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

Red Latinas Webinar: "Expanding tools in addressing barriers for migrant women to participate in democratic life", (ENG/ESP) 21 September, 4 PM CEST

La Red de Mujeres Latinoamericanas y del Caribe (Red Latinas) invites you to join their webinar "Expanding tools in addressing barriers for migrant women to participate in democratic life" which will take place Thursday, 21 September 2023, 16:00-18:30. The webinar is part of the Erasmus+ funded and WIDE+ led WE-EMPOWER Project.

There will be simultaneous translation between Spanish and English.

To register for the webinar that will take place via Zoom, click here.

Online Mental Health Training Workshop for women with migration background by Gabriela Germany, 19 & 26 September, 6.30 and 7 PM CEST
Gabriela Germany offers a two-time online mental health training-workshop for women with migration background (BIPOCs), taking place on Tuesday 19 & 26 September 2023. The training is part of the WIDE+ led Erasmus+ WE-EMPOWER Project. The workshops includes sessions on integrated breathwork for wellness and theory on how to improve mental health.

Migrant women have been among the most vulnerable groups that were affected by the crisis brought by the COVID-19. Many migrant women, especially BIPOCs (Black, Indigenous and People of Colour) suffered and still suffer from isolation, anxiety and depression over accumulating loans and interest payments, loss of livelihoods, the prospect of having to return to- or stay locked down in abusive or violent environments. Their limited or lack of access to services, support networks and institutions as well isolation exacerbate their already difficult situation.

The trainers for the two workshops are

- Dr. Andrea Martinez, assistant Professor of the University of the Philippines - Manila, and a mental health practitioner at MIND UK
- Kim Gerlach (she/her), scent practitioner and breathworker.

The online events takes place on **19 September 2023 06:30-08:30 PM and 26 September 2023 07:00-09:00 PM (CEST)**. Please note that it is highly encouraged to participate in both parts of the training.

You can register either on Zoom or on Bitly, please click here for Zoom or here for Bitly.

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Members and Partners News

17 August 2023: Tips for strengthening your personal economy - in collaboration with Babaylan Denmark
Speakers: Stephanie Höglund, webinar coordinator at KULU; Ana Lindenhann, member at Babaylan; Hedelyn Colon Reyes, member at Babaylan

24 August 2023: From arrival to participation: your democratic rights
Speakers: Stephanie Höglund, webinar coordinator at KULU; Sabah Abid, city council member of Høje Taastrup Municipality for the Social Democrats; Hedelyn Colon Reyes, member at Babaylan; Lisbeth Vibe Utzon, Head of Integrationshuset Kringlebakken in Copenhagen (Integration Center 'Kringlebakken')

31 August 2023: From storytelling to change: the voices of migrant women
Speakers: Stephanie Höglund, KULU; Qupanuk Olsen, Qs Greenland (main-speaker)

The webinar recordings and most of the resources are in Danish. There are also resources available in English. For the main page, click here (in which you can click further to the three thematic sites).

General News
W4RES Final Conference "RE-Energising Europe", 24-25 October in Brussels, Belgium

After W4RES various events and activities, we hold our final conference on 24-25 October in Brussels to beneficiate from W4RES exhibitions, talks and ways towards a gender-just Renewable Heating and Cooling sector. It will also discuss lessons learned from 7 EU-funded projects for a 2-days event focusing on energy-communities, women empowerment & energy efficiency.

For additional information and to register, click [here](#).

New Report: International Financial Institutions promote a neoliberal agenda

New research concludes that WorldBank and other "organisations that are regarded as authoritative and apolitical (...) are nonetheless biased towards generating research that supports neoliberal agendas, and suppress those that challenge them." You can read about this in Sakiko Fukuda-Parr & Kate Donald new paper: "Why are Macroeconomics neglected in equity and inclusion strategies for sustainable

NSWP webinar 19 September at 2pm BST: Sustaining the Strength and Impact of Sex Worker-Led Organisations and Networks

Sex worker led-organisations and networks struggle to obtain sufficient, sustained funding for their work. Yet in an increasingly hostile environment of anti-rights and anti-gender movements and policies, sex worker-led organisations and networks are now, more than ever, critical for the health, safety and rights of sex workers.

