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Greetings

from
Association For Struggle Against Sexual Violence

As Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence, we have reached the fifth year by having identified a number of situation & cases in which the sexual violence and power mechanisms are intertwined and by having conducted various activities with rights-based approach and consciousness of solidarity. In 2018, by taking a stand against all types of violence, we have continued to hold these kind of activities in order to contribute to a world where sexual violence and damages caused by sexual violence are eradicated for the sake of all sentient beings.

2018 was a year where Turkey as a country drifted apart from the fundamental rights and values by polarizing its citizens, who were also affected by the global war politics. On 24 June, transition to Presidential System of Government has completed in Turkey, which is a system that we experienced one form of it before. State of siege and emergency were lifted in Turkey in July after two years. Nevertheless, the activities of LGBTI+ groups were banned indefinitely in some provinces on the grounds of social sensitivity. No anticruelty laws to protect animals from cruel and inhumane treatment was enacted, about which all the political parties without exception published a manifesto before the election. In 2018, there were lots of sad news published about how the citizens, artists, actors, journalists, politicians, academic staff, activists, lawyers, government officials, representatives of professional organizations, university students were arrested, detained, imprisoned or dismissed unlawfully on account of their opinions and the statements they made. In the parliament, media and local administrations, we see men a way more than women. In cases of physical and sexual violence, we witnessed an increase in victim-blaming, sexist and discriminatory discourses on media and on the posts shared on social media tools.

This year, the trainings on gender equality were not allowed on the grounds of social values. There have been attempts to eradicate the concept of gender and to annul the Law No. 6284 and Istanbul Convention. We continued to struggle with these initiatives that violated the rights of women and children and continued demanding the reformative public practices in order for the survivors can enjoy their rights.

All these negative developments did not prevent us from dreaming, hoping and of course putting up our struggle. In 2018, as Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence, we continued to develop different practices for the transformation of social perception with a positive and empowering perspective and to produce preventive-protective studies in order to prevent the types of sexual violence.

In 2018, as Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence, we had a new office. This year, in addition to the Sigrid Rausing Trust Fund, we have also empowered our resources and built our capacity by obtaining corporate support from Civil Society Development Center. The number of our team members has increased. With the mentoring support we have received this year, we have focused on in-house studies as well as external activities and the activities that will build our capacity. In the coming period, we hope to develop new studies to ensure a further interaction with our members and volunteers.

Every year, we meet more people than those in the previous years. As survivors, we maintain our solidarity with the survivors, we take the necessary strength from each other, we nourish each other by experience sharing. We observe in Turkey that there is a slight increase in the numbers of persons, who combat sexual violence, who prevent violence, who question and are open to learn as a whole regardless of their profession and age, and that the awareness is raised and visibility is increased in that regard. Interacting with lots of people who are ready to begin to change in order to transform the practices of violence that we internalized gives us the strength and motivation to do more and more.

We wish a non-violent communication and solidarity for the social transformation,

Hope to see you in 2019! :)



WHO ARE WE?

Association For Struggle Against Sexual Violence, which aims to combat sexual violence; was established in 2014 by us, as the activists coming together from different organizations (working on the rights of women, LGBTI+, animals, persons with disabilities, refugees, children, young people, etc.).

As an association that is focusing only on the field of combatting sexual violence and as being a rights-based rather than aid-based association we are conducting our studies all around Turkey. By keeping in mind that sexual violence is a mean to establish/reinforce a systematic power which is fueled by patriarchy, public morality, patriotism, gender binarism, racism, nationalism and similar power mechanisms; we strive for expanding our struggle without establishing a hierarchy in between.

We know that everyone can be exposed to sexual violence, so in relation to our target audience, we do not limit ourselves and do not identify ourselves as women, LGBTI+, young persons organization.

Vision of the Association for the Struggle Against Sexual Violence is;

to contribute to a world where sexual violence and damages caused by sexual violence are eradicated for the sake of each living creatures.

WHAT DO WE DO?

TRAINING:

We know that sexual violence is a learned and normalized phenomenon, which can be prevented; so we develop training contents and provide trainings to increase preventive-protective studies that are highly rare in this field. We provide informative trainings, workshops and seminars to persons in need, parents, young people, professionals and NGO staff by developing different training contents for meeting the different needs on demand. We generate data on the basis of these trainings we conducted all around of Turkey by the methods of evaluation and reporting.

PRODUCTION OF MATERIALS & DIGITAL ACTIVISM:

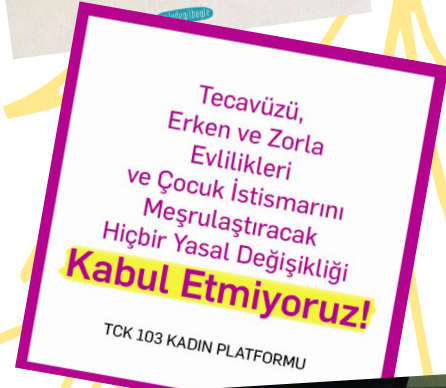
We conduct campaigns and concept discussions and develop visual and informative content to create a communication language and approach that creates a transformative effect in the society about sexual violence, raises consciousness and awareness, empowers those who are survivors of violence and who witness violence. We are expanding this language and approach through the use of social media tools effectively, via the interviews we provided, the regular publications we create, the events we participate, the campaigns we carry out, the visual materials that we produce.

ADVOCACY:

We conduct advocacy studies; that make the different forms of sexual violence visible; that ensure people not to establish a hierarchy among them; that fosters the care about solidarity between people who are exposed to different forms of oppression and discrimination in society; in order for the implementation and development of the rights in line with the demands of the survivors of sexual violence and for the prevention of violations.

SUPPORT:

We conduct content studies that build the capacities of individuals, institutions and non-governmental organizations that provide services and support for ensuring the enjoyment of rights and the needs of survivors of sexual violence are met. We contribute to the increase of preventive-protective studies by producing training modules for the professionals working in the field of education to work with children and young people. We provide institutions and organizations with consultancy on their process of preparing policy documents regarding the prevention of harassment and violence. After they apply us, we made the necessary referrals and we inform them about fund raising opportunities. We prepare the service map, produce materials on self-care and we disseminate them.





