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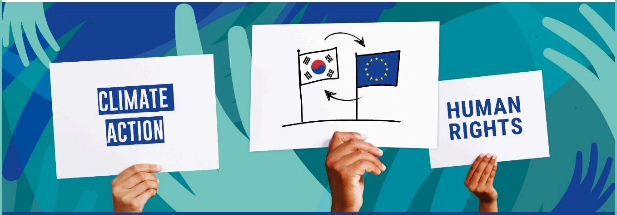

Establishing effective partnerships and networks among CSOs

Dear Community Members,

We hope 2022 has been full of exciting, meaningful events and successfully completed projects. For the fourth time this year, the Korea-EU Civil Society Network (KEN) team is pleased to present the newsletter that brings you highlights on CSO efforts on human rights, gender equality, and climate change - significant statements, recent reports and featured campaigns - from the EU and Korea.

In this edition, we would like to introduce you to the EU's efforts to fight discrimination using artificial intelligence, raise awareness on cyber violence against women, and provide friendly environments to older citizens. Correspondingly in Korea, we explore the opportunities and challenges for women in the human rights field, lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, and efforts to expand the global green car market.

We look forward to serving you throughout the rest of the year and beyond! Have questions, comments, feedback, or just want to say hi?
Please, send us an **email (contact@kencso.org)** and share your thoughts!

Visit our website and follow us on Facebook for more. Don't forget to join the Korea-EU CSO Network on **Capacity4Dev - the European Union knowledge-sharing platform for International Cooperation and development -** to share views, exchange content, and continue to develop our community.

Best regards,

Your KEN team

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE EU

>> HUMAN RIGHTS

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, BIG DATA AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS - HOW TEST ALGORITHMS FOR BIAS HELP TO AVOID DISCRIMINATION?

Artificial intelligence is everywhere and affects everyone. A new report from the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) looks at the use of artificial intelligence in predictive policing and offensive speech detection. It demonstrates how bias in algorithms appears and how it can affect people’s lives. This is the first time FRA provides hands-on evidence on how biases develop. The Agency calls on policymakers to ensure AI is tested for biases that could lead to discrimination.

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DREAMLIKE NEIGHBOURHOOD: OLDER PEOPLE CONNECT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

Dreamlike
Neighbourhood

Due to demographic changes and a widely supported policy of aging in place, the number of older people who live alone is rising. Thus, more supportive residential neighbourhoods are needed to enable older people to age in place successfully. Besides age-friendly physical environments, the possibilities to connect with other (older) adults in the neighbourhood are crucial for the well-being of older people. In fact, people with strong social connections are happier, have better mental health, improved physical health and live longer. The project’s approach is to nudge exchange and joint activities within the neighbourhood groups. However, the general idea is that the neighbourhood groups themselves will define their purpose, develop joint activities and ways on how to support each other.

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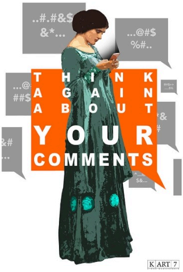
>> WOMEN & GENDER EQUALITY

RAISING AWARENES ON CYBER VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS - #ORANGETHEWORLD



Violence against women happens in every country. The facts are shocking - in the EU and across the world, one in three women has experienced physical or sexual violence. One in five girls today is a victim of child sexual abuse. Online violence is on the rise, with one in two young women experiencing gender-based cyber violence. The EU condemns all forms of violence against women and girls. Every year since 2008 there has been a global call to action to increase awareness and share knowledge on various forms of violence against women. From advocacy groups to businesses to individuals, the world comes together for the cause. Starting on 25 November - the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women – EIGE is chiming in once again.

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INCLUDING GENDER EQUALITY IN YOUTH VOLUNTEERISM - RESOURCE GUIDE

Why use a Feminist lens when it comes to volunteering? First, it is important to understand that feminism is about: “consciously understanding and dismantling unfair and unjust power relations that keep women, gender groups and any other group marginalized, excluded and oppressed in diverse ways".

WIDE+

Feminists Transforming Sustainable Development

WIDE+ resource guide developed for the project: "Across borders strengthening youth volunteering to fight for gender equality and social inclusion” gives suggestions, references and examples to go deeper into the topic that can be of aid to anyone setting up a volunteer project or programme on gender inclusion with young people.

