

**PROGRAMME OF THE SARAJEVO OPEN CENTRE  
ON THE OCCASION OF  
16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE and  
DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> – THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**

Over the past twenty four years, the global campaign on *16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence* was dedicated to public advocacy and coordinated activities that support ending gender based-violence on local and international level. The Campaign was launched on the first Institute for Women's Global Leadership in 1991 at Rutgers University.

Dates, November 25<sup>th</sup> (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) and December 10<sup>th</sup> (Human Rights Day) were selected in order to emphasize the link between ending the gender-based violence and human rights values, but also to emphasize that gender-based violence is a violation of human rights internationally. Within this sixteen days period, other significant dates are highlighted including: November 29<sup>th</sup>, International Woman Human Rights Defenders Day, December 1<sup>st</sup>, World AIDS Day and the December 6<sup>th</sup>, the Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre.

During the *16 days of activism* campaign different groups and individuals worldwide take part, using a human rights framework in their efforts in order to eliminate all forms of violence against women through awareness-raising activities at the local, national, regional and international level.

Sarajevo Open Centre, an organization that advocates the full respect of human rights and social inclusion of lesbians, gay, bisexual and transgender people and women in particular, is joining this campaign, as well, and thus will organize numerous activities in November and December 2015.

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When?	What?	Where?	Contact person
Nov 18- Dec 2 2015	<p>Billboard campaign  <b>STOP GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE –  THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION MUST BE IMPLEMENTED!</b></p> <p><i>Sarajevo Open Centre and Medica Zenica</i> are implementing a billboard campaign in Sarajevo, East Sarajevo and Zenica with the aim of raising public awareness on the problem of violence against women. Billboards will carry the message of ending all forms of the violence against women, and will once again, invite and encourage people to report the violence. The implementation of this activity is supported by the U.S. Embassy in BiH and Swedish government through The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).</p>	<p><b>Sarajevo,  East Sarajevo and  Zenica</b></p>	<p>Maida Zagorac  <i>maida@soc.ba</i>  033/551000</p>
From Nov 20	<p>Online campaign on the occasion of <i>Trans* Day of Remembrance</i>  <b>THE INVISIBLE WOMEN</b></p> <p>November 20th is the annual observance to remember all the transgender and transexual people who have been murdered as a result of transphobia. On 20<sup>th</sup> of November, Sarajevo Open Centre is kicking off online campaign with the promotion of short video clip dedicated to violence against trans* women. With this video we want to raise awareness of transgender women, their existence, and the violence they experience. We also want to highlight the fact that they are almost always excluded from the daily struggle for women's rights. The implementation of this activity is supported by Swedish government through the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).</p>	<p><b>Online</b>  Social networks -  youTube,  facebook,  twitter</p>	<p>Naida Kučukalić  <i>naida@soc.ba</i>  033/551-000</p>
Nov 26 2015 3 pm	<p>Stage reading of a play with the representatives of the Parliament of Federation BiH  <b>SEVEN</b></p> <p>The groundbreaking documentary play <i>SEVEN</i> is based on interviews with seven activists for the rights of women from all parts of the world. Their difficult life stories and their struggles represent an incredible source of inspiration. They are: Ferida Azizi (Afghanistan), Inez McCormack (North Ireland), Marina Pisklakova-Parker (Russia), Annabella de Leon (Guatemala), Mukhtar Mai (Pakistan), Mu Sochua (Cambodia) and Hafsat Abiola (Nigeria). In 2013 Sarajevo Open Centre was a part of big SEVEN tour in Western Balkans. This time, the members of the ensemble will be the MPs of the Parliament of Federation of BiH. On this occasion all the authorities will be invited to implement the Istanbul/CAHVIO Convention, so that Convention can gain importance and priority in the future work of authorities in BiH. Finally we are inviting the authorities to regulate the financing of the safe houses in BiH. Stage reading of SEVEN is organized in cooperation with the partner organization <i>Medica Zenica</i>. The implementation of this activity is supported by the U.S. Embassy in BiH and Swedish government through The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).</p>	<p><b>Sarajevo,  Chamber Theatre  55, Maršala Tita 56</b></p> <p><i>Free entrance.</i></p> <p><i>Come on time to  reserve your place.</i></p> <p><i>Reading is only on  B/H/S language.</i></p>	<p>Maida Zagorac  <i>maida@soc.ba</i>  033/551-000</p>