BRIEF HISTORY

2014

ESTABLISHMENT

2015

- Organizational Strategy
- Bilgi Uni. Social Incubation
- Website
- Public Meetings
- Awareness Raising Activities

2016

- Workshops and Trainings
- Production of Visuals and Social Media
- Kadıköy Office
- #BunuYapabiliriz (We Can Do It!) Campaign
- Concept Discussions
- Project: "Sexual Violence Thrives in Silence, Let's Talk and Take Action!"
- Project: "What's Up What's Not?"
- Trials on Sexual Violence in Football

2017

- "Change Starts With Me" Trainings
- Project: "Transforming Our Language"
- Project: "What's Up What's Not?" Training of Trainers
- Cooperation with Public Institutions-
- Symposium: Sexual Violence and Gender Discrimination in Football
- Campaign: #StopSexismInFootball
- Advocacy Studies

2018

- Project: "Öyle Değil Böyle!" (Switch It)
- Project: "Where is The Support System?"
- Project: "What's Up What's Not?" Training of Trainers
- "Change Starts With Me" Trainings
- Building the Capacity of Civil Society Workshops
- Cooperation with Local Administrations
- Campaign: "Listen Children Carefully; Prevent Abuse Completely!"
- Koşuyolu Office
- Panel: Combatting Sexual Violence in Football

IN 2018 WHAT HAVE WE DONE ?

4

PROJECTS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED

4

PUBLICATIONS WERE PUBLISHED

5

VIDEOS WERE PRODUCED

8

ADVOCACY MEETING WERE PRATICIPATED IN

18

CITIES WERE VISITED FOR OUR ACTIVITIES

951

PERSONS WERE REACHED WITH OUR TRAININGS

2306

PERSONS WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER FOR OUR ACTIVITIES

6500

YOUNG PERSONS WERE REACHED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE TRAININGS

230

PERSONS HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE CONSULTANCY WE PROVIDED

17210

FOLLOWERS WE REACHED ON FACEBOOK

12853

FOLLOWERS WE REACHED ON INSTAGRAM

7785

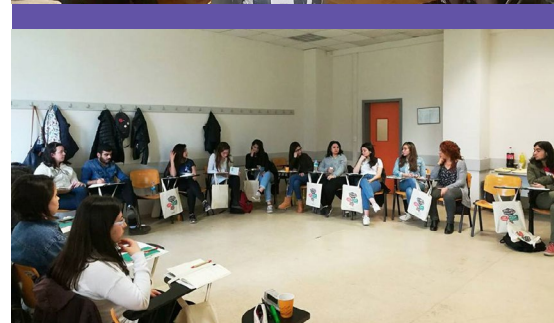
FOLLOWERS WE REACHED ON TWITTER

1) CHANGE STARTS WITH ME!

The Project: Change Starts With Me, which we prepared to change the misconceptions, mis- and disinformation in society for ensuring a decrease in the cases on abuses, to extend the scope of preventive-protective studies, to remind everyone about their responsibilities as individuals in combatting sexual violence and to raise awareness in that regard, continued in 2018. We applied the training contents we prepared for the different groups having different needs in 3 different modules around Turkey.

- 3 different training content that we have prepared to implement within the scope of the project are as follows:
- * For young people; on gender based violence, discrimination, different types of violence, definition of dating violence, myths about dating violence, characteristics of safe relationships, concept of consent
- * For Parents and Trainers; on rights-based approach while working with children, concept of consent and setting clear boundaries in children, definition and types of sexual abuse, preventive-protective approach against sexual exploitation and intervention methods
- * For Social Workers; on definition and types of sexual violence, myths about sexual violence, empowering language and approach, methods of making interviews with survivors

In 2018, we have reached a total of **156 persons** by holding 8 trainings within the scope of 'Change Starts with Me' trainings. Some of the groups that we met within the scope of these trainings are Civil Society in the Penal System Association, Tarlabası Community Center and Sulukule Volunteers Association, Boğaziçi University Education and Research Club, Okan University Gender Studies Club, Lambda Istanbul LGBTI + Solidarity Association and Istanbul Turkish Psychological Counseling and Guidance Association.

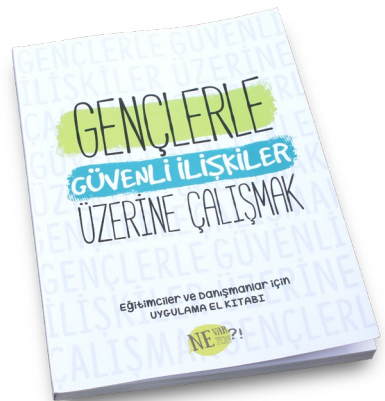
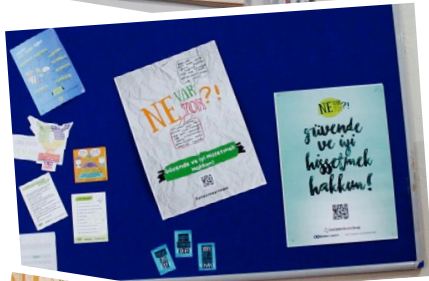




