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One Safe Place for Hope and Empowerment

Development of a Multidisciplinary approach of Gender-based and Domestic Violence in a Family Justice Center

Biography of the speakers

Alessandra Pauncz

Alessandra Pauncz is psychologist and executive director of the European Network for Work With Perpetrators of Domestic violence. She has advocated and worked for victims of domestic violence as a shelter worker, psychologist, researcher, manager, trainer. She founded and ran the first Centre in Italy working with perpetrators (CAM – Centre for abusive men) and set up the National Italian Network of work with perpetrators (Relive).

Bert Groen

Bert Groen is the president of the European Family Justice Center Alliance and the founder of the European FJC-movement. He has 30+ years of professional experience in policing, policymaking and project management with a focus on domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking and child abuse, both as former police inspector and as project team leader of various national and international projects in this field.

Cath White

Cath White is doctor and clinical director of the Saint Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), in Manchester, UK and instrumental in establishing the Saint Mary's integrated Child SARC service which provides forensic, medical, psychological services as well as a remote court room link for child and vulnerable adult witnesses. She is appointed UN Expert on Sexual Violence involved with developing forensic medical services in the Middle East.

Céline Denis

Céline Denis, a general practitioner and medical examiner, has been practicing in the department of Forensic and Social Medicine at the Jean Verdier Hospital in Bondy since 2010. Her research focuses on caring for victims of violences, and more specifically on victims of sexual and domestic violence, as part of a medico-legal care program. Since its creation in 2004, Dr. Denis has been responsible for the Requisitioned Consultation Unit within the department of Forensic Medicine.



Céline Bonnaire

Céline Bonnaire is the executive director of the Kering Foundation, which she joined in 2006. Long term involved for woman, she works against sexual violence, harmful traditional practices or domestic violence. She held the position of the general delegate of the PPR Foundation for Dignity and Women's Rights. The Kering Corporate Foundation represents the philanthropic arm of Kering, a global group that includes Gucci, Bottega Veneta, Alexander McQueen and Balenciaga.

Davy Simons

Davy Simons is criminologist and master in communications. He started as a policy advisor of the City of Antwerp, his current employer. Since 2012 he is co-director of the Family Justice Center Antwerp and one of the founders of the FJC-movement in Belgium. He is specialized in project- and procesmanagment in the field of domestic violence, youth and victimisation. Davy is the secretary of the European Family Justice Center Alliance.

Françoise Brié

Françoise Brié is the General Director for the National Women's Solidarity Federation and a member of the French High Commission on Gender Equality. She holds master's degrees in both Geopolitics, History and Civilizations (2004) and Health and Social Sciences with a special focus on Public Health (2002). Ms. Brié also received her certification as a midwife (1980).

Gabriela Ramos

Gabriela Ramos, the Special Counsellor to the Secretary-General, the Chief of Staff and OECD Sherpa to the G7 and G20, supports the Strategic Agenda of the Secretary-General and is responsible for the contributions of the Organisation to the global agenda, including G20 and G7. Leads the Inclusive Growth Initiative and the New Approaches to Economic Challenges. Oversees the OECD's work on Employment and Social Affairs (including gender).

Gael Strack

Gael Strack is the Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder of Alliance for HOPE International. Programs of the Alliance include: National Family Justice Center Alliance, Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, Camp HOPE America, Justice Legal Network and VOICES Survivor Network. Prior Gael served as the Founding Director of the San Diego Family Justice Center, 2002-2007. Former prosecutor at the San Diego City Attorney's Office.

Gary Barker

Gary Barker is PHD child & adolescent development, global leader in promoting healthy masculinities, engages men and boys in the cause of gender equality. Founder-CEO of Promundo, international NGO to engage men & boys in achieving gender equality and ending violence against women/girls. Co-founder of MenCare, global campaign to promote men's involvement as equitable, non-violent caregivers and MenEngage, a global alliance with more than 700 NGOs.



Ghada Hatem

Ghada Hatem is an obstetrician-gynecologist who specializes in caring for women who are victims of violence, and particularly victims of sexual mutilation. Medical Director, President and Founder of La Maison des Femmes de Saint-Denis (MDF), she is the former Chief of the Maternal Health department at the Delafontaine Hospital in Saint-Denis. In addition to her medical degrees, Dr. Hatem holds master's in Medical Management (1994).

