This report describes the activities of WIDE+ for 2020 categorized according to the strategic priorities the WIDE+ membership agreed to work on in 2020. Of course, the WIDE+ network was hugely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; the first chapter will explain in which ways.

The second chapter focuses on WIDE+’s work around feminist economics. WIDE+ promotes a feminist socio-economic vision and policies that prioritize care and solidarity concerns to ensure that care work primarily done by women is truly valued.

The final two chapters focus on other key priorities of WIDE+. WIDE+ promotes an intersectional feminist approach that acknowledges the multiple discriminations that impact many women and gender non-conforming persons, aiming to contribute to feminist movement building for all people. WIDE+ will continue to promote movement building among migrant feminists in Europe, which is the topic of the fourth chapter.

Download the report here.
Strengthening Innovative Solutions to Protect Female Migrant and Refugee Rights

**WIDE+ Annual Report 2020**

»We as women need to organize and learn about our rights, so that we will no longer be exploited«
Interview with Jacqueline Amaya Rengifo, The Association of Female Domestic Workers of Seville (Spain)

»That situation for LGBTQI* people in Georgia makes you feel like a secondary citizen and a person deprived of main rights«
Interview with Giorgi Tabagari, Tbilisi Pride Co-founder (Georgia)

MEMBERS AND PARTNER NEWS
New Report by Red Latinas and partners (in Spanish): journeys of migrant women facing Gender Based Violence

"Pull the thread" is a report completed by Red Latinas and their partner, AIETI and it is completed with an interactive site. The website includes various audios of the women participating in the study, woven through the metaphor of tissue, whose objective is to highlight the main results of the investigation and an awareness, find out more [here](image above is from the site).

This report serves to denounce sexist violence in general and institutional violence that weighs on migrant women in particular, given their under-citizenship. It provides a reflection on answers that were created from the quantitative research RED Latinas and its members undertook in 2018 and updated in 2020 on "Migrant Women Victims of Gender Based Violence in Spain". Through a qualitative analysis the report aims to answer questions as: 'What accounts for the greater impact of violence on migrant women and the lower number of protection migrant women receive by police and the judicial system? What are the barriers for migrant women to receive support and protection.

This report consists of four large blocks. The first includes the objectives and methodology of research, mainly of a qualitative nature. The second block contains 19 life stories of migrant women victims of sexist violence, arranged according to of three typologies: gender violence within the framework of partner or ex-partner relationships,
other forms of sexist violence, such as sexual harassment at work or gender-based violence within the framework of international protection. The third block presents the theoretical reflections and practices that emanate from the stories, by way of conclusions that invite us to continue thinking on this crucial issue. Finally, a series of recommendations are presented aimed at the public powers, police and judicial operators and social intervention agents in gender violence.

The WWG on FfD Commitments for the Economic Justice and Rights Action Coalition launched today during the Generation Equality Forum.

The Women Working Group on Financing for Development (WWG on FfD) commitments in the area of Economic Justice and Rights publishes today its main commitments it aims for. WIDE+ is a member of the WWG on FfD who has been one of the civil society leaders in this Action Coalition. As a member it has been actively monitoring the preparations for this Action Coalition. The Action Coalition present a package of voluntary commitments to accelerate progress to the Beijing+25 Forum.

The WWG on FfD commitments are focused in two main areas, along with endorsing commitments on the care economy - Global Alliance for Care. The main thrust on its commitment comes in the form of the tactics of the EJ&R blueprint, along with the individual commitment, From Debt Sustainability to Sustainable Care.

It commits to strengthen the knowledge and the advocacy capacity of feminists, women’s groups and allies to engage in a holistic manner with the challenges of the economic and financial global system, in particular in relation to the interconnections of
debt, human rights, feminist economy, environmental integrity and structural responses.

It will promote the generation of knowledge on what it means to go from the notion of "debt sustainability", which at the moment is a technical concept that is used in an extractive manner, imposing the harshest measures on the Least Developed Countries and the Small Island Developing States (and therefore negatively impacting in an intersectional manner different groups of women and girls on an unequal system) to a notion of "Sustainable Care", or even "Care Sustainability", to refer to the centrality of the wellbeing of women, people and the Planet to the global solutions offered by the Generation Equality Forum.

Read the document.

GENERAL NEWS

End System of Impunity: Statement by the Women's League of Burma (WLB)

The Women's League of Burma (WLB) urges the general public to join their campaign against military impunity. Since the Burmese military forcibly seized power on February 1st, 2021, they have cracked down on the peaceful movement by arresting, detaining, torturing innocent civilians, and even killing protesters. There is strong evidence that the current junta security forces are committing widespread acts of sexual violence against detained women.

Such sexual crimes have been committed intentionally by the Burmese army in ethnics war-torn areas for many years. Read their full statement here.

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**Call for Signatures: Creation of UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights & Climate Change**

Civil society groups and Indigenous Peoples' organizations have called for the creation of a Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Climate Change for more than a decade. In the past two years, this proposal has gained momentum among States. The 47th session of the Human Rights Council, from 21 June to 15 July 2021, provides a key opportunity for the Human Rights Council to establish a new UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Climate Change.


**The Seeds We Plant Grow Roots: A Booklet of Stories of women activists worldwide**

This is a collection of creative pieces which emerged as the final outcomes of a participatory storytelling exercise from a programme that reached out to more than 189 women’s rights and feminist partner organizations in 62 countries. The booklet is available in 4 languages, EN, RU, FR and SP.
Women's Bodies in Migration:
The migration of women is above all a test of the body: exhaustion, stress, suffering, deprivation of rights and deprivation, violence, rape, precariousness, etc. However, the mobilizations of women around the world have shown that they can become actors in their history, through active struggles against sexual and gender-based violence and mutilation and for the defense of personal rights (freedom of the body and sexual orientations, personal autonomy, reproductive rights, etc.). This issue of the magazine is an innovative project during the Generation Equality forum. Read the magazine online.

Making Decent Work a Reality for Domestic Workers

A new report by the International Labour Organization marks the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Domestic Workers’ Convention, 2011 (No.189), and its accompanying Recommendation (No. 201). The report assesses how far domestic workers enjoy decent work, both in law and in practice.

EIGE's Toolkit for Gender-Sensitive Communication

Digital Sex Crimes in South Korea: "My Life is not Your Porn" New report by Human Rights Watch
Rights at Risk: AWID’s Report on the Universality of Rights

This report is the second in a series on human rights trends reports produced by the Observatory on the Universality of Rights (OURs). As well as analysis of key anti-rights actors, discourses, strategies, and impacts, the report features inspiring short stories of feminist action, and knowledge-building exercises to help strengthen our collective resistance.

Anti-rights actors are entering multilateral spaces (spaces where multiple countries come together for international collaboration) to transform and undermine them from the inside out. They employ a range of persuasive discourses to gain legitimacy, often co-opting the language of rights and justice to hide their true agendas.

Sign this call for action to take urgent action to counter ultraconservative mobilisation against human rights!

The New Debt Crisis and What To Do About It: Global Policy Forum

This paper briefly maps the current sovereign debt landscape as well as the inefficiencies in the current crisis management system and assesses some of the old and newer proposals to tackle debt crises.

A key challenge is the absence of effective institutions for sovereign debt workouts in the international financial architecture. The issue is not new, but it resurfaces every time a larger wave of debt crisis strikes. A substantial number of policy proposals for debt workout mechanisms have been put forward by international institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the United Nations (UN), as well as by academics and civil society organizations (CSOs).

The new briefing paper gives an overview about the current debt problems, ongoing and suggested responses to it, and advocacy opportunities for the rest of the year.