2) WHAT'S UP WHAT'S NOT?! TRAINING OF TRAINERS

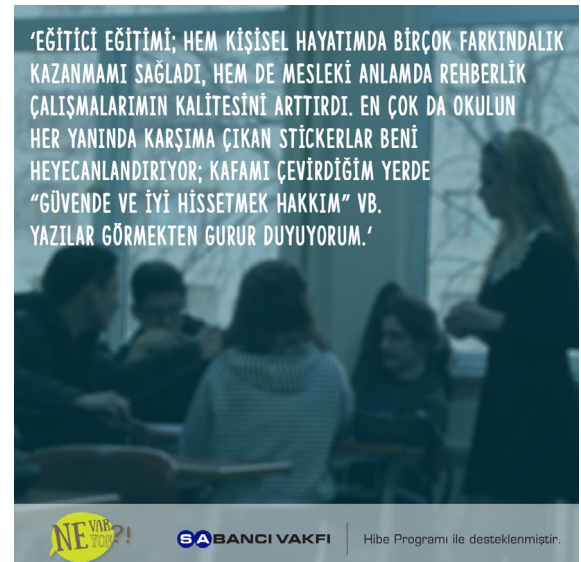
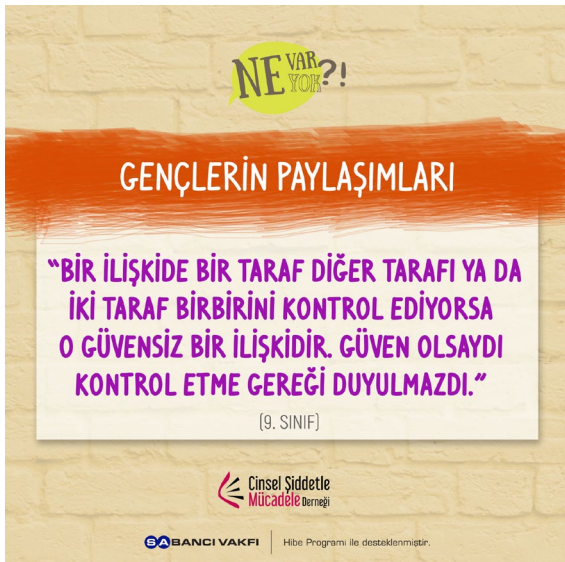
As the first of the preventive-protective studies initiated by the Association in the field of young persons, [What's Up What's Not?! Project](#)'s pilot study was conducted in 7 different high schools in Istanbul in 2016-2017 academic year and 3500 young people were reached. In this project that we implemented in co-operation with the guidance units of schools and with the contribution of the related branch teachers; we organized information meetings with trainers and awareness-raising workshops for young persons on gender, discrimination, peer bullying, online violence, safe relationships, the concept of consent and dating violence. In 2018, we prepared a pilot Training of Trainers program for psychological counselors and guidance teachers at schools in order to disseminate these preventive-protective studies. With [What's Up What's Not?! Training of Trainers Project](#), that was supported by Sabancı Foundation; we aimed to build professional capacities of psychological counselors in recognizing and preventing peer and dating violence and in making an intervention and to support them in conducting studies on preventive-protective studies at schools.

20 high school counselors in Istanbul benefited from the project. After the **6-day long training of trainers** they attended, the counselors were able to reach **5518 young persons** from **17 different high schools** where they worked in and where they provided **500 class studies** in total for **4 months**. Based on the shared experiences in the supervision meetings following the practices; the application book/ practice manual called "[Working with Young Persons on Safe Relationships](#)" was reviewed, updated and republished. Upon the requests for these books, the books



were sent to approximately 800 school counselors, trainers and social workers working in different districts and provinces of Turkey. We aim to expand training of trainers studies in 2019 in a way to reach all around Turkey.

Within the scope of the project; we prepared a report in line with the results of the research we conducted in order to learn about the evaluations of the young persons on the study, their opinions on dating violence and their recommendations for preventing violence in relationships. "**Recommendations for Solutions of High School Students on Dating Violence**" research report is available at our website. In addition, we plan to use the results of the research we conducted with a focus group formed from the counselors who participated in the project in the report: "**Dating Violence in Education: Needs, Obstacles and Solutions**" and we aim to use it in advocacy activities that we will conduct to increase preventive protective studies in education environments.



From Dating Violence to Safer Relationships & Rights-Based Journalism About Sexual Violence

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In addition to that, in order to transform the language used in the news on sexual violence in media, that are sexist and that foster the humiliating and victim blaming towards the survivors of sexual violence, “Rights-Based Journalism About Sexual Violence” workshops were conducted for the students of faculty of communication, for workers of media organizations and for the persons who are interested in civic journalism, with the participation of the students of the faculty of communication of **Izmir University of Economics, Kadir Has University, Bilgi University, Galatasaray University, Yeni Yüzyıl University, Yaşar University, Çukurova University, Mersin University, Arel University, Bahçeşehir University, Izmir Kavram Vocational College of Higher Education and Ege University** and with the participation of new media and social media workers from **Cumhuriyet Newspaper, Sendika.org, Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir, Mersin, Adana and Canakkale**. We reached **332 persons** in these workshops. Of these, **38 persons** were media professionals and **294 persons** were activists and students.





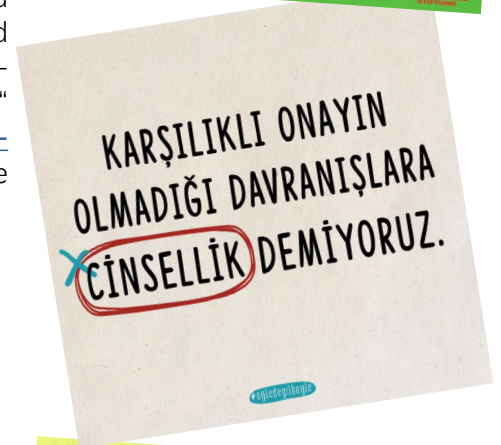
In “**Production of Visuals Workshop**” that we held for 3 days in July, as a result of the gathering of people who are engaged in visual production, we were able to reach the idea of “**Visual Archive**” which anticipates the creation of a public pool of visuals for the right use of the right visual materials in media and for which we expect the contributions of the photographers after we announce this pool. We estimate that this archive will be in fully digital format in 2019 and will be used as an open source for media professionals.

Besides these, within the scope of the project, we shot 2 campus videos on the concepts of “[consent](#)” and “[victim blaming](#)” and 2 myths & facts videos stating “[no is no](#)” and “[Sexual violence can happen anywhere](#)”; and we prepared one brochure named “[What is consent?](#)”, 10 flyers and stickers were prepared and “[10 tips for Language of news](#)” flyer was prepared and; “[Using the Right Words](#)” and “[Rights-Based Journalism About Sexual Violence](#)” brochure was reviewed, updated and republished.