<p>Nov 30 2015 9 am - 3 pm</p>	<p>Conference <b>HATE CRIMES IN BIH – NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO THE CRIMINAL CODE OF FEDERATION BIH</b></p> <p>The Federation of BiH within BiH is the only territory in Western Balkans that has not utterly and correctly implemented regulation of Hate Crimes through its Criminal Code. In order to remind the Government and the Parliament of this obligation, Sarajevo Open Centre is organizing a half-day Conference on necessary amendments to the Criminal Code of FBiH. The Conference will be organised in two panels. In the scope of the first panel there will be talk about the international obligations of BiH regarding the regulation of hate crimes, and about the experiences of the countries in the region (Croatia and Serbia) with the appropriate regulation of hate crimes in the Criminal Code. On second panel we talk about hate crimes in BiH – their regulation and implementation. Participants of the panels are regional and local experts in the field of criminal law, the representatives of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OIDHR) from Warsaw; the representatives of the Office for Human Rights and the Rights of the National Minorities of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, Zagreb; as well as the representatives of the religious communities and the civil sector from BiH. The implementation of the event is supported by the Open Society Fund BiH.</p>	<p><b>Sarajevo,</b> Hotel Courtyard by Marriott, Skenderija 1</p> <p><i>The presence on the conference is possible only with a previous registration to the e-mail: <a href="mailto:jozo@soc.ba">jozo@soc.ba</a></i></p> <p><i>Working languages: B/C/S and English</i></p>	<p>Jozo Blažević <a href="mailto:jozo@soc.ba">jozo@soc.ba</a> 033/551-000</p>
<p>Dec 1 2015 2 pm</p>	<p>Book promotion and discussion <b>1995-2015: WOMEN IN POLITICS IN THE POST-DAYTON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA</b></p> <p>2015. marks the 20th anniversary of the Dayton Peace Agreement signing. Most of the activities that will mark this event will mainly focus on the past war, peace building and the progress that Bosnia and Herzegovina has achieved in the post-war period. Sarajevo Open Centre offers a different perspective, and thus puts an emphasis on women and their role in the politics of our country, as presented in the book “1995-2015, <i>Woman in politics in the post-Dayton Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>”, by the authors Marina Veličković, Arijana Aganović and Edita Miftari. In order to mark the anniversary of the signing of the Agreement, as well as the book promotion, Sarajevo Open Centre will organize a round table in Sarajevo, where together with the women whose stories are represented in the book, we will discuss main Bosnian-Herzegovinian politicians, key activists and remember and recall events in the last 20 years. Panelists and Speakers include: Ismeta Dervoz, Besima Borić, Nada Tešanović and Maja Gasal Vražalica. Moderator: Saša Gavrić. Book presenters: Arijana Aganović and Marina Veličković. The implementation of this activity is supported by Embassy of Switzerland in BiH, Swedish government through The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and Agency for Gender Equality of BiH.</p>	<p><b>Sarajevo,</b> Mediacentar Kolodvorska 3</p> <p>Free entrance</p> <p><i>Come on time to reserve your place.</i></p> <p><i>Promotion and discussion only in B/C/S language.</i></p>	<p>Maida Zagorac <a href="mailto:maida@soc.ba">maida@soc.ba</a> 033/551-000</p>

