

How we build the bridges and break the walls

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Break the Silence

The aim of the project is to strengthen the existing infrastructure in Iceland to make it able to work more effectively against violence against women by creating education and networking opportunities, including the creation of a Multi-Sector Cooperation in all 9 police districts.

This will increase awareness on violence in close relationships among professionals and increase their ability to react and secure a safe exit.

At the same time, an awareness raising campaign increased the awareness of the public of the existence of violence in close relationships and show victims that they can get help in multiple ways.



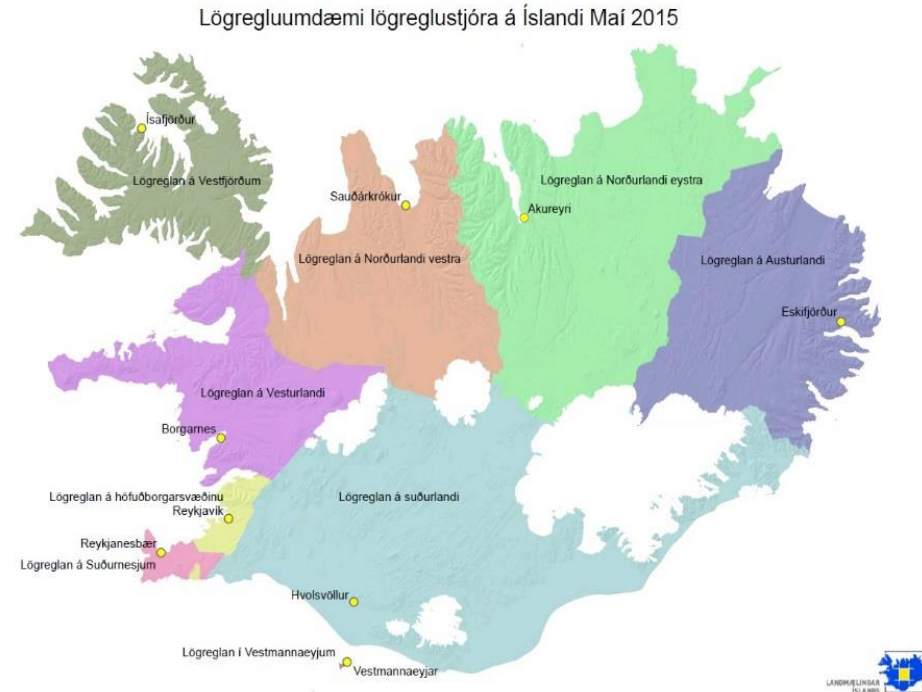
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The project is designed and executed by the Directorate of Equality

- Funded by the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme of the EU
- Was operating from April 2017 to September 2019
- The project management had a support team of an associated partners:

