



WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE EUROPE

# 21<sup>st</sup> WAVE Conference

25 years of defending women's human rights:  
Milestones and visions for the future

7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2019 | Tallinn, Estonia

CONFERENCE VENUE:

Hestia Hotel Europe, Tallinn, Estonia

PRE-CONFERENCE WELCOME DRINK & SHERO VERNISSAGE:

Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, Hestia Hotel Europe, 18:00 – 19:00

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# Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Public Day

08:00 – 9:00	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
9:00 – 10:30	<b>SETTING THE SCENE: 25 years of defending women's rights</b>
9:00 – 9:20	<b>WELCOMING REMARKS</b>
	Kersti Kaljulaid <i>President of Estonia</i>
	Pille Tsopp-Pagan <i>WAVE President &amp; Executive Director Women's Support and Information Centre, Estonia</i>
	Halliki Voolma <i>Policy Officer, Gender Equality Unit, DG Justice &amp; Consumers, European Commission</i>
9:20 – 9:30	<b>KEY NOTE SPEECH:</b> "The importance of women's human rights and how to defend women's human rights in this challenging climate"
	Marceline Naudi <i>President of GREVIO, Malta</i>
9:30 – 10:30	<b>CELEBRATION OF 25 YEARS OF WAVE! Voices from some WAVE co-founders and Members</b>
	Rosa Logar, <i>Austria</i> ; Lepa Mladjenović, <i>Serbia</i> ; Maria Rösslhuber, <i>Austria</i>
	Moderator: Marcella Pirrone, <i>Italy</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	<b>PANEL: Good practices of defending women's rights</b>
	Haini Tammeoks <i>Pärnu Women's Support Centre, Estonia – "Life as a hurdle race"</i>
	Nerea Garcia <i>Otro Tiempo, Spain – "Migrant women's rights in Spain and Otro Tiempo's work in the prevention and recovery processes"</i>
	Jenny Westerstrand <i>Roks – the National Organization for Women's Shelters and Young Women's Shelters – "Gender and Violence in a Swedish context. Moving forward or backwards?"</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 15:30	<b>WORKSHOPS</b>
	<b>WORKSHOP 1: Effectively fighting sexual violence</b>
	Mary Crilly <i>Sexual Violence Centre Cork, Ireland – "Hidden in Plain Sight – Unless the spotlight is put on at a local level Campaign"</i>
	Gudrun Jonsdottir & Steinunn Gudjonsdottir <i>Stigamot, Iceland – "The Stigamot Style to fight sexual violence against children"</i>
	Facilitator: Marceline Naudi <i>President of GREVIO, Malta</i>
	<b>WORKSHOP 2: Promoting young people as human rights defenders</b>
	Sue McKellar <i>Scottish Women's Aid, Scotland – "YELLOW! A young expert's guide to participation work"</i>
	Dejana Stošić <i>WAVE Youth Ambassador, Serbia – "Every girl has a brave heart, we just need to help her find it"</i>
	Tea Torinava <i>Cultural Humanitarian Fund Sukhumi, Georgia – "Young human rights defenders of Georgia for a non-violent society – Best practices of Fund Sukhumi"</i>
	Facilitator: Susana Pavlou <i>Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies, Cyprus</i>
	<b>WORKSHOP 3: Beyond GREVIO: What's after monitoring?</b>
	Alberta Burity da Silva <i>Association of Women against Violence, Portugal – "GREVIO recommendations – A challenge for Portugal's public policies on violence against women"</i>
	Aurela Bozo <i>Center for Legal Civic Initiatives, Albania – "The experience of the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives and other NGOs in Albania in using Istanbul Convention and the recommendations of GREVIO as tools of change in addressing gender-based violence"</i>
	Biljana Branković <i>Independent researcher &amp; Member of GREVIO, Serbia – "Implementation of the Istanbul Convention: Four "Ps" or a three-legged chair?"</i>
	Facilitator: Marcella Pirrone <i>D.i.R.e - Donne in Rete contro la violenza, Italy</i>
	<b>WORKSHOP 4: The Strengths-based needs-led approach to support women experiencing gender-based violence</b>
	Natalie Blakeborough <i>Welsh Women's Aid, Wales – "Change that Lasts – Preventing violence against women"</i>
	Lilija Vasiliauskaitė & Zuzana Vasiliauskaitė <i>Association Vilnius Women's House, Lithuania – "Strengths-based, needs-led approach application in Lithuania: Achievements and challenges"</i>
	Facilitator: Katarina Višnar <i>WAVE Office</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break