CİNSEL ŞİDDET HABERLERİNDE DOĞRU KELİMELEİ KULLANMAK İÇİN

10 Maddede Haber dili

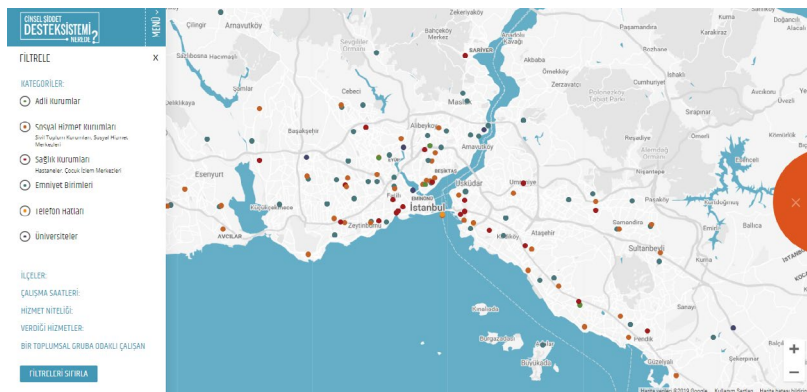
1. Şiddeti yaşayan kişinin beyanı için “iddiasıyla” gibi şüphe uyandırıcı ifadeler kullanmayın, nötr olun.
2. Şiddet faili için “sapık, canavar, pedofil” ifadelerini kullanmayın. “Fail”i tercih edin.
3. “Alçakça, korkunç, iğrenç” gibi uç ve sansasyon yaratan ifadelerden kaçın.
4. Okuyanlar üzerinde öfke, çaresizlik vb. duygu yoğunluğu yaratacak ifadelerden kaçın.
5. Eğer görüşülen kişi özellikle tercih etmediyse “kurban” ve “mağdur” ifadelerini kullanmayın. “Hayatta kalan” ya da “maruz bırakılan” ifadelerini tercih edin.



4) WHERE IS THE SUPPORT SYSTEM?



With [Where is the Support System? Project](#), which we started to implement with the support of the Consulate-General of Sweden Istanbul, we would like to provide answers to the questions of the survivors of sexual violence, such as; I was exposed to sexual violence, what should I do?, from whom and where can I get support or service?, to where and how can I apply?. We have conducted various interviews, within the scope of field research, with **13 professional experts** including **3 lawyers** working in this field, **6 health care professionals**, **1 judge**, **3 forensic experts**; with **2 NGOs** including **KADAV (Women's Solidarity Foundation)** and **Mor Çatı Women's Shelter Foundation**; with **2 university commissions** including **Boğaziçi University Sexual Assault Prevention Commission (CİTÖK)** and **Istanbul Bilgi University Unit for the Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Assault (CTSÖB)**; with institutions, such as **Rasimpaşa Social Care Center**, **Marmara Child Protection Unit**, **Gayrettepe Public Security Branch Office on Combating Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women** and **ŞÖNİM (Violence Prevention and Monitoring Center)**.



Within the scope of the project; we have drawn up the service map of public institutions providing service and of associations providing support for the survivors of sexual violence in Istanbul. We have created a web site, including the information on the methods of applying the institutions after being exposed to sexual violence and on self-help and other empowering information for the survivors in the process of healing, therapy and rehabilitation. With www.csdestek.org website, we tried to bring together the information that can facilitate the survivors in accessing the information on the support and service they can get, as their fundamental rights. We brought together the service information regarding **163 units**, including **6 university units**, **36 Social Services Centers**, **7 NGOs**, **4 hotlines**, **4 legal aid units**, **80 law enforcement units**, **22 hospitals**, **4 (CIM) Child Monitoring Centers**.



We attended [MitSprache - CONGRESS BY SURVIVORS FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUALISED VIOLENCE AND THEIR SUPPORTERS](#) on 15-16 September and had the opportunity to make contributions by sharing experiences. In Berlin, we visited LARA Rape Crisis Center, the Transformative Justice Kollektiv Berlin and the Wildwasser Rape Crisis Center Selbsthilfe & Beratung, and we exchanged opinions and shared experiences and we were able to observe the materials prepared for survivors.



WHERE IS THE SUPPORT SYSTEM? PANEL & FORUM

We held a panel on 1 December for the support units working for the survivors of sexual violence in Turkey in order to discuss the capacity and quality of service, where we brought professional experts together with the participation of 160 persons. In the first session of the panel which had two sessions in total, the discussion took place on the support system and service standards for survivors of sexual violence in Istanbul with a multi-disciplinary perspective, with the participation of Esem Karaburç from Istanbul Department of Police on Combatting Domestic Violence and Violence against Women, Director of Istanbul Koza ŞÖNİM-Violence Prevention and Monitoring Center Nermin Fügen Özer, Habibe Yılmaz Kayar-Lawyer from Legal Support Center for Women (KAHDEM), Head of the Department of Forensic Medicine of Istanbul University Faculty of Medicine Prof. Dr. Şebnem Korur Fincancı and Prof. Dr. Ayşen Ufuk Sezgin from Department of Forensic Medicine of Istanbul University Faculty of Medicine.

In the second session, we were together with non-governmental organizations that offer solidarity and various support activities for survivors of sexual violence. Esin Epli from KADAV explained their support studies; Zuhal Güreli from Mor Çatı talked about Women's Consultation Center; Görkem Aypar and Mustafa Sarıyılmaz from SPoD talked about LGBTI + Hotline; Gizem Dikmen from Sen de Anlat Solidarity Platform explained Sen de Anlat HarrassMap website; Cemre Baytok from Boğaziçi University talked about Sexual Assault Prevention Commission (CİTÖK) and they all together reminded us, as the survivors, that we are not alone and desperate. Finally, in the open mic session, we gave the microphone to all participants who wanted to share their opinions, and we discussed together. You can watch the entire panel from [our YouTube channel](#). (Only in Turkish)

1) JOINT CAMPAIGN WITH ŞİŞLİ MUNICIPALITY "LISTEN CHILDREN CAREFULLY; PREVENT ABUSE COMPLETELY!"



As Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence, we emphasize that sexual abuse is an issue that can be prevented and that we all have responsibilities in combatting abuse. Without discussing those issues with parents, teachers, adults from all segments of society; we argue that a training approach that only focuses on the child will be insufficient in combatting abuse.

From this point of view, within the scope of the protocol we signed together with [Şişli Municipality](#) on March, we have started to implement the **"Listen Children Carefully; Prevent Abuse Completely!"** campaign and with this campaign, which aims to highlight the responsibilities of adults in combatting sexual violence, we were able to provide an example model for preventive-protective studies to be generated by local administrations.