Associated Partners / Core Project Team

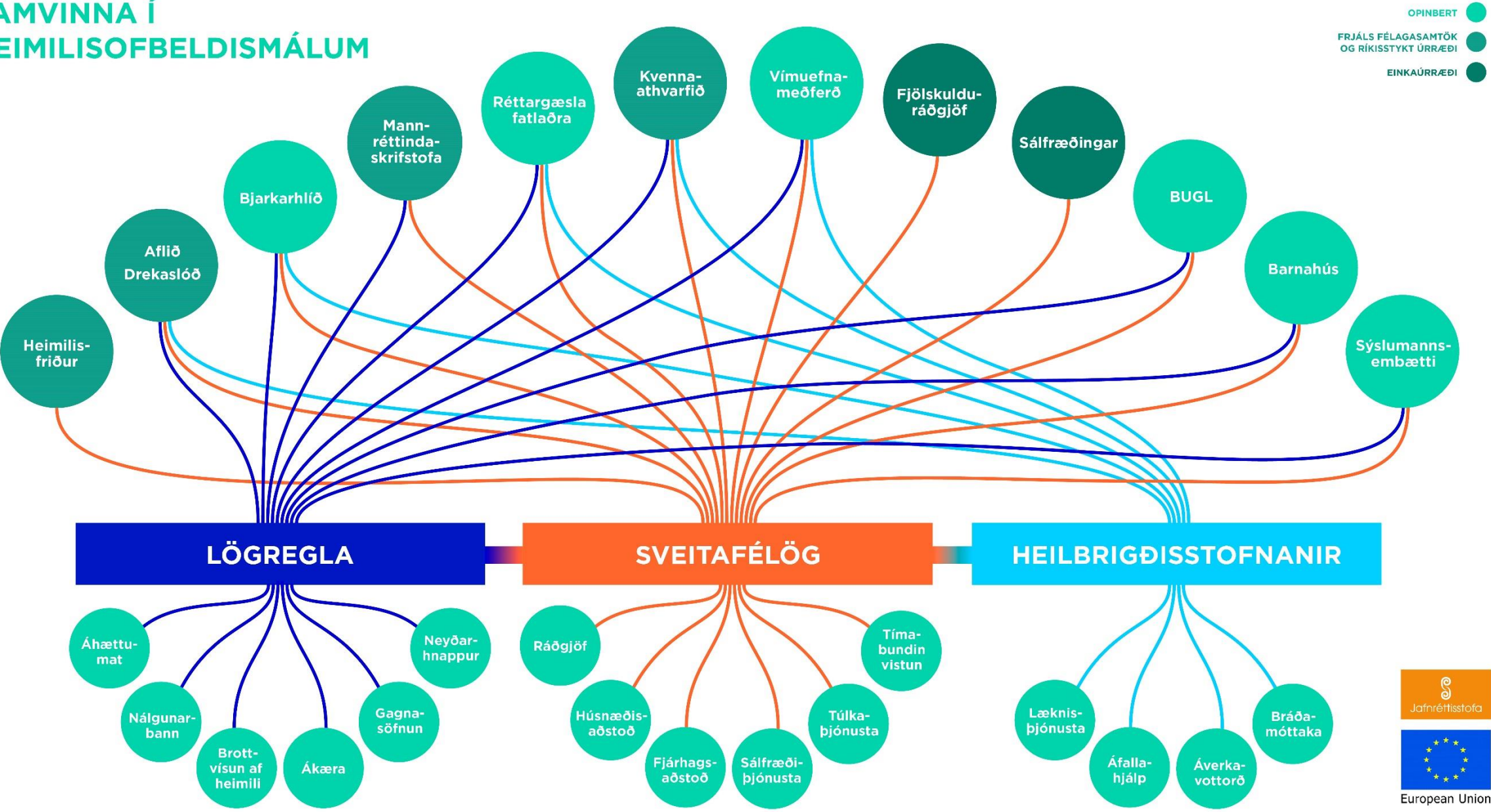
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Welfare
- Metropolitan Police
- Police – North East
- Police – South West
- Police – Metropolitan
- National Commissioner
- City of Reykjavík
- Town of Akureyri





BUILDING NETWORK

SAMVINNA Í
HEIMILISOFBELDISMÁLUM



Meetings with teams

7 MEETINGS

- WESTMAN ISLANDS
 - WESTFJORDS
 - NORTH WEST
 - NORTH EAST
 - EAST ICELAND x 2
 - REYKJAVIK AND SURROUNDINGS
- AROUND 300 PARTICIPANTS
 - PRODUCES NETWORK AROUND THE COUNTRY
 - ACCESS TO PEOPLE WORKING WITH VICTIMS AND PERPETRATORS



Evaluation - obstacles

- Difficult in small societies
- Hard to maintain when staff turnover is high
- Hard when there are no regular team meetings
- Confidentiality of institutions
- Law on privacy
- Lack of support from politicians
- Lack of priority of violence cases

Evaluation - solutions

- Difficult in small societies = procedures
- Hard to maintain when staff turnover is high = accessible education for new staff
- Hard when there are no regular team meetings = regular team meetings
- Confidentiality of institutions = learn from others, it is possible
- Law on privacy = learn from others how to make it is possible
- Lack of support from politician
- Lack of priority of violence cases = regular team meetings