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>> CLIMATE CHANGE

BUILDING AND HEATING DECARBONISATION FOR ALL - LONG-TERM STRUCTURAL APPROACH

Energy poverty is not a new phenomenon; however, COVID-19, a war in Ukraine, skyrocketing energy prices and a cost-of-living crisis have further exacerbated this situation. The European Commission and Member States, together with civil society organizations and public administrations around the continent are adopting emergency measures to support households and businesses to pave the way to long-term solutions that ensure everyone has access to sustainable renewable heating in the near future.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM KOREA

>> HUMAN RIGHTS

DECEMBER 1ST' WORLD AIDS DAY: WHAT DID KOREA LEARN FROM COVID-19?

HIV 감염인
치료접근권 보장하라

This year's theme for World AIDS Day is "Putting Ourselves to the Test: Achieving Equity to End HIV." It encourages people to unite globally to eliminate the disparities and inequities that create barriers to HIV testing, prevention, and access to HIV care. In Korea however, it was an opportunity for civil society organizations to raise an issue of discrimination against HIV or AIDS-infected persons amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to data identified by the Seoul Metropolitan Health Department, in 2019, a total of 27,406 people in Seoul were tested for HIV, and 122 tested positive (positive rate 0.4%). Last year, the number of tests dropped to 4641 (83 positive, 1.8% positive rate). This year, the number of tests has decreased further, and as of the end of October, only 1,490 people have received the HIV test (positive rate 5.8%). Moreover, it was found that the latest additional vaccination plan did not include HIV or AIDS-infected persons. Activists gathered in different cities around Korea demanded an immediate change in such practices and for HIV or AIDS-infected persons to receive the same care as other Korean citizens.

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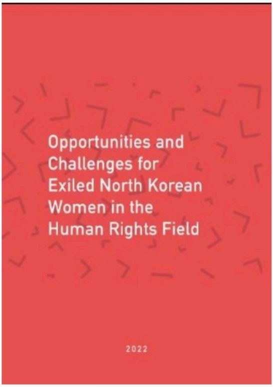
OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR EXILED NORTH KOREAN WOMEN IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD



Opportunities and
Challenges for
Exiled North Korean
Women in the
Human Rights Field

2022

The knowledge, experiences, leadership, and skills of women and women's organisations play a critical role in shaping interventions designed to address the commission of mass human rights violations across the world. This, however, is not the case for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Women account for 72% of the diaspora now settled in the neighbouring Republic of Korea, yet exiled men display a far higher participation rate across civil society and fill the majority of leadership roles in civil society organisations that investigate human rights violations.

The report explores how the human rights movement and, in particular, grant-makers can deploy their resources to better support the active participation and leadership of exiled women and exiled women-led organisations.

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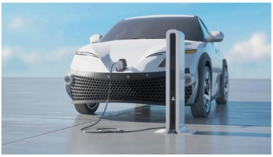
>> CLIMATE CHANGE

35,000 ELECTRIC CAR CHARGERS IN SEOUL - 1,5 VEHICLES PER CHARGER

The global green car market continues to grow. Environmental regulations on the automobile industry are being strengthened in accordance with climate change and, the use of eco-friendly vehicles is being promoted accordingly.



As one of the leaders in the automobile market, South Korea aims to increase the domestic market share of electric vehicles by 33 percent by 2030, with a focus on electric and hydrogen vehicles. What is more, the Seoul Metropolitan Government announced recently that it has exceeded 35,000 electric vehicle chargers. This is an increase of more than four times compared to 2020. The city of Seoul is determined to open an era of 10% electric vehicles by distributing 220,000 electric car chargers by 2026. The number of registered electric vehicles in Seoul is 53,798.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Roundtable discussion

21 Dec 2022

Civil Society Public Forum for SDGs Friendly Environment Creation

Online

2 Jan 2023

Human Rights Law Camp: Climate Justice and Human Rights

Offline

Info session

20 Jan 2023

CLUSTER Health - Horizon Europe Brokerage Event 2023

Online

Event series

20-22 Jun 2023

European Sustainable Energy Week

Offline and online

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