



PROGRAM OF SARAJEVO OPEN CENTRE ON THE OCCASION OF 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND 10 DECEMBER, INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 2017

During the last twenty-four years, the global 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence Campaign has been dedicated to advocacy and coordinating the work of support to ending gender-based violence on local and international level. The Campaign was launched on the first Institute for Global Women Leaders that was organized by the Center for Global Women's Leadership in 1991 on Rutgers University.

The dates 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) and 10 December (Human Rights Day) were chosen in order to emphasize the connection between gender-based violence and the values of human rights, and it was highlighted that gender-based violence is one of the international human rights violations. This 16-day period also emphasizes other important dates, including 29 November, International Human Rights Defenders Day, 1 December, World AIDS Day, 6 December, the day that marks the Montreal massacre (in Canada - The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, also known as The White Ribbon Day).

The participants of the 16 Days of Activism Campaign include individuals and groups all around the world, and use the human rights framework in advocating for the elimination of all forms of violence against women through awareness-raising activities on local, state, regional and international levels.

Sarajevo Open Centre, as the organization that advocates full respect of human rights and social inclusion of LGBTI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans* and intersex) persons and women, joins this campaign, and will implement a number of activities in November and December of 2017.

The last year was marked by the repression and police brutality towards women – workers who only sought out their rights by using legal remedies – strike and protests. We condemn violence that these women suffered and stand resolutely with the workers of Fortuna, Borac, as well as with the courageous women of Kruščica. No one is free until we are all free!

Get involved in the 16 Days of Activism Campaign as well!
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| 20 Nov 2017 6 P.M. | <p>LECTURE AND DISCUSSION IV cycle of feminist lectures and discussions <i>Somebody said feminism?</i> Trans* women and Feminism</p> <p>We invite you to the last lecture within the cycle Somebody said Feminism?, the topic being Trans*women and Feminism, and the lecturer being Naida Kučukalić. There will be talk about how feminism, especially radical feminism, does (not) include trans* women and their issues in its struggles. Referring to research, knowledge and experience she gained through her vast work, among others, with trans* women, Naida will talk about the relation between the contemporary feminist and transfeminist currents.</p> <p>The lecturer is Naida Kučukalić.</p> <p><i>The lecture is organized by Sarajevo Open Centre and Friedrich Ebert Foundation.</i></p> | <p>Sarajevo Museum of Literature and Theatre Arts Sime Milutinovića Sarajlije 7</p> <p>Free entrance, come on time to take your place.</p> <p>The lecture is in B/C/S language.</p> | Jasmina Čaušević jasmina@soc.ba 033/551-000 |
| 21 Nov 2017 11:05 A.M. | <p>RADIO SHOW Women's sexual and reproductive rights and health</p> <p>We live in the age of permanent neo-conservative threats that focus on sexual and reproductive rights and health of women. On the other hand, in BiH there is no systematic solving of the issue of the access to bio-medically assisted fertilization and health care for women.</p> <p>Are the winds of the political right blowing towards us in BiH as well, that exist for a long time now in Poland,</p> | BH Radio 1 | Inela Hadžimešić inela@soc.ba 033/551-000 |

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| | <p>Croatia and many other countries, with the aim to limit the sexual and reproductive rights of women?</p> <p>On all this there will be talk with Indiana Husić Šabanović, a mother who had babies by bio-medically assisted fertilization, Meliha Lekić, professor at the Faculty of Medicine in Sarajevo, Dajana Cvjetković, ex-coordinator in the XY Association Sarajevo, and Sanja Cesar, CESI Croatia. TBC</p> <p><i>This activity is realized with the help of the National Endowment for Democracy.</i></p> | | |
| 29 Nov - 13 Dec 2017 | <p>CAMPAIGN</p> <p>Recognize Sexual Harassment!</p> <p>Women, from the earliest age, are often victims of sexual harassment. It happens at school, on the street, at work, in the public city transport, at home, during concerts, in the theatre.</p> <p>Therefore, when someone on the street tells us “You’re so hot”, that is not a compliment, that evokes fear, humiliation and discomfort in women. When someone derives conclusions based on our appearances, we are feared of the actions that may follow.</p> <p>When in public city transport our bodies are touched, we feel humiliated and upset.</p> <p>These are some of the many forms of sexual harassment. From 29 November to 13 December 2017, Sarajevo Open Centre sets in public space the campaign of the symbolic title: <i>Recognize Sexual Harassment</i>. The</p> | Sarajevo, Mostar, Tuzla, Banja Luka | Maida Zagorac maida@soc.ba 033/551-000 |