<p>Dec 1-31 2015</p>	<p>Online campaign  <b>HOW DO WE LEARN ABOUT SEXUALITY?</b></p> <p>With this campaign organized by Sarajevo Open Centre and Foundation Mediacentar we want to draw attention to potential harmfulness of incorrect and incomplete presentations of sexuality in the school curricula and textbooks that are being used by high school students in BiH and the countries of the region. The current transfer of inaccurate and stereotypical information while teaching young generations influences the development of intolerance and xenophobia deepens misogyny, homophobia and transphobia in the society. Proper education and open discussion about sexuality and gender roles is essential or the development of tolerant society and individuals. The implementation of the campaign is supported by the European Union and Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice.</p>	<p><b>Online:</b>  lgbt.ba  diskriminacija.ba</p>	<p>Vladana Vasić  vladana@soc.ba  033/551-000</p>
<p>Dec 2 2015  6 pm</p>	<p>Feminist discussions: Somebody said feminism and book promotion  <b>WOMEN'S MUSEUM</b></p> <p>We use this occasion to, by conducting feminist discussions, open a question whether the museums are practising systematic violence against women in Bosnia and Herzegovina; what stands behind that symbolic violence, if any of it exists, as well as to articulate the need for an on-line women's museum. The same day, we are promoting the second edition of the book that fights against the violence of oblivion, named – “<i>Women Documented. Women and Public Life in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the 20th Century</i>”. It has been more than a year since the book “Women Documented” has been out. Many people, directly or indirectly associated to the book, contacted us – praising our work or benevolently criticizing it. In the meantime, the authors of certain chapters came to new data. All the participants who join this event will receive a copy of the revised edition of the book. Panelists and Speakers: Sarita Vujković, Museum of Modern Art of Republika Srpska; Šejla Šehabović, Museum of Literature and Theatre Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina; Aida Vežić, Cultural Heritage without Borders (CHwB). Discussions' moderator: Aida Kalender, Association Citizens' Action. The implementation of this activity is supported by Swedish government through The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and Friedrich Ebert Foundation BiH.</p>	<p><b>Sarajevo,</b>  Museum of Literature and Theatre Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sime Milutonovića Sarajlije 7</p> <p><i>Free entrance</i></p> <p><i>Come on time to reserve your place.</i></p> <p><i>Promotion and discussion only in B/C/S language.</i></p>	<p>Jasmina Čaušević  jasmina@soc.ba  033/ 551-000</p>

<p>Dec 4 2015 2 pm</p>	<p>Feminist discussions: Somebody said feminism and book promotion <b>FEMINIST READINGS OF SOCIAL PHENOMENA</b></p> <p>Amica EDUCA and Sarajevo Open Centre have pleasure to invite you to feminist talks about linkages between (non)education and violence. We use this opportunity to open the discussion on feminist education in BiH by presenting the book that was written by the students of the Sarajevo Open Centre's "Žarana Papić School of Feminism". Panelists and Speakers: Elma Čavčić, Izudin Karić, Amira Hasanović, Dajana Cvjetković, Jasmina Čaušević. Discussions' moderator: Selma Mustačević. The implementation of this activity is supported by Swedish government through The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).</p>	<p><b>Tuzla</b> Peace Flame House, Šetalište Slana banja bb</p> <p><i>Free entrance</i></p> <p><i>Come on time to reserve your place.</i></p> <p><i>Promotion and discussion only in B/C/S language.</i></p>	<p>Jasmina Čaušević <i>jasmina@soc.ba</i> 033/551-000</p>
<p>Dec 4 2015 1 pm</p>	<p>Book promotion and discussion <b>1995-2015: WOMEN IN POLITICS IN THE POST-DAYTON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA</b></p> <p>2015 marks the 20th anniversary of the Dayton Peace Agreement signing. Most of the activities that will mark this event will mainly focus on the past war, peace building and the progress that Bosnia and Herzegovina has achieved in the post-war period. Sarajevo Open Centre offers a different perspective, and thus puts an emphasis on women and their role in the politics of our country, as presented in the book "1995-2015, Woman in politics in the post-Dayton Bosnia and Herzegovina", by the authors Marina Veličković, Arijana Aganović and Edita Miftari. The second promotion of the book will take place in Banja Luka, in the partnership with Helsinki Citizens' Assembly (hCa) Banja Luka. Open discussion will follow the book presentation. Panelists and Speakers include: Marina Veličković, Dragana Dardić, Nada Golubović and Nada Tešanović. The implementation of this activity is supported by Swedish government through The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).</p>	<p><b>Banja Luka,</b> Staklenac, Park Petra Kočića</p> <p><i>Free entrance</i></p> <p><i>Come on time to reserve your place.</i></p> <p><i>Promotion and discussion only in B/C/S language.</i></p>	<p>Saša Gavrić <i>sasa@soc.ba</i> 033/551-000</p>
<p>December 4-5 2015</p>	<p>Training for the members of the political parties <b>HUMAN RIGHTS DO NOT RECOGNIZE POLITICAL IDEOLOGY!</b></p> <p>During the two-day training the regional and local experts will present the situation on the field of human rights of LGBT people in BiH to the participants of the Training with the emphasis on the good regional practices and politics and policies that contribute to improving the rights of this marginalised group. This training is intended towards the members of the political parties that are active in the party bodies and come from the Sarajevo region. The implementation of this training is supported by the U.S. Embassy in BiH and Open Society Fund BiH.</p>	<p><b>Sarajevo</b></p> <p><i>The presence on the training is possible only with a previous application to the e-mail: darko@soc.ba</i></p> <p><i>Working languages: B/C/S</i></p>	<p>Emina Bošnjak <i>emina@soc.ba</i> 033/551-000</p>