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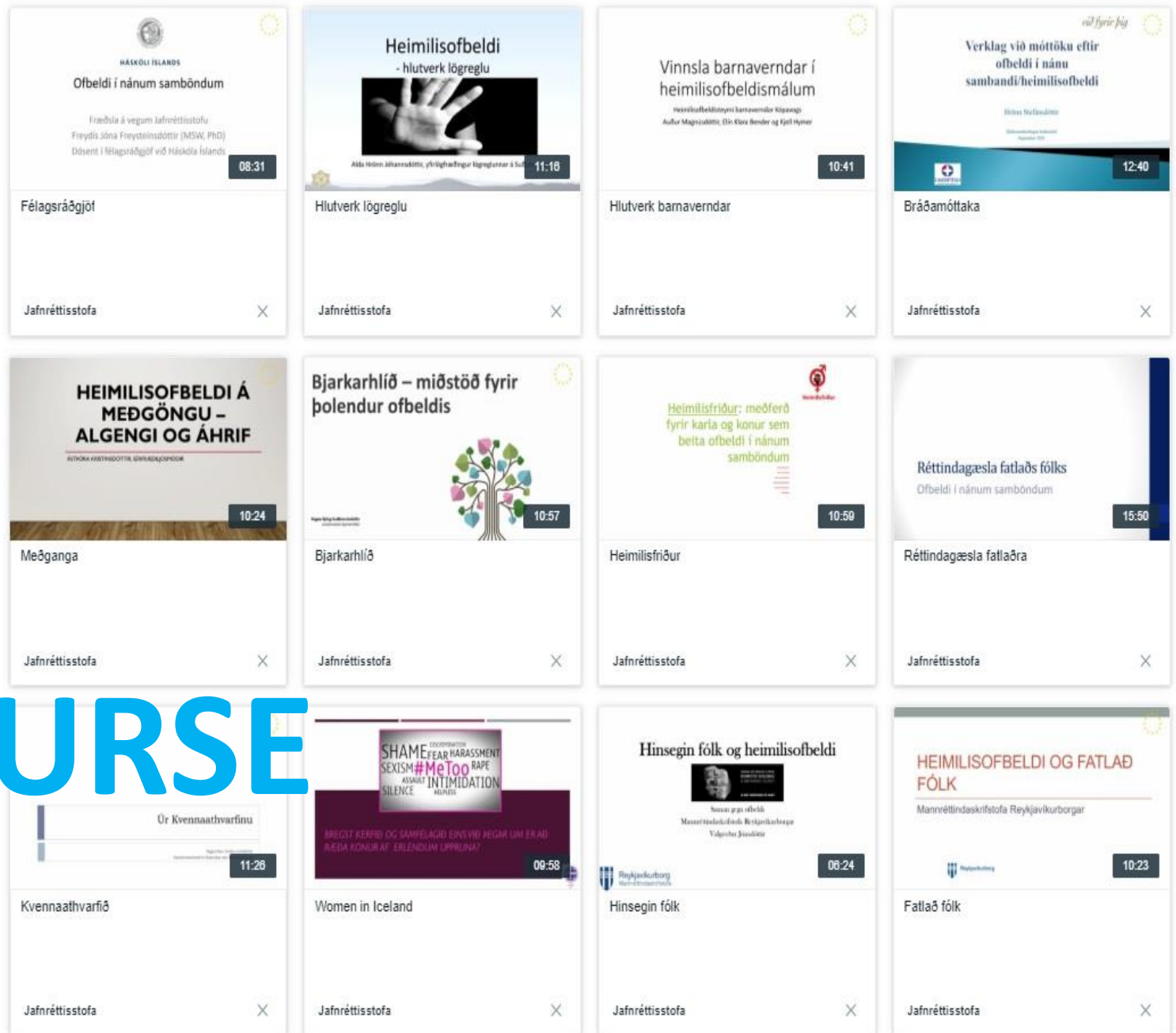
EDUCATION

ON-LINE COURSE

13 LECTURES

855 VIEWS

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BYGGJUM BRÝR - BRJÓTUM MÚRA

GERUM BETUR CONFERENCES

ÁHRIFARÍKAR Á VORU
Í VINNU MED HINN

SAMEINUM KRAFTANA GEGN ÖFBELDI

- 3 CONFERENCES
- 400 PARTICIPANTS
- LIVE STREAMS
- RECORDINGS ACCESSIBLE ON OUR WEBSITE



A graphic consisting of a teal horizontal bar with an orange arrow pointing left, partially overlapping the bar. The text "AWARENESS RAISING" is written in white, italicized, uppercase letters across the teal bar.