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| | <p>campaign will be visible on several locations in Sarajevo, Tuzla, Mostar and Banja Luka. With this campaign we want to send a message to the perpetrators of these acts which acts are sexual harassment, and that it is legally prohibited. We also want to point that it creates a sense of fear, humiliation and discomfort in women.</p> <p><i>The billboard campaign is realized with the support of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).</i></p> | | |
| 29 Nov 2017 12 P.M. | <p>ROUNDTABLE</p> <p>To Act Together – How to achieve higher participation of women in the executive in BiH</p> <p>Almost fifteen years since the adoption of the Gender Equality Law in BiH that requires the obligatory minimum representation of both sexes in the bodies of the executive, legislative and judicial branch of government, with 40%, the representation of women in the executive bodies in BiH is barely 20%. The equal representation of both sexes in political life, on the most important positions is the key for the equality of men and women in all other aspects of life. We will work with the representatives of the state, entities and cantonal assemblies on finding the solution to this problem. During the roundtable, we will open the most important issues, find solutions, discuss and plan our future activities in this area.</p> <p><i>The event is organized by Sarajevo Open Centre and Friedrich Ebert Foundation.</i></p> | <p>Sarajevo</p> <p>The participation in the roundtable is possible with the previous invite from the organizer.</p> | <p>Maida Zagorac maida@soc.ba 033/551-000</p> |

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| 28 Nov 2017 11:05 A.M. | <p>RADIO SHOW</p> <p>Žene u političkom životu u BiH</p> <p>In 2016, there were Local Elections in BiH, the percentage of women elected, though a little higher, has been the highest so far – the average percentage of the mandates won, of women's participation in municipality/city councils, is 18,34%. In four municipalities no woman has been elected, and only in one municipality women have reached 54,55%, out of 11 elected councilors, 6 of them are women (Municipality Kupres, Republika Srpska).</p> <p>What do these statistics tell us? They show that, even though the Law on Gender Equality requires minimum 40% of political representation of women on all authority levels, that is not the case this time, same as we have not reached that percentage on any of the general, nor local elections in BiH so far. In the previous ten years we have not significantly moved from the 20% of women's representation in the legislative bodies on state, entities, cantonal and local levels. All this is worrying, in the context of achieving gender equality in political life, which is key to equality of men and women in all other aspects of life.</p> <p>Discussing: Davorin Semenik, Secretary of the Committee for Gender Equality of the BiH Parliamentary Assembly (House of Representatives), Jasna Duraković, MP and President of the Committee for Gender Equality of the Parliament FBiH (House of Representatives) and Emina Bošnjak, Executive Director of Sarajevo Open Centre. TBC</p> | BH Radio 1 | Inela Hadžimešić inela@soc.ba 033/551-000 |
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| 1 Dec 2017 6 P.M. | <p>BOOK PROMOTION Liderke izbliza</p> <p>The author Jelena Milinović made a pioneer step in studying women's leadership in Bosnia and Herzegovina. She showed that personal, family and societal circumstances have had impact on the growth of women leaders in the context of European peripheries. The findings of this publication point out that the feminist perspective can give significant contribution to studying the complexity of gender and leadership, and in that way, contribute to better understanding of gender inequalities and power hierarchies. Do not miss the opportunity to talk about all this, and other topics, with Jelena Milinović, the author of the publication, ---, one of the reviewers of the book, and the moderator of the discussion will be Đorđe Krajišnik.</p> <p><i>The promotion is realized with the support of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).</i></p> | <p>Banja Luka Music Pavilion Staklenac Park Petra Kočića bb</p> <p>Free entrance, come on time to take your place.</p> <p>The event is in B/C/S language.</p> | Maida Zagorac maida@soc.ba 033/551-000 |
| 2 Dec 2017 11 A.M. | <p>WORKSHOP Partner relationships – challenges in the everyday life</p> <p>This meeting we will use for better understanding the experience of our fears, difficulties and joys in partner relationships, with the aim to gain new knowledge and experience, in order to deal with them better in the future.</p> <p>The workshop is of educational nature as well, so we will</p> | Sarajevo <p>The participation in the workshop is possible with previous notice to nikola@soc.ba.</p> <p>The event is in B/C/S language.</p> | Nikola Kuridža nikola@soc.ba 033/551-000 |

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| | <p>talk about conflicts and differences and about how to solve them in a constructive manner, about issues of autonomy, limits and communion inside these relationships.</p> <p>We will also talk about how homophobia affects our relations and our emotional expectations from others. Come and we will try together to identify some new ways of supporting each other and gain new knowledge on how to create relationships where we can be happy.</p> <p><i>The event is realized with the support of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).</i></p> | | |
| 5 Dec 2017 11:05 A.M. | <p>RADIO SHOW Gender-based violence</p> <p>On the issue of the prevalence of gender-based violence there is talk years after year. Unfortunately, gender-based violence is one of the rare areas in which BiH keep the pace with other countries. The disastrous statistics show that one in three women suffered from some form of gender-based violence. Violence is manifested in various ways - besides the physical, there is economic, psychological, sexual violence. A high number of women suffer from sexual harassment as well. On this burning issue the speakers will be Tijana Cvjetićanin: UG Zaštine, Vladana Vasić: Advocacy Manager in Sarajevo Open Centre, Jasmina Mujezinović: Director of Foundation of Local Democracy, and Elmaja Bavčić: OSCE Mission to BiH, expert in gender equality. TBC</p> <p><i>This activity is realized with the support of the National</i></p> | BH Radio 1 | Inela Hadžimešić inela@soc.ba 033/551-000 |

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