**16:00 – 17:00 PANEL: Movement building for effective advocacy for women’s rights – Visions for the future**

Dejana Stošić & Beverly Mtui	WAVE Youth Ambassador, Serbia; Youth Ambassador Coordinator, WAVE Office – <b>“Local, national and international organizations’ responsibility in creating a platform for youth”</b>
Marta Lempart	Polish Women’s Strike, Poland – <b>“Attention, attention, this is the citizens”</b>
Anna Pramstrahler	D.i.R.e – Donne in Rete contro la violenza, Italy – <b>“Feminist movements in Italy”</b>

**17:15 CLOSING OF THE FIRST DAY & GROUP PHOTO****17:45 – 19:00 WAVE STEP UP! CAMPAIGN MEETING (SUC campaigners only)****19:00 OPTIONAL EVENT: Guided Tour in Tallinn, maximum 40 people**

# Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Public Day

**08:00 – 9:00 REGISTRATION****9:00 – 10:30 PANEL: EFFECTIVE TOOLS TO TACKLE THE BACKLASH AGAINST WOMEN’S RIGHTS**

Rosalyn Park & Veronica Teleuca	Advocates for Human Rights, USA; National Coalition Life Without Violence, Moldova – <b>“Combating the radical right. Threats and challenges of women’s organizations”</b>
Susana Pavlou & Mine Atli	Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies; Association of Women to Support Living, Northern Cyprus – <b>“Engaging non-traditional allies in combating violence against women – the case of Cyprus”</b>
Enikő Pap	Expert for the European Women’s Lobby Observatory on violence against women; NANE Women’s Rights Association, Hungary – <b>“Under attack and uniting for change – The state of women’s rights in Central Eastern Europe, the Balkan and Baltic States, strategies for action and recommendations”</b>
Moderator: Rosa Logar	Domestic Abuse Intervention Centre Vienna, Austria

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

**MOVIE SCREENING: Festival of the Shelter, Flo Kasearu, Tallinn, Estonia****11:00 – 13:00 WORKSHOPS****WORKSHOP 1: Protecting reproductive rights in Europe**

Adriana Bego	Center for Women War Victims – ROSA – <b>“Abortion &amp; sexual reproductive rights: Strategies of resistance to attacks on women’s reproductive rights”</b>
Hana Korchemnaya	St. Petersburg Regional Public Organisation Institute of Non-discriminative Gender Interrelations: Crisis Center for Women, Russia – <b>“Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and Prostitution: the contexts of Russia and Sweden”</b>
Silvia Menecali	WAVE Individual Member, Italy – <b>“Legal abortion in Italy: what’s going on?”</b>
Facilitator: Elena Floriani	WAVE Office

**WORKSHOP 2: Under-addressed forms of violence against women**

Päivi Helakallio-Ranta	Empowering Old Age Coop VoiVa, Finland – <b>“Invisible older women victims of violence”</b>
Jelena Pipper	Estonian Association of Disabled Women, Estonia – <b>“Experiences from Estonian Association of Disabled Woman-empowering for all!”</b>
Anastasiia Turusinova	University of Tartu, Estonia – <b>“Training to identify and support older victims of abuse”</b>
Facilitator: Ulrike Janz	GESINE Network, Germany

**WORKSHOP 3: The effects of gender-neutral policies on women’s support services**

Irene Zeilinger	Garance, Belgium – <b>“Yes, but men too... Gender neutrality in the fight against violence – a question of equity?”</b>
Baljit Banga	Imkaan, England – <b>“The impact of gender-neutral policies on BME and minoritised women’s organisations”</b>
Facilitator: Andrada Filip	WAVE Office