Within the scope of the campaign, we held **5 different seminars** with the participation of **staff of Directorate of Health** and **General Municipality staff**. Within the scope of the seminars; we shared the information on; **children's right of bodily integrity and autonomy**, the perception of children in society, the definition and different types of sexual abuse, false facts and misconceptions, the responsibilities of professionals and adults in combatting abuse. Following the seminars held on March



and April; we held 5 different full-day trainings for teachers working in pools and gyms of Directorate of Youth and Sports, and staff of community centers; staff of Day Care Centers and trainers of Scientific Center called Bilim evi. In these full-day trainings, various sessions took place such as **“Rights-Based Approach To Working with Children”**, **“Misconceptions about Sexual Abuse”**, **“Social Perception on Sexual Abuse”**, **“Types of Sexual Abuse”**, **“Identifying Sexual Abuse and Making an Intervention”**. Within the scope of the campaign, we held 4 trainings for psychosocial counselors and guidance teachers working at primary, secondary and high schools in Şişli on November and December, following the invitation of Şişli Psychosocial Research Center.

With the campaign we conducted, in 2018, we were able to reach **88 psychosocial counselors and guidance teachers at schools**, **189 education staff**, **603 health service providers and staff from municipality** and we were able to raise awareness on sexual abuse.



Receiving many invitations from different municipalities to develop similar campaigns and collaborations; we have initiated an effective process for individual and social transformation in the combatting sexual abuse.

2) WITHIN THE SCOPE OF #FOOTBALLPEOPLE CAMPAIGN

PANEL: COMBATTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN FOOTBALL: TRIALS AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS



In order to raise awareness on discrimination against football, for the third time, we joined the **#Football People** campaign held every year by [Blue Network](#). On 16 October 2018, we organized a panel called **Panel: Combatting Sexual Violence In Football: Trials, Recent Developments**, as part of the campaign conducted between 11-25 October 2018 simultaneously in many countries.

At the event, which was hosted by **Kadir Has University Sport Studies Research Center** with the support of Heinrich Böll Stiftung Association, the spokespersons Lawyer Aysu Melis Bağlan, Hilal Esmer ve Asst. Prof. İdil Elveriş provided their presentations.

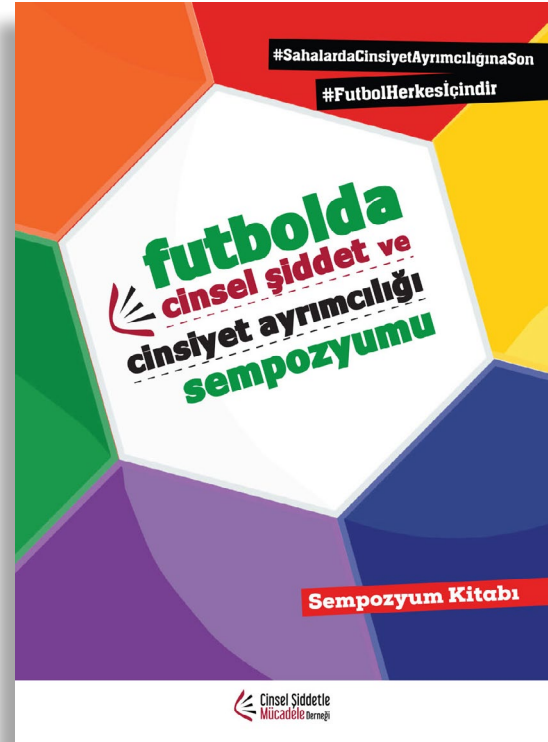
After the panel, we introduced the publication of “**Sexual Violence and Gender Discrimination in Football Symposium**” which we organized last year and we shared it with the participants.



Thanks to the panel; we think we have a good opportunity to take action to change the unchanging perspective on prevention of violence in football and to discuss the issues that no one (can) talk in the field of football.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN FOOTBALL SYMPOSIUM BOOK

On 13- 14 May 2017, we organized a joint symposium called Sexual Violence and Gender Discrimination in Football with Turkish [Association of Sport and Physical Activity for Women \(KAS-FAD\)](#) and [Kadir Has University Sport Studies Research Center](#). This symposium, which was organized with the participation and contribution of athletes and referees, journalists, lawyers and psychologists who are experts in the field of sport, civil society representatives, academic staff, women, LGBTI + and persons with disabilities, has attracted considerable attention since it was one of the first multidisciplinary organizations in Turkey drawing attention to sexualized violence and discrimination faced by women, LGBTI+ athletes and athletes with disabilities. We decided to publish the symposium book since there was a need for a publication in that regard and since we got lots of positive feedbacks from the participants and from those who are interested in the field of sports and combating sexual violence. [This book](#), which we prepared and published in October 2018 with the support of the



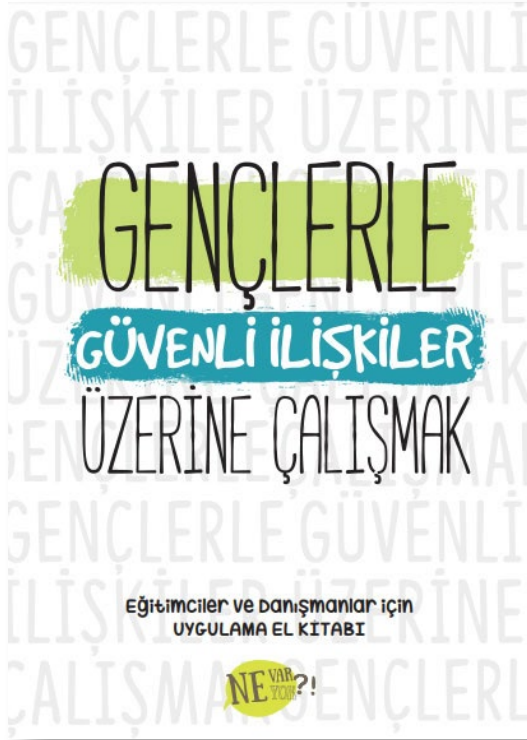
Heinrich Böll Stiftung Association, includes the discussions took place on the sessions held in this two-day symposium, the valuable presentations provided on the subject of experts, contents of the workshop and final reports, and some trials we brought in action and advocacy studies of us in this field.

HAVE YOU EVER ASK THEM?

**BROCHURE: AGAINST MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND VIOLATIONS
OF PERSONAL BOUNDARIES IN EMOTIONAL / ROMANTIC /
SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS: THE CONCEPT OF CONSENT**

As part of the From Dating Violence to Safer Relationships program of Project: "[Öyle Değil Böyle!](#)" ([Switch It](#)), we have [published a brochure](#) on the concept of consent that we recommend as a practical application for safe relationships.





