



FOUNDATION GLOBAL NETWORK OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS: 2018

Goal of the GNWS-Foundation in the Hague is to support the International Global Network of Women's Shelter which was founded in 2009 in Ottawa (Canada).

<p>Results 2018</p>
<p>> New website</p> <p>The old website - built in 2009 – didnot work anymore in 2017 (hacked). With the help of ICT4free – an organization that assists non-profit organizations with the building of a website - Met behulp van ICT4free – we started in 2017 with the building of a new website. This proces was completed in 2018 (see https://www.gnws.org). In principle the website is bilangual (English and Spanish). However in 2018 the Spanish speaking volunteer left the GNWS Foundation. For that reason the Spanish part of the website is no longer current.</p>
<p>> Social media and website</p> <p>Information from GNWS and its member-organizations has mainly been taken care of by the GNWS Foundation. Facebook, website and twitter were the main social media that were used. Volunteers of GNWS checked with the member-organizations and other similar organizations which news was relevant for members, similar NGO's and interested organizations/governments/persons and posted this news on GNWS social media. See: https://www.gnws.org T WorldShelter@WomensShelter F @GlobalNetworkofWomensShelters</p>
<p>Website 3rd Worldconference: www.third.worldshelteconference.org Website 4rd Worldconference: www.fourth.worldshelterconference.org</p>

> Yearly international meeting GNWS in New York

The yearly meeting of the Global Network of Women's Shelters yearly takes place in March in New York before the start of the meeting of the UN Commission of the Status of Women.

Because a substantial part of the members are in NY for the (two weekly) meeting of the Commission of the Status of Women and the NGO-Forum that is organized during this meeting, for most member this means that they do not have to make extra travel expenses.

The meeting is held in the office of one of the companies that are sponsoring NNDEV (National Network to End Domestic Violence in the USA) and prepared by the board of the GNWS Foundation in the Hague.

In 2018 the yearly meeting took place at March 10.

It was decided that:

> the 4th Wereld Conferentie of Women's Shelters (4WCWS) was to be held in November 2019 in Taiwan (Organizer: garden of Hope in Taiwan).

> publicity about the 4WCWS would start during the CSW63 in NY.

> a supportgroup is formed with members that were in the organization committee of the former World Conferences (Canada 2008, USA 2012, The Netherlands 2015)

> the chair of GNWS for the coming years stays Chi-Hui-Jung from Taiwan – due to the fact that the next World Conference will be organized in Taiwan. She will also be the chair of the GNWS Foundation in the Hague

> that the board of the GNWS Foundation in The Hague – in close cooperation with the American colleagues of NNDEV – will prepare the start the helpline project.

> Parallel event at NGO-Forum in New York

The GNWS Foundation – together with some member-organizations of the Global Network - prepared and organized a presentation of a parallel event during the NGO-forum in New York at the same time as the CSW63. At a crowded event the members of the panel gave information about the state of the art of women's shelters and the prevention /ending of Violence Against Women in their region.

At the event the 4th World Conference of Women's Shelters was announced to be held in Taiwan in November 2019.

> Contact with UN-Women

In New York a delegation of members of the network (Mexico, Taiwan, European Network, GNWS Foundation) had a meeting with UN-Women.

Subjects: policy of Spotlight a new subsidy scheme, possible support of GNWS (international network) and the 4th World Conference of Women's Shelters in Taiwan.

Supporting 4WCWS in Taiwan

The board of the GNWS Foundation in the Hague did organize activities to support the organizers of the 4WCWS in Taiwan:

+ Letter to potential donors/sponsors in the Netherlands, to sponsor women from poor countries with lack of means to be able to participate in the 4WCWS

+ Prepare and raise money for a short promotion movies with Paulien Krikke (mayor of the Hague) and Francien Houben (Dutch architect that built the art center in Kaohsiung Taiwan)

+ Find means to develop a rapsong By survivors of VAW.

+ Promote 4WCWS in the Netherlands

Project Helplines

In December 2018 an agreement was signed with Uber. Uber agreed to sponsor the start of the

Helpline project. In January 2019 the GNWS Foundation received the financial contribution from Uber.

> Composition of the board of the Foundation in the Hague.

In March 2018 it was decided that Chi-Hui-Jung will succeed Bandana Rana as a chair of the Global network of Women's Shelters. At August 1, Chi-Hui-Jung also became the chair of the GNWS Foundation.

> At August 1 2018, we welcomed another (fifth) new member.

The board of the Foundation had 5 meetings. Two board-members joined the meeting of GNWS in March in New York.