**WORKSHOP 4: Two sides of the same coin: Self-care & Sustainability**

Rosalyn Park	Advocates for Human Rights, USA – <b>“Fundraising strategies beyond the traditional grant to alternative flexible resources”</b>
Dil Wickremasinghe	Broadcaster, Social entrepreneur and Director of Insight Matters Mental Health Services, Ireland – <b>“Self-care: Inspiring change in self and society”</b>
Facilitator: Dil Wickremasinghe	Broadcaster, Social entrepreneur and Director of Insight Matters Mental Health Services, Ireland



→ 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

## 14:00 – 16:00 WORKSHOPS

### WORKSHOP 1: Abuse accelerated: Tackling cyber violence against women and girls

Nicholas M. Spetsidis	Union of Women Associations of Heraklion Prefecture, Greece – <b>“How to deal with cyber gender-based violence and contribute to a behavior change among teenagers”</b>
Natalia Batenkova	Unizon, Sweden – <b>“Pornography as a form of sexualized cyber violence against women and girls”</b>
Facilitator: Lina Piskernik	WAVE Office

### WORKSHOP 2: Safeguarding migrant women's rights

Gisela Valle	Latin American Women's Rights Service, England, United Kingdom – <b>“Safe reporting to the police for migrant women with insecure immigration status”</b>
Corinna Ter-Nedden	Papatya-Shelter for girls and young women with a migration background, Germany – <b>“Honour based violence – specialised support for girls and young women”</b>
Claudia Pividori	D.i.Re – Donne in Rete contro la violenza, Italy – <b>“Migrant women at the margin: Addressing the continuum violence and exploitation”</b>
Facilitator: Baljit Banga	Imkaan, England

### WORKSHOP 3: Practical and legal applications of child custody proceedings

Shazia Choudhry	Queen Mary University, England – <b>“When women's rights are not human rights – Domestic abuse victims in the English family courts”</b>
Lara Dimitrijevic	Network Forum Malta, Malta – <b>“Contact and custody at the end of violent relationships – a legal perspective”</b>
Facilitator: Sari Laaksonen	Federation of Mother and Child Homes and Shelters, Finland

### WORKSHOP 4: Best practices for survivor-focused health care

Miranda Pio	Standing Together, England – <b>“Pathfinder: a national project to enhance the response to domestic abuse across health settings”</b>
Ulrike Janz	GESINE Network Health, Germany – <b>“A transregional programme on gender-based violence and health – Germany”</b>
Kai Part	Tartu University, Institute of Clinical Medicine, Tartu University Hospitals, Tartu Sexual Health Clinic, Estonia – <b>“The experience of developing sexual assault centres in Estonia”</b>
Facilitator: Hector Charles Pagan	University of Tartu, Estonia

## 16:15 – 16:30 CLOSING OF THE SECOND DAY

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee break

## 16:45 – 17:15 REGISTRATION FOR WAVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## 17:15 – 19:15 WAVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY – WAVE Members Only

20:00 WAVE ANNIVERSARY PARTY (The Seven Seas Restaurant, Kai 5, 1korrus Sadamarketi Ärihoone, 10111 Tallinn, Estonia)

# Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – WAVE Members Only

## 9:00 – 11:00 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

## 11:30 – 13:30 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

13:30 Lunch break

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**DAY 1, FIRST PANEL. SETTING THE SCENE:  
25 years of defending women's rights**

This month marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of WAVE, which started off as a small informal network in 1994 and now comprises of over 150 members in 46 countries. To kick-off the year-long WAVE birthday celebrations, WAVE is holding a panel of co-founding and longstanding members to discuss what it means to defend women's rights for 25 years.

**Rosa Logar**, Executive Director of the Domestic Violence Intervention Centre Vienna, co-founder (1994) and long-term co-ordinator of WAVE; member of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence which drafted the Istanbul Convention (2011); June 2015 – May 2019 member of the independent expert committee GREVIO in the Council of Europe; lecturer at the University of Applied Science School for Social Work in Vienna; since 1999 management of the Anti-Violence Programme for perpetrators in Vienna.

