Who Are We?

Although our association was officially founded in the summer of 2014, we have advanced and expanded in our struggle against sexual violence since 2009 through our initiatives and regular meetings as activists of Women’s Platform Against Sexual Violence (CSKKP).

We are trans and non-trans women, trans men and gender non-conforming individuals of various sexual orientations, questioning the gender binarism and actively participating in the feminist, lgbti+, ecological and animal liberation movements and children and immigrant rights organizations and platforms. As an anti-hierarchical organization, we defend queer imagination, feminisms, solidarity and collective production.
Our values

csmd is a queer feminist association
it embraces anti-discrimination and equality
it is inclusive and intersectional
it adopts participatory approach
it embraces anti-speciesism
it is accountable and transparent
testimony carries an evidentiary weight
it has a critical point of view
it is anti-militarist association
it is sex-positive
it is anti-hierarchical
it is creative and flexible
it promotes the global ecosystem
Brief History

2014 - Establishment

2015
- Social Incubation Center
- Website
- Awareness Activities started!

2016
- Workshops and Seminars started!
- Visual Productions and Social Media
- Concept Discussions
- What’s Up What’s Not?! Project started!

2017
- “Change Starts With Me” Workshops
- Project: Transforming Our Language
- What’s Up What’s Not?! The Dissemination Program started!
- Advocacy work started!

2018
- Switch It! Project started!
- Where is the Support System? Project started!
- “Child Tells, Do Listen: Prevent Abuse” Campaign

2019
- “We are Talking About Safe Relationships” University Seminars
- Children’s Bodily Autonomy Dissemination Program started
- Sexual Rights are Human Rights Project

2020
- cdestek.org
- csgorselarsiv.org
- Barrier-Free Communication Activities
- Corporate Sustainability and Policy Documents activities

2021
- Organizational Structure changed
- cdestek.org available in 4 languages
- Change Starts With Me Workshops Digitalised

2022
We aim to empower those who have been exposed to sexual violence, survivors of sexual violence, and their relatives through the work we carry out within the scope of the Empowerment and Support Program to reduce sexual/sexualized violence and the damage it causes.

**Through Guidance and Support Activities**, we provide counseling to survivors on sexual/sexualized violence issues, guidance for psychological support and legal support.

In [csdestek.org](http://csdestek.org) prepared for survivors of sexual violence, there are topics such as seeking support after different types of
sexual violence, the process of reporting violence or coping with psychological processes and mechanisms that clamp on us after the violence as well as the Istanbul Units Map with the contact information and service areas of institutions providing services to survivors in Istanbul.

On the other hand, within the scope of empowerment and support activities, we carry out communication and cooperation work to boost the capacities of municipalities, units, and employees that provide support services to survivors of sexual violence.

What Do We Do?

Empowerment and Support Program

Within the program, we conduct capacity building work, workshop dissemination activities and content and document production for various professionals to raise awareness, so that sexual violence can be prevented before it actually takes place. To make the protective-preventive work mainstream, we put the program, where we aim to promote, implement and disseminate the related workshop and program, into practice via 3 main methods.

Through the Transformation and Prevention Program, we aim to disseminate the protective-preventive work and transform the social perception and practices that lead to sexual violence.
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We have the Change Starts with Me Sexual Violence Basic Awareness Workshops for all our stakeholders.
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We have the **Children's Bodily Autonomy-Dissemination Program** in which children, parents, teachers and professional experts are supported on the perception of a child, child participation, children's bodily autonomy, protective-preventive approach to sexual abuse and responsibilities of adults in struggling against abuse.
We have the What’s Up What’s Not?! – Youth Program consists of studies for young people, teachers, school counselors, municipality staff and youth workers to support youth in areas of gender equality, dating violence and safe relationships. We disseminate our content on topics such as dating violence, safe relationships, consent in sexual behaviors, personal boundaries, in several partnerships as a good example for comprehensive sexuality education in Türkiye.
Sexual violence concerns everyone.

With the Advocacy and Corporate Communication Program, we aim to increase the transformation of social perceptions and practices that lead to sexual/sexualized violence, and we advocate for social transformation.

Within the scope of our **Corporate Advocacy and Network Activities**, we participate in national and international networks, take part in campaigns with other organizations, meet institutions and people who will influence the decision-making mechanisms, and build public opinion through the media and social media channels.
To ensure legal amendments and implementations that will help develop activities to prevent and reduce impunity and injustice in crimes of sexual violence, we support the ongoing activities and organize action and awareness campaigns at national and international levels.

As part of the Legal Advocacy headline, we continue to monitor human rights violations of the survivors of sexual violence.
Within the framework of the **Corporate Communication Activities**, we aim to support the awareness raising efforts and our association’s visibility through the visibility tools and materials of the Association. Corporate Communication Activities also include studies in which the association’s word, line, interaction with stakeholders and followers are carried out.

Under the **Media-related Activities** through which we expect an increase in the transformation of social perception and practices that lead to sexual/sexualized violence, we provide the press members with the information, tools, and materials about the rights-based approach and gender equality in their coverage of sexual violence cases. We continue our work on the websites [öyledeğilboyle.org](http://öyledeğilboyle.org), which contains information for the dissemination of rights-based journalism in news of sexual violence, and [csgorselarsiv.org](http://csgorselarsiv.org), which contains free rights-based stock images that can be used by journalists.
What Do We Do?

Organizational Sustainability Program

Supporting self-care and wellbeing is a right!

Within the scope of the Organizational Sustainability Program, we continue our wellbeing, capacity strengthening and human resources activities to increase our resilience against the challenges and risks of working in the field of sexual violence. We carry out supervision and training activities for team strengthening and development.

We carry out activities that will create organizational culture, we make financial infrastructure studies that will facilitate transparency and accountability by writing processes. We prepare policy and procedure documents within the framework of the policy and attitude produced by the association.