

"NOT JUST A PRIVATE ISSUE": WORKSHOP ON WOMXN'* AND GBV SURVIVORS' RIGHTS IN ARGOS ORESTIKO, GREECE

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“Not Just a private issue” is a two - day workshop involving theoretical frameworks of human rights education (HRE) and critical/radical social work. These workshops raise awareness of womxn’s rights, combat the belief that gender- based violence (GBV) is a private issue, and disassociate discussions of this subject from the all too prevalent shameful associations. Further, the project focuses on GBV survivors’ rights in Argos Orestiko, a border area in northwestern Greece. The peak of the state’s ignorance is the abstention of political support by establishing social and care services for GBV survivors in geographically remote places. Hence, “Not Just a private issue” in synergy with the Women's Counseling Center (WCC) and the local feminist initiative wants to include womxn’s* voices in the human rights debate on a local level. The womxn *were challenged, inspired, and politically activated in the hours they spent at the workshops. Overall, “Not just a private issue” envisions womxn* of any age expressing themselves, knowing and defending their rights, being empowered, and building their networks.