WORKING WITH YOUNG PERSONS ON SAFE RELATIONSHIPS

APPLICATION BOOK/PRACTICE MANUAL FOR TRAINERS AND CONSULTANTS

The application book/ practice manual called "Working with Young Persons on Safe Relationships", that we prepared in 2017, was reviewed, updated and republished in line with the recommendations and experiences of the counselors we have worked with in [What's Up What's Not?! Training of Trainers Project](#).

We hope that [this book](#) will contribute to your studies to be conducted in order to support and ensure young persons to have safe and non-violent relationships.



THE RESEARCH REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SOLUTIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Within the scope of [What's Up What's Not?! Training of Trainers Project](#); we prepared a [report](#) in line with the results of the research we conducted in order to learn about the assessments of the young persons on the study they participated in, their opinions on dating violence and their recommendations for preventing violence in relationships.



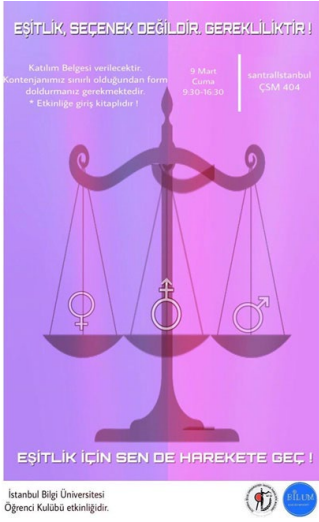
TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

(outside the scope of project)

- With **Support to Life Association** field teams of Antakya, Adana, Urfa, Diyarbakir and Istanbul, we conducted 2-day capacity building workshops. This was a cooperation initiative where we discussed the methods of approach and intervention to the issues of gender based violence, dating violence and sexual abuse, where we established new networks of solidarity and where we also built our capacity in the field of the rights of asylum seekers and refugees.



- With **FeminAmfi**, we held on March 2, "**Concepts Related to Sexual Violence and Methods of Struggle**" workshop.
- At CIP National Sensitivity Conference organized by Sabancı University Civic Involvement Projects held on 28 March, we held "**Safety Chart in Relationships**" workshop, in which we talked about the characteristics of safe and unsafe relationships.
- On 7 June, with Media Group, we held "**Gender Responsive Publishing**" workshops. Our collaborations in the field of media continue enthusiastically in order to transform the gender stereotypes.
- Within the scope of "**Şugar Mekanlar**" (Safe and Friendly Venues)" Project to be conducted by Nakka LGBTI + activists in 2019, we held two different raising awareness workshops on October and December, with the participation of managers and team members of some cafes and entertainment venues in Taksim and Kadıköy. We talked about gender stereotypes, gender diversity, the possibility of safe spaces beyond stereotypes, forms of discrimination and violence in venues, the approach and protocol of the venues in case of harassment and violence. These workshops, as a precondition for being among the Şugar Mekanlar, will continue in 2019.



- On 28-30 January, we attended "Transformation, Today and Future of the Women's Movement" meeting organized by Flying Broom Association in Cappadocia.
- On 22-24 February, in the "Gender-Responsive and Child Based Civic Journalism" training organized by dokuz8haber, we made "News About Gender Based Violence and Basic Concepts in Gender Responsive Journalism" presentation.
- On 9 March, with the invitation of Bilgi University Student Club, in "Equality is not an Option, Rather is a Necessity!" Panel, we talked about the examples and results of the struggle in the field of sports.
- On 9 March, we were chosen as one of the best examples within the Gender Studies by TOG Thematic Studies Group.
- On 10 March, we attended "The Responsibilities of the Adults in Combating Sexual Abuse" panel held by Okmeydanı Community Center.
- On 14 March, at "Transforming University for Gender Equality" Panel held by MEF University Department of Guidance and Psychological Counseling, we talked about our studies conducted for young persons within "What's Up What's Not?" Project and the influence of these studies in ensuring transformation at schools.
- On 21 March, within the scope of Seçbir Teacher Network Talks, we made a presentation on "Combatting Dating Violence at Schools".
- On 10 April, in "Different Scales of Violence" Panel held in Şişli Vocational High School, we provided "Representations of Sexual Violence in the Media and Right Based Journalism" presentation.
- On 12 April, in Antalya at 15th Forensic Science Congress, we provided a presentation on sexist concepts and approaches used in preparing forensic reports.
- On 11 June, II. Rights of Children Symposium, organized by the HRA Committee on the Rights of the Child, we provided "Children's Right of Bodily Integrity and Autonomy" presentation.



- On 15 June, within the scope of “**The Queer Thing II**” week in Zurich/ Switzerland, we mentioned on the studies of our association and why we have adopted a queer feminist perspective as an association.
- On 26 August, within the scope of joint certificate program called Young Persons Purple Certificate Program held with SU Gender and Center for Sociology and Education Studies, at Gender Certificate-Summer School held for every year, we came together with the students of the faculty of education again this year.
- On 15 September, at “Spatial Reflections of Sexism & Basis of Power Furnishing It” Panel, under “**Sexism, Sexual Violence and Media Representations**” session, we provided a presentation.
- On 21 October, at Critical Psychology Symposium held by Association of Psychologists for Social Solidarity in Izmir, on “Interspecies Coexistence” panel, we took place as participant and we provided a presentation called “**Veganism and Nonviolence**”.
- On 21 November, at “**Types of Violence and Practices of Struggle**” panel, held by Kadir Has University Gender and Women Studies Research Center, we provided a speech.
- On 24 November, at “Empowerment of the Young Persons at Schools” Conference held by Turkey Family Health and Planning Foundation, we made a contribution by providing a speech on “Empowering Adolescents and Young People for Secure Relationships”.
- On 4 December, within the scope of 8. European Union Human Rights Film Days, to the panel held after the screening of “Komiser Ana” film, we attended as spokespersons.
- On 9 December, with the invitation of Tepebaşı Youth Center, we came together with young persons in Eskişehir and we talked about the dating violence.
- On 13 December, with Yoğurtçu Women's Forum, we had a discussion on “**Sexual Violence and Gender Discrimination in Football**”.



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Some of the visual productions we produced during 2018 for raising awareness and providing information are as follows...



