**DOCUMENTARY PLAY SEVEN**

Real stories about seven women, fighting against gender based violence

On November 25th, at Marjanishvili Theater Women’s Fund in Georgia staged international play “Seven” in collaboration with Swedish Institute, Embassy of Sweden and Hedda Production.

At the same time, the Fund launched campaign against sexual harassment. The main goal of the campaign is to raise awareness about sexual harassment against women in Georgia that could lead to legislative changes.

**FEMINISM OF MY OWN**

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The reason why I pursue radical and uncompromising battles is to achieve JUSTICE.

If you ask me to describe what feminism means for me with one sentence – it would be women’s fight for justice. This battle has not started today and won’t end soon.

We know names of many women activists, a lot is unknown yet, we know most of these women, but have not met many of them yet; however, we know that they are everywhere – in big and small cities, villages, universities, offices, houses, in different countries and continents.

For me, feminism is not a narrow or linear ideology. It is very interesting and diverse phenomenon, which makes oppressed social groups’ voice heard, gathers and nourishes multiple movements, that develops you, makes you stronger, teaches how to differentiate people and events, helps you to make new discoveries.

Feminism gives us autonomy and freedom of choice. We - different and various women need feminism. Obviously this is a political challenge.

**WFG IS BUILDING A FEMINIST/QUEER CENTRE USING ECO-FRIENDLY MATERIALS**

Women’s Fund in Georgia plans to build a straw-bale house with eco-friendly materials, where feminist/queer center will be established.

Representatives of Women’s Fund in Georgia and activists from Caucasus, Eastern Europe and Central Asia attended the workshop hosted by Rural Communities Development Agency (RCDA) regarding the benefits of straw-bale houses and main techniques of the construction process.

**GIRLS CHANGE SOCIETY TOGETHER**

Women’s Fund in Georgia hosted filia (women and girl’s fund from Germany) and its youth board members. German and Georgian girls, participants of the project “Girls Change Society Together” presented their projects to the broader audience at Frontline Club Georgia.
EKA SKHILADZE BECAME THE WINNER OF KATO MIKELADZE AWARD

The annual Kato Mikeladze Award established by the Women’s Fund in Georgia in 2013 was given to Ekaterine Skhiladze, Deputy Public Defender of Georgia.

Kato Mikeladze was Georgian feminist and a pioneer of Georgian suffragist movement. The award acknowledges women’s outstanding achievements in supporting women’s rights and gender equality.

The event was held on November 29 which marks the International Day of Women Human Rights Defenders.

INCITING FORCE

Art organization GeoAir with financial support of Women’s Fund in Georgia hold personal exhibition of Belarus artist Zhana Gladko during 8-19 March time period.

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NOTIO LOLUA SCHOLARSHIP FOR TSU GENDER STUDIES MA STUDENTS

Women’s Fund in Georgia, with financial support of Kvinna till Kvinna’s regional office covered one semester tuition fee for three Gender Studies Students.

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND TRAININGS

WFG participated in the following meetings/conferences:

• Ariadne (European Funders for Social Change and Human Rights) – Annual meeting in Tallinn
• Global Alliance for Green and Gender Action (GAGGA) – Inception Meeting in Amsterdam
• AWID Forum in Brazil
• WIDE+/EWL’s conference on “Movements, Borders, Rights? Feminist Perspectives on Global Issues in Europe” in Brussels
• Global Alliance for Green and Gender Action (GAGGA) – Regional Meeting in Sri Lanka

NEW YEAR TRASH TREE

Women’s Fund in Georgia organized an event against cutting down pine trees for the New Year’s period in Georgia, which also called for establishing modern system of waste segregation. Representatives of the Fund and other activists, who joined the event and built New Year Trees from used plastic bottles.

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STRATEGIZING AND EVALUATING OF THE CURRENT SITUATION OF GEORGIAN WOMEN’S MOVEMENT

Women’s Fund in Georgia organized a meeting on “Strategizing and Evaluating of the Current Situation of Georgian Women’s Movement.” The meeting was held in Borjomi, where participants from different non-governmental organizations, informal women’s group and women’s rights activists participated.

For Women’s Fund in Georgia, which supports the development of women’s movement for years now, it is very important to provide a safe and free space for the feminist activists to reflect, discuss and share their impressions.

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TRAININGS

Women's Fund in Georgia organized Training of Trainers in Digital Security.

Women human rights defenders from Georgia and Armenia participated in the trainings in Tbilisi. As a follow up trainings, participants trained other women human rights defenders, green and feminist activists in Georgia and in Armenia.

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Women's Fund in Georgia started training series for women in Telavi. The overall objective of the project is to build individual and collective capacities of women's grassroots groups in leadership, lobbying and advocacy to challenge existing gender inequalities in their local communities, as well as in local governments. Training series will cover three more regions in nearest future.

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Women's Fund in Georgia conducted workshop in Integrated Security. The main focus of the training was to identify risks, threats and problems that we face in activism on a daily basis and develop the strategies to handle these problems and avoid burn outs.

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INTENSIVE COURSE IN PERMACULTURE AND ECOLOGY

On October 15-22, members of WFG and partner organization's representatives attended an intensive course in permaculture and ecology that was held in EcoDharma center in Spain. Besides the course, it was a study visit which provided opportunity for learning more about the center and for acquiring new contacts, which resulted in an idea of a new project that will benefit other green and feminist activist from Georgia.

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LOCAL FUNDRAISING

With the initiative of Women's Fund in Georgia personal exhibition titled “Sister” by famous Georgian photographer, Guram Tsibakhashvili, was held in Tbilisi. All the funds raise was contributed to the development of an inclusive theater.

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Women's Fund in Georgia held an event to support Guerrilla Gardening in Georgia at “Kiwi” Vegan Cafe. With this event, importance of cooperation and solidarity among feminist and green movements was highlighted.

The contributions from T-shirts, books and green-bags’ sale went to Guerrilla Gardening in Georgia to purchase new seedlings.

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