

Joint Projects of Members of the Network in 2009-2010

The goal of the “Conference of Russian and Georgian Women Peacebuilders” is the renewal of trust between women from Russia and Georgia following the August 2008 war. The organisers are the Sukhumi Cultural and Humanitarian Foundation from Georgia and the Union of Don Women from Russia. The contact person is Alla Gamakharia. Her email is alla.sukhumi@mail.ru.

The “School of Civil Expertise” project is aimed at trans-border cooperation in the environmental sphere in the countries of the Black Sea region, including Armenia and Russia, through the increase of civil control in the sphere of environmental policy. The partners are the regional environmental NGO Gaia based in Novochoerkassk, Russia, and the NGO Women for Development in Gyumri, Armenia. The contact person is Valentina Vavilina. Her email is vvavilina@yandex.ru.

The goal of the “Rights of Ethnic Minorities and Paths to their Achievement in Modern Georgia” project is the protection of the rights and interests of ethnic minorities living in Georgia. The partners are the Association of Women of Multinational Georgia, the Union of Azerbaijani Women of Georgia, the Union of Civil Initiatives of the Tsalka region, and the Centre of Support for Youth Integration of the Dmanisi region. The team of trainers from the OMNIBUS 1325 network from the South Caucasus is involved in the project as trainers for the educational activities planned in the project. The contact person is Alla Bezhenceva. Her email is iartbil@yandex.ru.

Experience in Joint Activities

The “History, Memories, Peace” workshop in Bolnisi, Georgia, was held from 15-16 September 2009. The goal of the workshop was the formation of joint interests and mutual trust between representatives of different national minorities of the Bolnisi region and the foundation of a multinational initiative group working on common problems in the region. The workshop was organised and moderated by members of the OMNIBUS 1325 network from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Germany, and Nagorno-Karabakh in cooperation with the Yaroslavna Union of Russian Women in Georgia, in Tbilisi.

The “Me and My History” workshop in Vanadzor, Armenia, was held from 21-22 September 2009. The goal of the workshop was to awaken interest and motivation in peace activities among the young people of Vanadzor city by reflecting on the diverse perspectives of history and memory. The workshop was organised and moderated by members of the OMNIBUS 1325 network from Armenia, Georgia, and Germany in cooperation with the NGO, Peace Dialogue, in Vanadzor.

The “Activation of the Life Position of Young People and their Active Involvement in NGO Activities” workshop in Bars, North Ossetia, Russia, was held from 10-11 October 2009. The goal of the workshop was to motivate young people to become more active in the public sphere and to join activities of the youth NGO Afon. The workshop was organised and moderated by members of the OMNIBUS 1325 network from different regions of the Russian Federation including the Rostov region and the Republic of North Ossetia in cooperation with the NGO, Afon, in Beslan.

The “Human Rights for Women” seminar in Grozny, Republic of Chechnya, Russia, was held from 10-11 October 2009. The goal of the seminar was to raise awareness of participants that human rights refer to all people, and to demonstrate the importance of self-defence, self-help and joint support in cases of violations of their rights. The workshop was organised and moderated by members of the OMNIBUS 1325 network from the Rostov region and the Republic of Chechnya in cooperation with the NGO, Sintem, from Grozny.

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Who Are We?

The OMNIBUS 1325 network unites women and men actively involved in peacebuilding work in the spheres of civic education, consultancy and support for victims of violence in the regions and countries of the Caucasus and in Germany. Members of the network are based in Abkhazia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Dagestan, Georgia, North Ossetia, Kabardino-Balkaria, Chechnya, Rostov region, Nagorno-Karabakh, and different cities of Germany. They are actively working towards the support of non-violent and constructive resolutions of conflicts as well as the inclusion of gender aspects in peacebuilding activities. Special attention is paid to the promotion and support of local initiatives by peace activists.

What is our History?

The international peacebuilding network OMNIBUS 1325 was established in 2009 as a result of the Mobile Peace Academy OMNIBUS 1325 project, which was funded by several German foundations working in Germany and the South Caucasus. This project began in 2006 thanks to the efforts of the Germany-based NGO OWEN and its partners in the Caucasus: South Caucasus Regional Office of the Heinrich Boell Foundation in Tbilisi; Union of Don Women in Novocherkassk, Russia; and Sukhumi Cultural Humanitarian Foundation from Kutaisi.

Why 1325?

The OMNIBUS 1325 network derives its name from Resolution 1325 of the UN Security Council, which calls for all member states to include gender perspectives in all areas of peace activities and to increase the participation of women in peace processes.

What Do We Want?

- We want to promote and popularise the ideas and practices of peacebuilding in the societies of the Caucasus and Germany.
- Through our educational work we want to inspire more women and men to get involved and participate in processes of non-violent conflict resolution and sustainable peacebuilding in the Caucasus and Germany.

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How Do We Move Towards Our Goals?

The bases of the educational activities of the OMNIBUS 1325 network are the ideas and principles of emancipative, dialogue-based, and intercultural education. In our view, only after becoming conscious of who we are, where we are going, and what we want to change can we declare, protect and promote our interests, reveal necessary forms of support, and find out how and where to find them. Dialogue is the main form of interaction in our educational activities. During the workshops and seminars of the OMNIBUS 1325 network we learn together and from each other.

