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Peace Day 2013 Reducing Domestic Violence Coalition

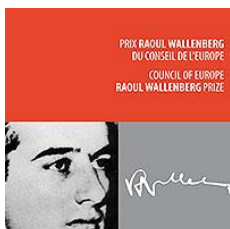
Violence against women is one of the most flagrant violations of human rights; an issue which concerns all countries in the world. It touches women from all walks of life, irrespective of cultural, religious, economic, social or geographical backgrounds. It happens everywhere: in the “safety” of their own homes, at work, in the streets and in the media among others. Every day, women are stalked, harassed, raped, mutilated, forced by their family to enter into a marriage, sterilised against their will or psychologically and physically abused. The examples of violence against women are endless, its victims countless. Many women are too afraid or ashamed to seek help, often paying for their silence with their lives. Those that do speak out are not always heard. With the adoption of the Istanbul Convention in 2011, the 47 member States of the Council of Europe made an important step towards the recognition of their responsibilities in addressing this concern.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS



60th anniversary of entry into force of European Convention on Human Rights

Sixty years ago, on the 3 September 1953, the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, better known as the “European Convention on Human Rights”, entered into force. This treaty is undoubtedly the cornerstone of the human rights protection in Europe. Over sixty years, persons within the jurisdiction of the member States of the Council of Europe have benefited from this unique legal instrument.



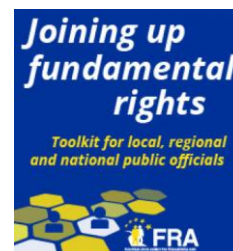
Raoul Wallenberg Prize

At the initiative of the Swedish Government and the Hungarian Parliament, the Council of Europe has created a Raoul Wallenberg Prize in order to keep the memory of Raoul Wallenberg’s achievements alive. Starting in 2014, the Council of Europe Raoul Wallenberg Prize, worth € 10 000, will be awarded every two years in order to reward extraordinary humanitarian achievements by a individual, a group of individuals or an organisation.

The award ceremony will take place at the Council of Europe on 17 January – the date of Raoul Wallenberg’s arrest in Budapest in 1945.

The Council of Europe Secretary General launched the call for nominations for the Prize in March 2013. Nominations must be received at the latest on 30 September 2013.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS



The EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) toolkit helps public officials improve fundamental rights

This [toolkit](#) was compiled to help reduce the gap between theory and practice in implementing fundamental rights through effective cooperation between public officials. The toolkit is for public officials working at all levels of government, from local to international. It aims to help integrate fundamental rights thinking into day-to-day work – in policy making, service delivery and administrative practices.

FRA created this toolkit with the support of public officials and experts from across Europe. The toolkit draws on the practical experience of hundreds of local, regional and national public officials. FRA conducted focus group discussions and expert interviews in eight EU Member States (Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Italy, The Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, and The United Kingdom). Contributors and participants included: public officials; independent experts; civil society representatives; and individual beneficiaries of projects. There was also an International Advisory Group to bring in ideas and views from EU institutions, international organisations, associations of municipalities, and human rights bodies.

EMYN NEWS



The youth exchange “Modern Youth Breaks Stereotypes”

The youth exchange was carried out from 21 to 28 September in Narva (Estonia). The project was a follow-up of international training course “Youth work: New approaches – New Opportunities”. Organizers: representatives of “Youth of democratic Alliance” (Ukraine), “Civil Forum” (Belarus), “Culture. Tolerance. Friendship.” (Latvia) and “Vitatium” (Estonia). The exchange was devoted to multicultural communication, European citizenship, values of civil society, etc.

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