

BREAKING THE SILENCE

Program

10:00 President of Iceland Guðni Th. Jóhannesson opens the conference

10:15 *Keep the window open, how it all began and what the police are doing now*

Sigríður Björk Guðjónsdóttir, head of the Metropolitan Police and former head of the South east Police Department. Sigríður Björk is the main pioneer of the multi sector approach in Iceland and will share with us how the work started and if it resulted in any changes for victims and perpetrators.

10:40 *Together against violence...it is the only way*

Halldóra Gunnarsdóttir is the project manager of *Together Against Violence*, the multi sector work in the capital Reykjavik. She will tell us about the beginning of the project and the focus of the project on the municipality level.

11:05 *Domestic violence in Iceland – Statistical information from the police*

Guðbjörg S. Bergsdóttir works at the Statistical Department of the State Police. Guðbjörg will give us insight into the statistics that police have when it comes to domestic violence in Iceland.

11:30 *Discussions with lecturers*

12:00 *Lunch break*

13:00 *All that glitters is not gold: A critical account of Iceland as a 'gender paradise'*

Dr. Þorgerður Einarsdóttir is a professor of Gender Studies at the University of Iceland. She will explore the role of Iceland as an international leader of equality and the myth of Iceland as a gender equal paradise.

13:30 *The Politics of Definitions: Violence and the Intersections of Gender and Disability*

Freyja Haraldsdóttir is a feminist disability activist and a scholar from Iceland. She has a BA in social education, a MA in gender studies and is currently doing here PhD in education from the University of Iceland where she also works as an adjunct lecturer. Freyja is the former director

of the Independent Living Centre in Iceland and is the co-leader of Tabú, a feminist disability movement.

14:00 *How we build the bridges and break the walls*

Fríða Rós Valdimarsdóttir is an advisor at the Directorate of Equality and project manager of the project **Breaking the Silence - End Violence against Women**. She will tell us what she has learned for the past two years when it comes to best practices and new insights into the fight against violence against women.

14: 30 Coffee break

14:50 *Intimate Partner Violence; Perpetrators' Personality Traits & Advice for Survivors*

Drífa Jónasdóttir is a PhD student at the University of Iceland and a project manager at the Women's Shelter in Iceland. She has conducted important research on perpetrators for the Women's Shelter and will introduce her findings.

15:10 *Why do people use violence in close relationships and is it possible to stop that behavior?*

Andrés Ragnarsson, the head of Therapeutic Institutions for Perpetrators, will tell us why people use violence in close relationships and if it is possible to stop that violent behavior.

15:30 *Conference closing speech: Translating realities into policies*

Halla Gunnarsdóttir serves as special adviser to the Icelandic government on gender equality. She will discuss government action on violence against women and other forms of sexual and domestic violence and abuse.



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