To register for the event, click [here](#).

WIDE+ network embraces a diversity of perspectives on sex work, while promoting the human rights of each person.

New video by JASS's 'women in dialogue' series

How do we counter rising authorita-
New Oxfam discussion paper on feminist alternatives beyond GDP

RADICAL PATHWAYS BEYOND GDP
WHY AND HOW WE NEED TO PURSUE FEMINIST AND DECOLONIAL ALTERNATIVES URGENTLY

Drawing on thinking by global South feminist scholars and networks, and with Lebohang Liepollo Pheko and Dr Ritu Verma as contributing authors, the report makes the case that GDP is no longer fit for purpose as the primary indicator of economic and social progress.

The report argues that radical, decolonial feminist alternatives to GDP are urgently required and that narrowly defined growth should never be a primary objective or end goal.

Read the discussion paper here or access main arguments, recommendations and some great infographics in this blog by Anam Parvez Butt and Alex Bush.

FMUS analysis of Women Deliver 2023 conference in Kigali, Ruwanda

Aligned Framing Paper "Facing the backlash: what is fueling anti-feminist and anti-democratic forces?"

"A global deterioration of progress on women’s rights and democracy is taking the shape of a coordinated and well-funded backlash, as women and citizens all over the world are facing grave challenges and assaults on their freedoms. This backlash is being sustained by movements and funding flows that are ideologically driven, spreading narratives and rhetoric that harden or maintain conservative patriarchal norms to generate anti-feminist, anti-LGBTQI+ and anti-reproductive rights sentiment.

This Aligned Framing paper lays out how we understand patriarchal gender norms..."
This analysis of the sixth Women Deliver conference finds a European far-right politician reaching out to African states at the recent Women Deliver Conference that was held in Rwanda in July 2023. Many feminists were stunned and angry about the appearance of Hungarian far-right, anti-LGBTQIA+, anti-immigration (just to name a few) Hungarian president Katalin Novák.

To read what she spoke about with an analysis why she was invited in the first place, click here.

AWID report "Gender Impact Investing & The Rise of False Solutions"

Gender Impact Investing (GII) is now trending as a solution to gender inequality and yet, as this report substantiates, it is actually part of the problem. Public and private institutions marketing

With this report, AWID offers the readers - feminists, gender justice advocates, and others active in the gender impact

we understand paternalistic gender norms are fueling anti-feminist forces and driving global authoritarian rollbacks to democracy."

To read the full 12-page July 2023 publication, click here.

UN Women report: "A Feminist Agenda to Tackle the World's Water Crisis: From Commodity to Common Good"

With the global water crisis getting worse, not better, the time has come to heed the call for mainstreaming a new and radically different perspective focused on respect for the life-giving gifts that water provides and the imperative to return the gift through protection and conservation.

To read the full 65-page 2023 publication, click here.

SIGI 2023 Global Report: Gender Equality in Times of Crisis
and other actors in the gender impact investing landscape - a critical analysis and substantiated evidence to understand GII, its narratives, and its economic and political implications for feminist movements. First, what is Gender Impact Investing? The data and evidence in this report point to the financial scope of GII and reflect on the rationale behind the ambiguity of its definition.

To read the full 40-page 2023 AWID report, click here.

Gender IFI Summer School is now completed - Recordings are now available online

The Gender International Financial Institutions Summer School, organised by the Gender IFI civil society collective, brought together regional and global organisations working to advance economic justice issues, particularly from a feminist perspective, to discuss the IFI’s impact on women’s rights, as well as strategies and tactics to push back.

The recordings of the 7 session can now be accessed here.

What are the root causes of gender inequality? Building on the fifth edition of the Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI), the SIGI 2023 Global Report provides a global outlook of discriminatory social institutions. It reveals how formal and informal laws, social norms and practices limit women’s and girls’ rights and opportunities in all aspects of their lives.

The OECD Development Centre’s Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI) measures discrimination against women in social institutions across 179 countries. By taking into account laws, social norms and practices that restrict women’s and girls’ rights and access to empowerment opportunities and resources, the SIGI captures the underlying drivers of gender inequality.

To read the full 204-page 2023 OECD-SIGI Report online, click here.