**Lepa Mladjenović**, lesbian feminist activist, anti-war activist, feminist counsellor for women with trauma of male violence and lesbians in Belgrade, Serbia. Co-founder of the SOS Helpline for women survivors of male violence, 1990 and the Autonomous Women's Center in 1993 where she worked as a Coordinator of the Counseling Team and counsellor for survivors of sexual violence and rape in war, until 2013. Facilitator of women's groups on violence against women.

**Marcella Pirrone**, Vice President WAVE board, is a feminist lawyer who has worked for over thirty years in Italy and at the international level to promote and advocate for the rights of women, specifically women victims of violence. She works as a family and criminal lawyer, public service commissioner for sexual harassment and discrimination and formerly held roles including co-founder and President of a women's shelter, co-founder of D.i.Re (the Italian umbrella association for autonomous women's shelters) and member of its board, and university law professor. At the international level, she has participated in several projects, including an active role in WAVE representing Italy for over 20 years and most recently as a member of its Advisory Board.

**Maria Rösslhuber**, Political Scientist, Managing Director of the Association of Autonomous Austrian Women's Shelters (AÖF), Director of the Women's Helpline Against Violence (0800/222 555), 1999–2017 Managing Director of the Association Against Women's Violence Europe (WAVE) to women and children, board member of the Association Austrian Women's Ring (ÖFR) and from 2014–2016 board member of the association OBRA (ONE BILLION RISING AUSTRIA). Trainer, systemic coach, gender and violence expert.

*Conference moderator:* **Dil Wickremasinghe** was a Social Justice and Mental Health broadcaster and journalist and presented the award-winning weekly programme "Global Village" on Newstalk 106-108 in Ireland and has also contributed to the BBC World Service, Reuters and Associated Press. She then presented "Sparking Change with Dil" and now presents the "Insight Matters – Inspire Change in Self and Society" podcast which is available on iTunes and Spotify. In addition, Dil has done a TEDx Talk and is an international speaker. In the last 20 years, Dil has actively campaigned in Ireland for LGBTQ, same-sex families, migrant and women's rights and has also raised awareness on the improvement of maternity services, birthing choices and breastfeeding. Dil is a social entrepreneur and co-founded the mental health support service Insight Matters with her wife Anne Marie Toole in 2013. In 2018, Dil returned to college to train as a Counsellor and Psychotherapist. She is currently attending the B.A. Counselling & Psychotherapy in Dublin Business College.

**SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES – 21<sup>st</sup> WAVE Conference**

**Kersti Kaljulaid** is the fifth and current President of Estonia. She has been in office since 10 October 2016. She is the first female head of state since Estonia's independence in 1918, as well as the youngest President to take office. Kersti graduated from the University of Tartu in 1992 with a degree in Genetics and completed a Master's in the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration in 2001. Kersti's past work includes positions at Eesti Telefon, Hoiupank Markets and Hansapank Markets. She served as Economic Advisor to Prime Minister Mart Laar, organizing co-operation between the Office with entities including the Estonian Central Bank, the Ministry of Finance and the World Bank. She helped prepare the pension form with the Ministers of Finance and Social Affairs and advised the Prime Minister in annual budget negotiations. Kersti served as CFO and CEO of the IRU Power Plant of energy company Eesti Energia, and later was a Member of the European Court of Auditors. She helped organise audits for the EU budget, Structural Policies and the EU's Galileo Project.

**Pille Tsopp-Pagan** have been actively working in the women's rights area for the past 8 years, since she became Director of the first Estonian women's Centre, founded in 2002. The organization is working directly with victims of intimate partner violence (IPV), women and children. She is actively engaged with all main stakeholders of Estonia in order to improve the help survivors are getting – at the communication and legislative level. She is an activist with a strong focus on IPV and all activities related to women's human rights. Currently she is a member of the Advisory Board of Estonian Chancellor of Justice and President of WAVE Network Board.

**Halliki Voolma** is a Policy Officer in the gender equality unit of the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers of the European Commission. Her responsibilities include the preparation of the post-2019 EU Gender Equality Strategy, policy development on combating gender-based violence, and directing the EU Mutual Learning Programme in Gender Equality. She previously directed a national social norms development programme in Estonia and worked with UN Women on the international women, peace and security agenda. She holds a PhD on gender-based violence against migrant women from the University of Cambridge, where she was a Gates Scholar. Her research has been published in academic and policy venues including Violence Against Women journal and the UN Women discussion paper series.