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Istanbul Convention Monitoring Platform and Grevio Turkey Report

The process of investigation of Turkey within the scope of Istanbul Convention, which is the most comprehensive international convention on the prevention of violence against women and domestic violence (The Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence) has started in July 2017 when Turkey submitted its official report to GREVIO (The Group of experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence). Following this report, the shadow report, prepared by Women and LGBTI+ organizations that are the members of Istanbul Convention Monitoring Platform, which includes the identified deficits and wrong practices of the state in combatting violence while discharging of Convention and the recommendations for improving the current situation, was presented to GREVIO in September 2017. We have been one of the 8 organizations involved in the preparation of the [Shadow Report](#). GREVIO published its [first Turkey Report](#) in October 2018. In that regard, we attended "Publicity Meeting of Grevio Turkey Report" which was organized by Turkish Women's Union, UNFPA and UNWOMEN in Ankara. In addition to finding an opportunity to assess the Grevio Report with the participation and presentation of Prof. Dr. Feride Acar, who is Chair of the Grevio Committee and CEDAW Committee, we also came together and shared experiences with the persons doing advocacy locally.

European Women's Lobby - Skopje Regional Forum Meeting



On 23-25 July, we participated in the preparatory meeting for the Regional Forum organized by the [European Women's Lobby](#) in Skopje. The participants of this meeting were representatives from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Serbia and Turkey. In this meeting where we discussed the mapping report on related policy and legislations about violence against women and Istanbul Convention, the fields of application, the approach of the states in that regard in 6 West Balkan countries and Turkey, we also discussed and assessed Istanbul Convention under the titles of partner violence, sexual violence, and violence against refugees and asylum seekers.



Follow Up On 7th Periodical Report of CEDAW Process of Preparation of the Shadow Report

As it is known, there was a request made in order for the state to provide information within two years in 2016 on four issues at "Concluding Observations" published by the CEDAW Committee in accordance with the 7th Periodic Report. Therefore, in July 2018 Turkey has presented its [follow up letter](#) that it prepared in that regard to the committee. Just as in the case of the shadow report we prepared together with independent women and LGBTI + associations and organizations based on the 7th periodic report, we took active part in the preparation of shadow follow-up report on the issues specifically, about which the committee asked for the detailed information, to be submitted to the committee, together with the same associations and organizations. The Committee requested information from Turkey again in the next periodic report on matters that it finds deficient by sending its assessment to Turkey on 17 December, which was made in line with the information provided by Turkey and NGOs in their shadow follow up reports. You can find the [follow up letter of Turkey](#) sent to the committee, [shadow follow-up report](#) which we made contributions during its the preparation and concluding observations of the committee on our web site.

We became a member of the Women's Coalition

In 2018, we joined the [Women's Coalition](#), which is an inclusive organization of different women and LGBTI + organizations, prioritizing women's participation in politics, in local administrations and in other decision-making mechanisms. The coalition, which embraces the motto of "We are here with all the differences we have" has carried out many advocacy studies at national, international and local level until now. This initiative, which also ensures participation in politics by following the elections at the local and national level, has conducted studies, such as the distribution of women MPs by provinces and parties, and the evaluation of party programs and regulations from a feminist perspective before.



Workshop on Law No. 6284

We participated in [Vital Mechanism in Combating Violence Against Women: Workshop on Law No 6284](#) organized by Mor Çatı Women's Shelter Foundation in September 2018. We discussed the problems faced in Turkey regarding the implementation of the law and the recommendations for solutions in that regard at the workshop that took place with the participation of approximately 50 women from various provinces of Turkey.

Article 103 of TPC Platform

Upon the cancellation of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 103 of the Turkish Penal Code, which are about the offenses of sexual violence and abuse against children, by the Constitutional Court, as women and LGBTI + associations working in the field, we came together to share the experiences we have gained towards eliminating the problems with the related institutions and authorities in the process of draft law and to provide a draft document. A new draft law was drafted with the title of "Draft Law on Amendment of Law of Criminal procedure and Certain Laws" instead of the articles declared void. According to this draft law, impunity of perpetrator will be ensured in case the perpetrator gets married to the survivor of sexual abuse. In 2018, we stayed in contact with the relevant people working in the process of draft law and followed the parliamentary agendas.

Partnership Network for the Prevention of Violence Against Children

We participated in "Protection and Participation of Children" Workshops organized within the scope of "Together (with children) We Are Powerful II" project of [Partnership Network for the Prevention of Violence Against Children](#) in Ankara on 14-15 September 2018.



In these workshops; we talked about the perceptions on child, the principles, the rules and codes of conduct on protection and participation of children in order to prevent violence against children, we worked on and assess "Policy Paper on Protection of Children" and "Policy Paper on Participation of Children".

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST ANIMALS

As an association, which is working as focusing not only on human beings but also on non-human animals and which is aware of the fact that animals are entitled to the possession of their own existence like humans and they also exposed to many different types of violence by humans, we tried to conduct raising awareness and advocacy activities for the rights of animals in 2018 as well. In January; we have learned that in the draft law that the Ministry of Justice has submitted on the amendments to be made in the Animal Protection Law No. 5199, the rape of animals is still treated as a mere fault rather a criminal act. We have published [a press statement](#) on the cases of sexual violence committed against animals are not isolated cases, the animals have been sexually exploited systematically by the perpetrators taking the advantage of the legal gaps and therefore it is necessary to protect the animals by law by treating animal rape as a criminal act immediately.



■ ■ We say that the perpetrators are not perverts or lunatics, rather they are just "ordinary" people we see in daily life, so that the cases of animal rape should not be considered as isolated cases as if it took place as a result of a mental illness, so that these cases should not be normalized, and so that these acts should be considered legally as rape regardless of the species of sentient being. The species of the sentient being does not change the very nature of the crime- their suffering should be acknowledged in the same way as the similar suffering of every other sentient being; the perpetrator should be investigated deeply and there should be a system put into place that allows for the effective punishment and prosecution which is victim-oriented and context-sensitive jurisprudence.

Trial & Criminal Complaints Filed

- In the first hearing of "Trial on the Case of Kitten Being Raped" that took place in July, our petition and of the associations working on animal rights for intervention were accepted together. After the hearing, which was postponed to 13 September with decision on continuation of detention, we provided [a press statement](#).



In the third hearing that took place in September, the defendant who were under detention for 2,5 months was sentenced to 3 years of imprisonment due to "torture or cruel acts against animal and murder a domestic animal unjustly ". The court did not impose a "good conduct abatement" however, since there is no criminal sanctions provided in that regard, the defendant was released "unwillingly".

