



FOUNDATION GLOBAL NETWORK OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS: Annual report 2019

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).

Results 2019

> New website

The website of the Global Network of Women's Shelters was renewed in 2017/2018. However the Joomla language of the website is complicated and not many people are familiar with this language. The board therefore decided to develop a new website (language: word-press). This will be completed in 2020.

> Social media and website

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

Website 3rd Worldconference: www.third.worldshelteconference.org

Website 4rd Worldconference: www.fourth.worldshelterconference.org

> **Yearly international meeting GNWS in New York before start of CSW64**

The yearly meeting of the Global Network of Women's Shelters took place at March 10 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.

Topics of the meeting:

> Regional reports from the different continents

> Helplines project: the board of the GNWS Foundation in The Hague will – in close cooperation with the American colleagues of NNDEV – prepare the start the helpline project, made possible by a grant from Uber

> Progress report of the 4th World Conference in November 2019 in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, by the organizers (Garden of Hope in Taiwan).

> Future of GNWS: It was decided to keep the current organization form: a Global Network with a support Foundation as a legal entity in The Hague.

> **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 CSW64. 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.

* the concept of the helplines project was launched and welcomed by participants.

* The 4th World Conference of Women's Shelters - planned in November 2019 in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, was an important subject of this parallel event, with practical information and information about the content of the conference for potential presenters and participants.

> **Contact with UN-Women**

In New York a delegation of members of the network (Boardmember GNWS Foundation The Hague and the president of WAVE -Women Against Violence Europe) had a meeting with UN-Women.

Subject: (Financial) support for the helpline project. The idea was welcomed by UNWomen and in future they will look at ways to support the project.

GNWS meeting before 4WCSW in Taiwan

A second GNWS meeting was held at November 4th, in Kaohsiung (Taiwan), one day before the start of the 4th World Conference of Women's Shelters.

Two main items were the *Project Helplines* and the roles of several GNWS members at the 4th World Conference.

4th World Conference of Women's Shelters, November 5-8, Kaohsiung Taiwan.

This amazing event was attended by about 1000 participants from all over the World.

The Conference was supported by the government of Taiwan. The president of Taiwan Mrs Tsai Ing-wen, welcomed the participants of the Conference in her country and stressed the importance of joined efforts to end Violence Against Women and Gender-Based violence.

For more information about the Conference:

Website 4th Worldconference of Women's Shelters: www.fourth.worldshelterconference.org

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. In July a temporary project-leader was hired to make a start with the project.

The conference in Taiwan was used to make a start with the assessment of existing helplines.

Participant were asked to give information about existing helplines in their country via a google form.

This resulted in data about national helplines in 80 countries. In 35 of these countries there was no national helpline.

> 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.

> The board of the GNWS Foundation consists of 5 members.

The board of the Foundation had 5 meetings. Two board-members attended the meeting of GNWS in March in New York. All board members of the Foundation joined the meeting of GNWS in November 2019.