Gijs Simons

Gijs Simons is a relationship and family therapist at the Mutsaersstichting. Collaboration in all areas within the broader context is central to Gijs and is, in his view, essential for an integrated approach for the family. From this background, Gijs supervises various projects from the Ministry of Security and Justice and the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport. Gijs is also trainer and supervisor of the Multifocus intervention to stop domestic violence.

Julien Topal

Julien Topal (PhD) is a trainer/advisor on integrity for Governance & Integrity (G&I) and the founding executive director of the Foundation for Integrity and AntiCorruption (FFIAC). His work focusses on moral learning and preventative compliance in (among others) politics, civil service, the financial sector and the (youth) care sector. Before joining G&I and FFIAC, Julien taught Ethics and Political Philosophy at Universities in the Netherlands and the US.

Lienja van Eijkern

Lienja van Eijkern, social worker and sociologist, works for the Mutsaersstichting. She has been working in the field of domestic violence and child abuse as social worker, child protective services worker, researcher and innovator. Until 2009 she was manager of the Advice and Support Center for Domestic Violence in Groningen. Later she developed and implanted interventions to stop domestic violence and child abuse for various municipalities.

Linda Tromeleue

Linda Tromeleue is a clinical psychologist who trained for 4 years under Martine Nisse and Pierre Sabourin. Specialized in family therapy with a focus on caring for victims of violence and abusive systems. She studies EMDR at the French Institute for EMDR (Dr. David Servan Schreiber). In collaboration with Samuel Rassinon, psychologist, she has developed a systemic intervention program for institutions dealing with delinquent or criminal systems.

Margreet Visser

Margreet Visser is clinical psychologist and coordinator of the Child- and Youth-Trauma Center in Haarlem, Netherlands. She works as psychotherapist and researcher. She works on methodology for families in high-conflict-divorces, and trauma-informed care for children in domestic violence cases. She is experienced teacher and supervisor in assessment and counseling for child abuse, sexual violence, domestic violence and high-conflict-divorces.



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Marie-Aimée Peyron leads Squire Patton Boggs litigation practice in the Paris office. Her particular expertise covers insolvency and employment, commercial, banking and corporate litigation, in respect of directors' and officers' civil and criminal liability, and enforcement proceedings.

Michele Rabaiotti

Michele Rabaiotti is focal point and member of the supervisory board of the EFJCA. He is the General Director of Fondazione G.B. Guzzetti, based in Milan, Italy, running six Family Services, providing professional support to individuals, couples and families in need. He participated as the Lead Manager to project "Family Justice Centers in Europe" (2013-2015), co-funded by the European Union, aimed to spread the Family Justice Center model in Europe.

Nadège Séverac

Nadège Séverac is a sociologist and researcher who studies mistreatment of families, women and men. She received her undergraduate degree in Sociology and Anthropology from the University of Lausanne (1994) and her doctoral degree in Sociology and Anthropology from the University of Paris Descartes (2003) where she also completed additional post-doctoral studies (2007).

Olivier Slosse

Olivier Slosse is psychologist and member of the Brussels CAPITAL Ixelles local police force since 1995. Since 2017 he integrated the general staff of the police zone and is spokesperson for the Brussels Capital Police. The strategy and policy branch is responsible for continuous training, victim support, policy, internal and external communication and transversal projects. He is the project manager for the police contribution to the pilot of the Brussels SARC

Pascale Franck

Pascale Franck, criminologist and orthopedagogue, is the vice-president of the European Family Justice Center Alliance and the co-director of the Family Justice Center Antwerp. She works for the Flemish government in enrolling the multidisciplinary approach of gender-based, domestic violence and child abuse. She has 30 years experience in the field of gender based, domestic, honor related, sexual violence and child abuse, as project developer, manager, trainer, coach.

Thierry Baubet

Thierry Baubet is Chief of the department of Child and Adolescent Psychopathology and General Psychiatry at Avicenne Hospital, a university hospital of Paris-Seine-Saint-Denis. He is a professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Paris 13 University. Dr. Baubet is also president of the Foundation of France's "Together Against Terrorism" expert committee and a member of its "French West Indies Solidarity" expert committee.