- In May in Kadıköy, the persons from the neighborhood filed a criminal complaint against **the perpetrator who raped the dog called Gece** , then the police detained the perpetrator, however although there were footage from security cameras and the confession of the perpetrator, the perpetrator was released. An investigation was initiated in November when we filed a criminal complaint.



SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN FOOTBALL: TRIALS

As Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence, we have filed criminal complaints against various acts of violence in football for the last 3 years. While none of the actions we have filed criminal complaints against are physically violent, those acts has an important role in increasing and spreading mass violence such as gender-based violence, discrimination on sexual orientation, normalization of sexual abuse

and rape by providing the message that you can easily do the same. While doing this, we aim not to increase the penalties for persons committing these acts as if these are isolated cases and not to start a lynch campaign on social media, but to eliminate impunity for these symbolic acts where violence is furnished and justified systematically.



In addition to the criminal complaint we filed, we sent petitions to the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Youth and Sport, Football Federation, National Olympic Committee, Ministry of Family and Social Policy and Football, Basketball, Volleyball and Handball Federations of Turkey in April 2018. In these petitions, we advised the relevant institution to take action in reducing the violence by reminding them by providing examples from their own legislation. In these petitions, which we did not receive any answer, we requested studies such as inter-institutional cooperation and workshops.

We have contacted the clubs and reminded them their responsibilities in reducing gender-based violence acts in the field of sports. We offered them our support and cooperation and even we prepared a list for them in order it can constitute an example for the works to be done.

Mise an Scene of Rape in a Live Broadcast - Criminal Complaint Filed Against

We filed a criminal complaint against the fact that knocking Rasim Ozan Kütahyalı unconscious by making him drinking pop soda mixed with medication in a football program on live broadcasts, like a rape scenes that is provided as a comedy scene. In this scene, Rasim Ozan Kütahyalı as a representative of the defeated team was punished by being forced to drink this pop soda with men there saying "c'mon baby, drink it" and prepared for rape as if "a woman who were debauched and raped by men as obtaining a victory". While no one was able to tolerate the discrimination made against Bosnians after this mise en scene, no one sees anything wrong in the humiliation of women through rape discourses in such a mise en scene for one hour.

In July, the prosecutor's office refused to initiate any investigation directly without thinking twice and without taking into account the evidence by considering this mise en scene as having an 'erotic content' which does not present a clear and imminent danger in terms of public safety.

Trial on Rape Song

Together with **Antalya Women's Consulting Solidarity Center**, we filed a criminal complaint against Antalyaspor Football Club, following the fact that Antalyaspor Football Club rejoices their winning of the match with the score of 4-2 by playing "the rape song" at the football match took place between **Antalyaspor-Fenerbahçe** in February 2016. The Chief Public Prosecutor's Office of Antalya initiated the public case against two defendants in accordance with Article 216 of Turkish Penal Code stating that anyone who openly incites sections of the population to enmity or hatred towards a group on the basis of various differences (in this case; gender) shall be sentenced to imprisonment.

For a period of one and a half years, no court was assigned for this trial by Antalya Criminal Court and the Assize Court. Finally, the first hearing was held on 1 November in Antalya 14th Criminal Court of First Instance. After the first hearing in which there was a debate took place whether Nuri Alço is a singer by the defendants and "the fact that the club director said this song can be played in case of winning" was disclosed; in the second hearing, the defendants E.S. and A.K. who are the club workers and who were pending a trial without an arrest, were acquitted on account of that the action did not satisfy all the elements of the offense.

We will appeal to this verdict by enjoying our legal rights. We will continue to combat the promotion of rape through jokes, marches, songs, folk songs, rituals, banners, slogans in football and sports arenas, in media, in public places.

The Criminal Complaint Filed Against Rahmi Turan

We filed a criminal complaint about A-Spor TV Reporter Rahmi Turan who stated that, "**National Football Team of Germany experienced the same which could be experienced by any young woman**" while commenting in a live broadcast on the elimination of Germany from the 2018 World Cup. Prosecutor's Office initiated an investigation but made a decision on non-prosecution since it found no discourse that openly incites sections of the population to enmity or hatred towards another group.

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You can see the interviews we provided for various media organizations and some of the news published about us in 2018 below.

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“Switch It!: From Dating Violence to Safer Relationships: Rights-Based Journalism about Sexual” Violence



Association for Struggle against Sexual Violence has a new project called “Switch It!” The project aims to change the sexually violent language and create an atmosphere in the media field based on mutual respect and independent from sexual violence. We interviewed Şehlem Kaçar and Merve Karabulut who are the trainers of “Switch It!”

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Young People Tell Their Experiences of Flirting Violence

Young people have participated in a survey on flirting violence conducted by the Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence. While 56 percent of participants state that they have experienced flirting violence, 71 percent say that they have witnessed it.



[Click to read the article in Turkish](#)

The Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence has published the results of its study, which has been conducted as part of its “How is it Going? Educational Education Project” (Ne Var Ne Yok? Eğitici Eğitim Projesi) and where the high-school students have offered their solutions for flirting violence.

94 young people who took part in an online survey conducted by the association have shared their solutions for flirting violence. When the project, which is oriented towards flirting violence among youngsters and was launched in October 2017, ended in July 2018, it had reached 20 counselors and 5 thousand 518 young people.

56 percent have experienced flirting violence

94 voluntary youngsters, 41 percent of whom chose the option of men, 52 percent the option of women and 1 of them the option of “other,” participated in the survey.

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PROJECT BY SİĞİLİ MUNICIPALITY AND STRUGGLE AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE ASSOCIATION
'Children Tell, You Listen'
Trainings for parents and municipality personnel will be organized with a project initiated by Siğili Municipality and Struggle Against Sexual Violence Association. Participatory teachers will conduct studies to raise awareness in children.

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REPORT BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR STRUGGLE AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE
'Dating Violence a Widespread Problem in Schools'
A field research report prepared from 20 psychological counselors' interviews with more than 5 thousand students indicates that dating violence is a widespread problem in high schools.

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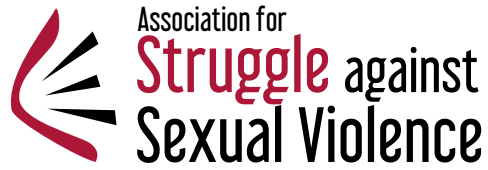
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