AWARENESS RAISING

Website

The screenshot shows the header of the PÚ ÁTT VON website. The header is a solid red bar with the logo 'PÚ ÁTT VON' on the left and a navigation menu on the right. The menu items are 'ÚRRÆÐIN', 'UPPLÝSINGAR', 'VERKEFNIÐ', 'FRÆÐSLA', 'ENGLISH' (which is underlined), and 'POLSKI'. Below the header, the main content area has a light gray background. It starts with 'Von / English' and a large 'English' heading. The main text describes the website's purpose: to provide support and assistance to people in Iceland who are being abused or subjected to violence. It mentions that last year, the police received 890 reports of domestic violence and 251 persons stayed in the Women's Shelter. It also states the goal of the project is to ensure that all persons in need receive information that there is hope for a better life and that the community wants to combine forces against violence and provide support for survivors, perpetrators, and their families. A note at the bottom left says 'If in doubt, always call 112 and you will be redirected to the correct help provider.' On the right side, there is a sidebar with four links: 'Your rights - Important information for foreign women in Iceland', 'Definitions of domestic violence', 'Awareness raising videos', and 'Conference'. At the bottom left, there are four red links: 'Bjarkarhlíð', 'Icelandic Human Rights Centre', 'Multicultural Centre', 'Women's Shelter', and 'Women Of Multicultural Ethnicity Network – W.O.M.E.N. in Iceland'.

PÚ ÁTT VON

ÚRRÆÐIN UPPLÝSINGAR VERKEFNIÐ FRÆÐSLA ENGLISH POLSKI

Von / English

English

In Iceland people who are being abused or subjected to violence on behalf of their current or former partner can get a variety of support and assistance. The circumstances of each individual are different, so it's important to present all the different resources you can look for in order to get the support you need at any given time.

Last year, the police received 890 reports of domestic violence and 251 persons stayed in the Women's Shelter. It is the goal of this project to ensure that all persons in need receive information that there is hope for a better life and that we as a community want to combine forces against violence and provide support for survivors, perpetrators and their families in the most difficult times.

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[Bjarkarhlíð](#)

[Icelandic Human Rights Centre](#)

[Multicultural Centre](#)

[Women's Shelter](#)

[Women Of Multicultural Ethnicity Network – W.O.M.E.N. in Iceland](#)

[Your rights - Important information for foreign women in Iceland](#)

[Definitions of domestic violence](#)

[Awareness raising videos](#)

[Conference](#)

Information about violence against women

- Help providers and definitions in 3 languages
- Awareness raising material
- Educational material for public
- Educational material for professionals
- All outputs of the project



AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGN

5 videos with over 200.000 views

Nominated to the Icelandic Advertising Prize!

Radio program



- 4 episodes about violence against women
- Done in cooperation with the National Broadcasting Service
- Broadcasted 3 times
- Available as podcast
- Nominated for the Journalist of the Year Award

YOUR RIGHTS

- Important information for immigrants in Iceland
- About Family Law and Icelandic society
- How to get help
- 7 languishes



Samall booklet on how to get help



ÞÚ ÁTT
VON

Fólki sem býr við heimilisofbeldi býðst fjölbreyttur stuðningur og aðstoð enda eru aðstæður hvers og eins ólíkar. Reynslan sýnir að það borgar sig að stíga það skref að þiggja þá hjálp sem hentar til að binda endi á ofbeldið sem fyrst.

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WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

- It is good to have an outside support system run by an agency that does not provide services to victims or predators
 - Mediate different views that have been in conflict
 - Offer support to professionals
- Building networks as canals for information and to get information back
 - Best practices and advice that goes both ways
- There is a need for clear and defined procedures
 - Especially in smaller societies
- Building trust by provide the right and reliable information

A photograph of a curved bridge spanning a deep, rocky gorge. The bridge has a concrete deck with a metal railing on top and a series of vertical supports underneath. The gorge walls are made of dark, jagged rock. The sky is blue with a few clouds. The text "WE CAN BUILD BRIDGES AND WE CAN BREAK WALLS" is overlaid in the center of the image.

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