

## PROGRAMS

**Women for Women's Human Rights (WWHR) – New Ways**, employs a holistic and multi-pronged approach to women's human rights, and works on a wide array of issues including laws and customary practices, violence against women, education, economic rights, politics, and sexual, bodily and reproductive rights. WWHR-New Ways implements long term programs with durable impacts including:

### **Advocacy and Lobbying** for gender equality in legislation

WWHR-New Ways **works with the women's movement** to bring about comprehensive legal change to safeguard women's human rights via nationwide efforts like the campaigns for the *Turkish Civil and Penal Codes Reforms*. It does advocacy and lobbying to catalyze social and political change towards gender equality both in Turkey and at the UN level.

### **Trainings** to ensure equality not just on paper but in real life

WWHR-New Ways has developed the *Human Rights Education Program for Women (HREP)* to enable women to demand and exercise their legal rights in their everyday lives. Implemented throughout all geographical regions of Turkey, HREP **catalyzes women's independent grassroots organizing** around their own needs.

### **Action-Research** to generate knowledge of women by women for women

WWHR-New Ways conducts national and international research to identify the factors that obstruct women's full enjoyment of their civil, economic, political, sexual, bodily and reproductive rights, and to **devise recommendations for action and policy change** to eliminate these obstacles.

### **Solidarity Networks** to strengthen our common struggle

WWHR-New Ways initiates and coordinates national and international solidarity networks such as HREP and the *Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR)* to bring together and strengthen the efforts of advocates struggling for gender equality in different geographies.

### **Publications** to consolidate our work

WWHR-New Ways develops, publishes and disseminates a wide array of publications and outreach materials to advance the achievements by sharing the best practices and experiences, and documenting the struggle.

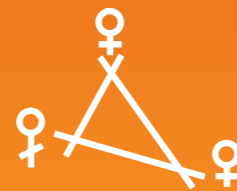
Please visit the WWHR-New Ways website for the comprehensive list of all books, booklets, articles, training materials, newsletters and documentaries targeting different audiences and literacy levels. Most of the publications can be downloaded online; to order hard copies please contact WWHR-New Ways.

Information on the conferences and meetings organized to complement the on-going programs are also available online. [www.wwhr.org](http://www.wwhr.org)

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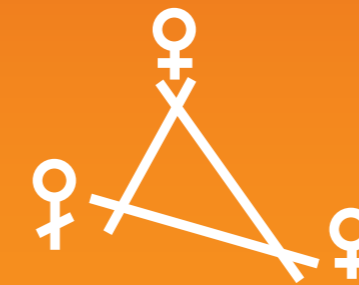
Working to bring about comprehensive legal reforms towards gender equality and to enable women to realize their human rights at the grassroots level throughout Turkey, WWHR-New Ways also acts as the international coordination office of the *Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR)* with members across the Middle East, North Africa, South and Southeast Asia. Co-founded by WWHR-New Ways and leading organizations in the region, the CSBR is the only active international solidarity network working on sexuality in Muslim societies.

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## WWHR-New Ways

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- WWHR-New Ways, the recipient of the **1999 Leading Solutions Award** by the Association for Women in Development (AWID), was elected as one of the NGOs worldwide to deliver a statement at the **UN March 8<sup>th</sup> Global World Conference** in 1999, in recognition of its advocacy and lobbying efforts towards the adoption of a protection order law against domestic violence in Turkey.
- The Human Rights Education Program for Women (HREP), developed by WWHR-New Ways in 1995, was selected as **one of the best tactics in human rights worldwide** in the International New Tactics Project in **2004**.
- The organization, which was granted **Special Consultative Status** with the UN Economic and Social Council (**ECOSOC**) in **2005**, has received the **2007 Gruber Foundation International Women's Human Rights Prize** for its legal reform campaigns, and for instigating advocacy and networking efforts to promote sexual, bodily and reproductive rights in Muslim societies.

## MISSION

Through its training programs, research, publications, solidarity networks, advocacy and lobbying efforts at the national and international levels, WWHR-New Ways;

- Strives to enable all women to lead their lives free of discrimination and with equal rights and freedoms at home, in the workplace, in public life and politics; fully exercising women's human rights that constitute an inalienable part of universal human rights;
- Aims to support the active and broad participation of women in the establishment and maintenance of a democratic, egalitarian and peaceful social order at national, regional and international levels.



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## HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN

(HREP)

Developed by Women for Women's Human Rights (WWHR) – New Ways in 1995, the Human Rights Education Program for Women (HREP) is a 16 week program designed to enable women to realize and exercise their rights in all spheres of life as free individuals and equal citizens.