**Dr. Marceline Naudi** (BA, MA, Bradford; Ph.D., Manchester) is a social worker by profession and a Senior Lecturer and Head of Department of Gender Studies at the University of Malta. She contributes to the teaching and supervision of student research on gender issues, violence against women and other anti-oppressive issues at the Diploma, Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral levels. She acts as Regional Editor of the Journal on Gender Based Violence. She is President of GREVIO, the Council of Europe monitoring body of the Istanbul Convention and has lead EU-funded research projects in Malta on the Bystanders Approach to Sexual Harassment, and on Barriers to Reporting for Victims of Violence against Women. Marceline is also the Scientific Coordinator of the European Observatory on Femicide, currently hosted by the University of Malta.

**Mine Atli** was born in Nicosia Cyprus in 1986. She holds a BA in English Literature and an LLB in Law. She acted as an elected council member of the Nicosia Turkish Municipality between 2014–2018. She has been engaged in civil society and the woman's movement in Cyprus since 2005 as an active member of the Association of Women to Support Living where she is currently coordinating an EU funded project that aims to combat trafficking of women. Mine is a practicing lawyer and has drafted domestic violence legislation as well as lobbied extensively for the implementation of a legal aid system for survivors of domestic violence. Mine is also a dedicated peace activist and has contributed to the organization and implementation of activities and projects promoting a united federal Cyprus and a peace culture. Mine won the 2019 Global Ties U.S. IVLP Alumni Award for Social Innovation and Change.

**Dejana Dexi Stošić** is currently pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Ethnology and Anthropology at the University of Belgrade. At the

age of 15, she started conducting peer education workshops on matters such as how to effectively compose motivation letters and CVs in order to empower young people and introduce them into the labour market. After realizing her passion for feminism, she began holding workshops for girls with the aim of openly discussing important issues such as gender equality, safe sex and violence against women and girls. Dexi works as a peer educator for SOS Girls Corner in Vranje, Serbia. Opened by the Human Rights Committee - Vranje, SOS Girls Corner is specially made for young girls as a safe space to speak with other girls or specialists about their problems and concerns. Dexi has been Serbia's WAVE Youth Ambassador since October 2018, playing a key role in supporting the StepUp! Campaign to encourage young people across Europe to become actors in fighting gender-based discrimination and violence.

**Nerea García** is a Human Rights lawyer from Madrid specialised in violence against women, and a political scientist by training. She is co-founder of "Otro Tiempo" (2009), a feminist organization that aims to promote a well-treating society by teaching feminism and related empowerment processes to survivors of violence, especially through labour entrepreneurship and through participation in different projects (social ecology, oil recycling, etc.). She has experience working on human rights issues from a feminist perspective as a lawyer, advocating for refugee women's rights and as an advisor on Madrid's City Council, dealing with human trafficking and victims of sexual exploitation. She has also worked as trainer at Madrid's Bar Association, teaching trafficking issues to different professionals, including police officers.

**Flo Kasearu** (b.1985) is a Tallinn-based artist who studied Painting and Photography at the Estonian Academy of Arts and video at Universität der Künste in Berlin. Her projects deal with local political and ideological contexts. Kasearu has shown her works in various public spaces, including in her Tallinn home which she transformed into an eponymous house museum (Flo Kasearu House Museum, 2013-ongoing) and a women's shelter ("Festival of the Shelter", Pärnu women's shelter, 2018). The nature of her work is seasonal and explorative: each project begins as an open-ended game.

**Marta Lempart** is the initiator and co-leader of the Polish Women's Strike, a grassroots coalition of women that stopped Poland's proposed total ban on abortion in 2016 and 2018. She has also been the co-organizer of dozens of protests for women's rights, democracy and judiciary independence in Poland, as well as antifascist blockades and protests against Church paedophilia related crimes. She has helped with prosecution in over 30 ongoing trials and investigations for political activity.

