

Approaches for combating domestic violence of the City of Bonn

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Equal Opportunity-Office of the city of Bonn

Tasks according to the law:

- Equality of men and women
- Advisory in case of discrimination
- Compatibility of family and work
- Publicity to various topics





One main focus of the equal opportunity office is "violence against women" in its varying forms.

This means:

- informations concerning offers of help
- interlinking with the actors in the municipality, the country and the state
- development and care of a network to improve the situation of women who suffered violence

In every year, the **25th of November** is the official *International Day for the elemination of violence* against women.

For years, the Equal Opportunity Office of Bonn has taken and takes this day to inform the public of the different ways of violence against women.

At the same time we want to inform women about the different counselling centres and safe facilities.





25th of November 2020

In 2020 the "Bundesweites Hilfetelefon" called out to collaborate the poster campaign







It was the first year with COVID and the women, who experienced violence could not go out of home or can make a phonecall to get help. To go to the Pharmacie was one possibility to leave home, without risk or being asked why.

Therefore we asked all pharmacies in Bonn to put our posters into their windows and thus support our campaign.







The network in Bonn: Victim Protection Working Group Bonn/Rhein-Sieg







Established in 2001

Members: 50 institutions, several professions, governmental and non-governmental organizations

Overarching topic: Help for victims of all acts of violence and trauma, protection against violence and child protection

Target:

- Implementation of structural measures and development of projects
- Optimization and networking of offers of assistance
- Exchange of information between the institutions and experts involved

Leadership: organization team, 2-3 meetings in the overall working group

Examples of projects:

Further training offers, victim assistance manual, campaigns, information events, lectures, Luisa campaign; Anonymous securing of evidence after sexual offenses







Bonn - Structure against domestic and sexual violence:

Several contact points and practical projects on the subject of violence:

Women's shelters, advice centers on domestic violence and a specialized advice center on the subject of sexual violence, a wide range of advice centers, clinics, therapeutic offers, child protection organizations

Funding by the city of Bonn and NRW, own funds through donations and income from events

Advice center against sexualized violence: Contact point for all victims of rape, sexual abuse, sexual harassment:

Offer: Advice, crisis intervention, support, psychosocial process support, public relations, advanced training, prevention events, materials, campaigns







Cooperation in networks: mutual information, joint events, work on joint solutions for problem areas, campaigns, referral

In the pandemic: Increase in counseling numbers, not only acute violence, but also crises due to previous trauma, at the same time few external contact persons, e.g. for children and adolescents in lockdown

Measures in lockdown:

Expansion of digital offers: increased telephone advice, alternative offers (advice walks), advice in person: hygiene concepts; additional rooms for women's shelters

Information campaigns:

Where can I get help in which situations? Who can I turn to in lockdown? Who is responsible for which topic:

Poster campaigns, info screens, information in social networks