<p>Dec 6 2015 7:30 pm</p>	<p>TV Liberty Broadcast <b>STOP GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE – IMPLEMENT THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION!</b> Sarajevo Open Centre and Medica Zenica invite you to watch the special edition of TV Liberty, podcast of Radio Free Europe program that will, following five stories, talk about the domestic violence and violence against women, in general. The implementation of this activity is supported by the U.S. Embassy in BiH and Swedish government through The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)</p>	<p><b>BHT 1</b></p>	<p>Maida Zagorac <i>maida@soc.ba</i> 033/551-000</p>
<p>Dec 7 2015 6 pm</p>	<p>Study promotion and discussion <b>FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WOMEN'S FUND IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA</b>  In the scope of the <i>16 days of activism</i> campaign, the promotion of the <i>Feasibility study for the establishment of Women's Fund in BiH</i>, will be held by the authors Natalija Bratuljević and Katarina Živanović and published by Sarajevo Open Centre and CURE Foundation. The main idea of the research was to examine the possibilities for the establishment of a local funds/foundations that would support the development of civil society organisations dealing with women's rights, with the aim of providing support to some of the most disempowered groups of women in Bosnia and Herzegovina including Roma women, women with disabilities, LBT women and others. The implementation of the event is supported by the Mama Cash - Fund for Women.</p>	<p>Sarajevo Kuća ljudskih prava Dolina 1  <i>Free entrance</i>  <i>Come on time to reserve your place.</i>  <i>Promotion and discussion only in B/C/S language.</i></p>	<p>Delila Hasanbegović <i>delila@soc.ba</i> 033/551-000</p>
<p>Dec 7 2015 12 am - 2 pm</p>	<p>Study promotion and odiscussion <b>LIFE BEYOND THE INFLICTED NORMS: BEING TRANSGENDER IN BIH</b>  Transgender people, even they may seem as a small community, have specific needs and concerns when talking about the legal recognition of their gender identity, as well as health care services. In order to better understand and therefore respond accordingly to the needs of transgender people in BiH, Sarajevo Open Centre has done a research of the current situation and looked for different solutions. The Study presents the initial steps in advocating for a better and a more dignified life of trans* people in BiH. The study will be presented by its authors: Slobodanka Dekić, Jasmina Čausević, Damir Banović. Moderator: Naida Kučukalić. The realisation of the activity is supported by the Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice.</p>	<p><b>Sarajevo</b> Mediacentar Kolodvorska 3  <i>The presence at the promotion will be possible only with a previous registration to the e-mail: naida@soc.ba</i>  <i>Working languages: B/C/S and English</i></p>	<p>Naida Kučukalić <i>naida@soc.ba</i> 033/551-000</p>

Dec 7 2015	<p>Online campaign  <b>WHY DO WE NEED THE LAW ON GENDER IDENTITY?</b></p> <p>This short informative video clip talks about rights and lives of transgender people in BiH. The video indicates what does it mean to live in a different gender identity when you are not being recognized by the state law and the system. The video also talks about legislation worldwide and in the region, as well as where Bosnia and Herzegovina stands, when it comes to the laws that regulate the issues of gender identity and discrimination. The implementation of the activity is supported by the Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice.</p>	<p><b>Online</b>  Social networks – youtube, facebook, twitter</p>	<p>Naida Kučukalić  <a href="mailto:naida@soc.ba">naida@soc.ba</a>  033/551-000</p>
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Dec 10 2015	<p>Online and offline campaign  <b>STRAIGHT PEOPLE AS BEST ALLIES TO LGBTI PEOPLE!</b></p> <p>The role of straight or heterosexual friends and allies is vital for ensuring the equality of LGBTI people. To kick off debate on this topic, Sarajevo Open Centre will publish a small brochure on <i>How to be a good straight ally</i>. Along with the brochure we plan to produce a short video clip on the same topic. The implementation of this activity is supported by Swedish government through The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).</p>	<p><b>Online</b>  Social networks – youtube, facebook, twitter</p>	<p>Naida Kučukalić  <a href="mailto:naida@soc.ba">naida@soc.ba</a>  033/551-000</p>