**Beverly Mtui** currently works as WAVE's Youth Ambassador Coordinator. She started her Master's in Development Studies and is currently pursuing her second Bachelor's degree in Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Vienna. Since 2018, she has been a volunteer for FOOTPRINT, a Vienna-based NGO providing free social and legal advice and language courses to survivors of violence and/or of human trafficking. She supports them as the head of the FOOTPRINT fundraising team. Beverly is also involved with WAVE Member AÖF, the Austrian women's shelter network, and occasionally supports them with their new community-oriented project "StoP" for Neighborhoods free of Intimate Partner Violence. Passionate about intersectional feminism and gender equality, she also believes in social equality, and in March 2019, she co-founded a local radio programme highlighting Austro-African matters aiming to empower BIPOC communities in Austria.

**Enikő Pap** is a legal expert of NANE Women's Rights Association, and secretary of Hungarian Women's Lobby. She is an alternate board member of EWL, and an advisory board member of WAVE. Her main field of expertise is application of international norms in promoting women's rights and elimination of violence against women. She has participated in numerous national and international programmes in the field. She also acted as external expert in related assignments of international organizations.

**Rosalyn Park** is the Director of the Women's Human Rights Program at The Advocates for Human Rights. She provides expert guidance to UN bodies and governments on compliance with international legal standards and best practice standards to end violence against women. She has served as an expert for NGOs, the UN, OSCE, and the Inter-Parliamentary Union on women's human rights and was selected to join the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women's 2017 Expert Group Meeting on domestic violence best practice standards. Rosalyn has led monitoring missions in multiple countries, as well as published reports and recommendations. She frequently develops and conducts trainings for lawyers, human rights defenders locally and internationally.

**Susana Pavlou** has served as Director of the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies since 2008. In this role, she has coordinated and implemented transnational projects on violence against women including addressing domestic violence, sexual violence and rape, female genital mutilation and gender-based violence among adolescents. Susana has also served as an expert on violence against women for European networks and organisations, including the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) and the Council of Europe. She served as an expert in the EWL Observatory on Violence against women for six years and on the Advisory Board of the WAVE Network. In Cyprus, Susana is currently President of the Advisory Committee for the Prevention and Combating of Violence in the Family.

**Anna Pramstrahler** has been an activist in the women's movement in Italy for thirty years, in several organisations, especially in the context of male violence against women. Today she is involved in the National network of anti-violence centers, now called D.i.Re, Donne in Rete against violence, where she was for many years member of the National Council and vice president. She is one of the founders of the Women's Shelter in Bologna (1989), where she worked for 10 years. She is author of articles and books, of the Cedaw's shadow report, and the of several political blogs. Since 2000, she works as Chief Librarian at the University of Bologna.

**Haini Tammeoks** is a survivor and experience counselor who has been a member of the AHHaa-group since 2012. She lived in a violent relationship for ten years until she was able to leave in 2010, but the violence has not disappeared from her life. She is currently studying Social Work and Organization of Rehabilitation at Pärnu College of Tartu University. Haini Ilonen is a brave woman who, with her five children, has broken away from a violent relationship and is now counseling women experiencing the same problem, supporting them on a daily basis. She is an expert on escaping violence and on psychological understandings of victims' experiences. In 2019, Haini received an award from the President of Estonia for her advocacy against domestic violence.

**Veronica Teleuca** is a lawyer, activist and women's rights expert. She is the Coordinator of the National Coalition "Life without Violence" in the Republic of Moldova, which is comprised of 22 civil societies and service provider organizations, and has been responsible for running the country-wide advocacy platform in the field of gender-based violence since 2015. Veronica has considerable experience working at the grassroots level on community mobilization, advocacy and women's engagement local decision-making processes and she also trains security personnel on gender stereotypes and gender-based violence. Veronica is an alumna of the International Women Rights Training Institute.

**Jenny Westerstrand** is President of the National Organisation for Women's Shelters and Young Women's Shelters, ROKS, in Sweden. She holds a doctoral degree in Public International law and has been teaching and conducting research on violence against women at Uppsala university for two decades. Jenny Westerstrand coordinated the first national prevalence study on violence against women in Sweden and she has been a strong advocate for women's rights in Sweden for many years.

