

WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

Starting from 2013, we dedicated each last week of the month of May to women's health. During the **Women's Health Week**, we want to remind all girls and women that their health and health care are extremely important, considering the fact that women, unfortunately, do not take enough care of their health or when they start to, it might be too late.

The Women's Health Week is organized to mark May 28, the International Day of Action for Women's Health and Reproductive Rights.



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

Every year, the activists of the Center for Girls join the global campaign **16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence**, which is supported by 1,700 organizations in over 100 countries in the world.

The Campaign starts on November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and ends on December 10, Human Rights Day.

As a part of this campaign, we organize panel discussions, conferences, workshops and street actions, marking the important dates in the period of these 16 days.



OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF ANTI-TRAFFICKING ACTION

During **the Anti-Trafficking Month**, the activists of the Center for Girls try through their activities to draw the citizens' attention to the fact that millions of children and half a million women a year become victims of human trafficking, and that anyone could fall victim to human trafficking, especially uninformed people.

Apart from the anti-trafficking activities carried out during the month of October, the activists of the Center for Girls carry out similar actions throughout the year via the Anti-Trafficking Network (AT Network), which they coordinate. The Anti-Trafficking Network brings together eight organizations from Serbia, which jointly try to deal with the prevention of human trafficking.



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THE MEETING PLACE AND THE LIBRARY

The Meeting Place of the Center for Girls is open to all girls and young women who want to get informed about and discuss the issues we deal with: the prevention of gender-based violence, the prevention of girl trafficking, and women's health. Moreover, they may discuss with the activists any other subject concerning girls and young women, any problem they might have, and find out what the Center does and join some of the activities.

Furthermore, once a week we organize both foreign and domestic movie projections at the meeting place, dealing with the aforementioned topics of interest.

The meeting place is also open to all book lovers, who can find there our library consisting of more than 600 titles, which could be read on the spot or borrowed.



Center for girls was founded in 1998. The aim of its foundation was to improve the social position of young women through their education and emancipation with the purpose of enhancing their social status. Our **target group** are girls and young women aged between 11 and 40.

THE MISSION of the Center for Girls is girls' and young women's empowerment through education, activism and creativity.

THE VISION of the Center for Girls is creating a safe place where feminist values are promoted, and girls and young women are empowered and supported.

THE GOAL of the Center for Girls are empowered, confident, strong, safe girls and young women, active in opposing patriarchy and making decisions about their lives, which enables them to gain a better position in the society.

Since 2002, the activists of the Center for Girls have been focusing their attention to the education of high-school girls. Within this educational aspect of our work, we prefer taking a workshop approach. Regardless of a workshop topic, our goal is to primarily work on empowering girls and boosting their self-confidence. Our workshops are always experiential and, therefore, it is extremely important to us to procure a safe place and enough time for each girl participating in a workshop.

Some of the ten topics we deal with in the workshops are: the prevention of girl trafficking, the prevention of gender-based violence, economic violence, self-confidence and assertiveness, among others. Up to now (March 2016), we have held **1623 workshops involving 22494 girls** in fourteen high-schools in Niš and Leskovac.



THE FEMINIST-ACTIVIST THEATRE

Since 2011, the activists of the Center for Girls have started using theatre as a medium for spreading the feminist ideas. Three performances have been staged since then – *The Vagina Monologues* (2011) and *The Good Body* (2012), both by Eve Ensler's texts, and *The Waiting Room* (2014) based on a text by Jasmina Tešanović and *I Am an Emotional Being* (2016) by Eve Ensler.

In April 2011, the première of *The Vagina Monologues* at Niš National Theatre was attended by the playwright and activist Eve Ensler herself.

The performances were played both in the country and in the region, and approximately 3090 people saw them at 33 performances.

We introduced a new form in our theatre work – *Forum Theatre*, which employs interaction with audience as a tool of social change. In the course of a seven-day training, we conceived and played a performance *(UN)SAFE*.



ART FEMINE FESTIVAL

In 2014, we independently organized *ArtFemine* – the festival of feminist activism and art. We wanted this festival to make the youth in

Niš better acquainted with feminism, activism and feminist art. Moreover, we wanted to open up feminist space for networking, empowerment, and action of the feminist youth in the city, country and region.

Up to now, we have organized ArtFemine festival twice – the first one from July 3 to 6, 2014 under the title *Women and Media*, and the second one from July 16 to 19, 2015 under the slogan *Feminist Action and* the third from July 15 to 17, 2016 under the title *The Land of Girls*.



THE FEMINIST ART COLONY

We launched the Feminist Art Colony in Sicevo with the aim of empowering young female artists by introducing them to feminist topics and encouraging them to incorporate those ideas in their artworks. We wanted to enable them to create jointly, meet and interconnect, and to provide them with a public space in which to exhibit their art.

Twelve Serbian artists aged between 18 to 30 created their works in the first Feminist Art Colony, held in Sicevo from June 23 to 29, 2015. The second Feminist Art Colony will be held from July 24 to 31, 2016, but this time welcoming the artists not only from Serbia but from the region as well, aged also between 18 to 30.



SOS Helpline of the Center for Girls started working in 1998. SOS Helpline was not open at the times we didn't have any offices. Since February 25, 2014, SOS Helpline works all the time. SOS Helpline is open between 16:00 and 20:00 on working days. The number is **018 203033**.

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