- As of 2009, HREP has a nationwide outreach of 42 provinces, and remains the most widespread, sustainable and comprehensive non-formal human rights training program in Turkey.
- HREP is one of the most sustainable and successful examples of NGO-State collaboration in Turkey: The program, which has been implemented on a continuous basis since 1995, has been conducted at Community Centers throughout the country since 1998 under an official partnership protocol with the General Directorate of Social Services.
- Through the extensive dissemination of information booklets on women's legal, sexual and reproductive rights, HREP has become a resource for thousands of women beyond the outreach of the program.
- Supporting women's organized and collective struggle for the realization of women's human rights, HREP has catalyzed the emergence of 17 grassroots women's initiatives in 12 provinces.

### SELECT CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS ... \*

- HREP Trainer Trainings (2008, 2005, 2002, 2000, 1999, 1998, Turkey)
- HREP National Coordination Meetings (2007, 2004, 2003, Istanbul)
- HREP Regional Coordination and Grassroots Organizing Meetings (2009, Ankara, Canakkale, Istanbul, Izmir, Van)
- HREP 1995-2003: External Evaluation: Conference (2003, Istanbul)
- Women's Human Rights and the New Turkish Civil Code: Training (2001, Istanbul)

### SELECT PUBLICATIONS ... \*

- We Have Rights! Illustrated Booklet Series (1995 – 2009, in Turkish)
- Documentaries (1996 – 2006, in Turkish with English and German subtitles)
- HREP: Utilizing State Resources to Promote Women's Human Rights in Turkey (2005, in English; in *A Tactical Notebook*. New Tactics in Human Rights Project)
- Human Rights Education Program for Women: A Training Manual (1996, in Turkish)
- The Purple Newsletter (Periodical, in Turkish)

\* *The comprehensive list of meetings organized by WWHR-New Ways since 1996, and books, booklets, research articles, newsletters and documentaries produced since 1994 is available on our website. Most of our publications can be downloaded online; please contact us to order hard copies.*



## COALITION FOR SEXUAL AND BODILY RIGHTS IN MUSLIM SOCIETIES (CSBR)

Women for Women's Human Rights (WWHR) – New Ways has been working on sexual, bodily and reproductive health and rights on the international level since 1999. In 2001, WWHR-New Ways initiated and co-founded the Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR), bringing together NGOs, academic and research institutions working to promote sexual rights in the Middle East, North Africa, South and Southeast Asia.

**CSBR is the only active international solidarity network working on sexuality in Muslim societies.** The Coalition has around 40 institutional members from Algeria, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Palestine, the Philippines, the Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey, and Yemen, with WWHR-New Ways acting as the international coordination office. CSBR has:

- Catalyzed a new discourse on sexual and bodily rights in Muslim societies, breaking taboos around sexuality to promote equality and non-discrimination;
- Contributed to the realization of legal reforms including civil and penal codes, and laws on the right to abortion;
- Organized high level international meetings on sexual rights in countries where sexuality has previously been a taboo subject;
- Conducted international campaigns for action to promote human rights, freedom of organizing, and sexual, reproductive and bodily rights, including the CSBR campaign *One Day One Struggle* held simultaneously in 11 countries;
- Organized the first international sexuality institutes on sexuality in Muslim societies;
- Launched an international comparative research on sexuality in Muslim societies.

### SELECT CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS ... \*

- One Day One Struggle: An International Simultaneous Campaign for SRHR (9 November 2009, Bangladesh, Cyprus, Egypt, Indonesia, Lebanon, Malaysia, Pakistan, Palestine, the Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey)
- CSBR Sexuality Institute (2009 Turkey, 2008 Malaysia)
- CSBR International Comparative Research: Working Group Meetings (2009, 2008, 2007, Malaysia, Turkey, Vietnam)
- Women, Sexual Rights and Reproductive Rights: Gains, Freedoms, Resistances (2006, Tunisia)
- Sexual and Bodily Rights as Human Rights in the Middle East and North Africa: Workshop (2003, Malta)
- Women, Sexuality and Social Change in the Middle East and North Africa: Symposium (2001, Turkey)

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- Deconstructing Sexuality in the Middle East: Challenges and Discourses (2008, in English; Ashgate Publishing)
- Of War and Siege and Lebanon (2006, in English)
- Gender, Sexuality and the Criminal Laws in the Middle East and North Africa: A Comparative Study (2005, in English)
- Women and Sexuality in Muslim Societies (2004, in Arabic; 2003, in Turkish; 2000, in English)
- CSBR E-News (Periodical, in English)



## ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING IN TURKEY

Women for Women's Human Rights (WWHR) – New Ways plays a leading role in the struggle for legal reform in Turkey towards the elimination of women's human rights violations and gender based discrimination. To this end, together with the women's movement in Turkey, WWHR-New Ways has initiated and coordinated a number of national campaigns including:

1997 Campaign against Virginity Testing  
✓ **Administrative Ban against virginity testing was issued in 1997**

1997–1998 Campaign for the Protection Order Law against Domestic Violence  
✓ **The Protection Order Law was passed in 1998**

2000–2001 Campaign for Full Gender Equality in the Civil Code  
✓ **The Turkish Civil Code was reformed in 2001 to ensure full gender equality in the family**

2001 Campaign for Turkey's ratification of the CEDAW Optional Protocol  
✓ **Turkey ratified the CEDAW Optional Protocol in 2002**

2002–2004 Campaign for the Reform of the Penal Code from a Gender Perspective  
✓ **The Turkish Penal Code was reformed in 2004 with the amendment of over 30 articles to safeguard sexual and bodily rights**

WWHR–New Ways continues to strive towards the realization of full gender equality and advocates for emerging issues such as:

- The adoption of gender perspective in all legal reform processes,
- The elimination of obstacles that hinder women's increased participation in the labor force,
- The fulfillment of Turkey's commitments under CEDAW to eliminate all forms of discrimination.

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- Towards Gender Equality in the Labor Market - Work and Family Life Reconciliation Policies: Conference (2009, Istanbul)
- Active against Forced Marriages: Conference (2008, Istanbul)
- Advocacy and Lobbying for Turkey's 6th Periodic Review by CEDAW: Coordination and Planning Meeting (2008, Istanbul)
- Dialogue on the Turkish Penal Code, Gender, and International Human Rights Law: Conference (2003, Ankara)
- The Repercussions of International Gender Politics in Turkey: The State, Civil Society and Democratization during the Beijing+5 Process: Conference (2000, Istanbul)

### SELECT PUBLICATIONS ... \*

- How Adultery Almost Derailed Turkey's Aspiration to Join the European Union (2007, in English; in *Sex Politics: Reports from the Front Lines*. Sexuality Policy Watch)
- Re/Forming the Penal Code in Turkey from a Gender Perspective: The Case of a Successful Campaign (2007, in English; in *Citizen Engagement and National Policy Change*. Institute of Development Studies)
- Turkish Civil and Penal Code Reforms from a Gender Perspective: The Success of Two Nationwide Campaigns (2005, in English)
- The New Legal Status of Women in Turkey (2002, in English)
- Myth of a Warm Home: Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse (1996, in Turkish)



## INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING

Women for Women's Human Rights (WWHR) – New Ways strives to link local, national, regional and international struggles for the realization of women's human rights. WWHR-New Ways undertakes advocacy efforts at the United Nations (UN) level, and has contributed significantly to achievements towards gender equality on the international level. WWHR-New Ways has:

- Coordinated the advocacy and lobbying processes during Turkey's periodic reviews by the CEDAW Committee; submitting the first shadow report from Turkey in 1997 followed by the second one in 2005, and is coordinating the 2010 reporting and lobbying process;
- Prepared a shadow report with the endorsement of the Women's Platform on the Turkish Penal Code in 2005, which was selected as a best practice in shadow reporting for the CEDAW review process;
- Served on government delegations of Turkey at the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) sessions and other high level UN meetings on women's human rights;
- Contributed to the preparation of the Beijing+5 outcome document, advocating successfully for the inclusion of the states' responsibility to adopt preventive and protective measures against marital rape, forced and early marriages and honor crimes for the first time in a UN document;
- Rendered visible the struggle and achievements in the domain of sexual and bodily rights in the Middle East, North Africa, South and Southeast Asia at the international level and the UN;
- Undertaken advocacy and lobbying efforts at the UN level for women's, girl children's and LGBT rights for over a decade.

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- UN CSW 49<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup> Sessions (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, U.S.A.)
- UN General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on HIV/AIDS (2006, U.S.A.)
- UN CEDAW Committee 16<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Sessions (1997, 2005, U.S.A.)
- UN ESCWA: Arab Population Forum (2004, Lebanon)
- Beijing+5: 2000 UN General Assembly Special Session on Women (2000, U.S.A.)

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- United Nations CEDAW Process and Advocacy and Lobbying with Non-Governmental Organizations – Shadow Reports from Turkey: 1997 & 2005 Experiences (2008, in Turkish)
- Beijing+5: Women's Human Rights in the UN and Turkey's Commitments (2001, in Turkish)
- UN Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) Turkey Shadow Reports (2010, 2005, 1997, in Turkish and English)