

Program

Inauguration GWIA during Expo 2000 at the SOS Mother Center Salzgitter

**GRASSROOTS WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY (GWIA) 2000
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GWIA Week 1: June 14-20 2000

I. TRAININGS:

Whole day (6 hour units) and half day (3 and 1/2 hour units)

Day 1: June 14:

9.00 - 13.00 h: Presentation of the **SOS Mother Center 2000**

14.30 - 18.30h: Muetterforum Baden Wuerttemberg:

Family Homeopathic Remedies for Everyday Life

Day 2: June 15:

9.00 - 13.00; 16.00 - 18.30h:

Foundation Circle of Life, USA: **Saving our Forests**

Day 3: June 16:

9.00 - 13.00; 16.00- 18.30h:

SSP India: **Engendering Governance from the Grassroots
Women's Perspective**

Day 4: June 17:

9.00 - 13.00; 19.30 - 22.00h:

GROOTS: USA, Papua New Guinea, Kenya and Canada:

**Grassroots Women's Global Exchanges:
Peer Learning and Transfers**

Day 5: June 18:

9.00 - 13.00; 16.00 - 18.30h:

Orap Zimbabwe: **The Family Unit as Organising Tool**

II. PRESENTATIONS (1 hour units)
PLENARY DEBATE: What now? (3 1/2 hour unit)

Day 6: June 19:

Morning session: 9.00 - 13.00 h:

Foundation for the Support of Women's Work, Turkey:

Empowering Parents

Mother Center Cooperatives, Canada:

Mother Centers in Aboriginal Cultures & Traditions

Victoria 21, Bulgaria:

Self Help and Income Generating Projects for Single Mothers

Afternoon session: 14.30 - 18.30:

Plenary Debate: **Extracting the Lessons Learned Throughout the Week**

III. PARTNER DIALOGUES: 6 hour unit based on case presentation:

Day 7: June 20

9.00 - 13.00h: Foundation for the Support of Women's Work, Turkey:

Partnering with Local Government in Disaster Management

14.30 - 18.30: Partner Panels and Partner Dialogue:

Theme: **Reconstructing the Natural and Social Environment**

Mary Tyler, Executive Director, Area Relief Ministries, Jackson, Tennessee, USA

Jan Peterson, Chair, Huairou Commission: Women, Homes & Community
Brooklyn, New York, USA

Sandy Schilen, Global Coordinator, GROOTS International, Brooklyn, NY, USA

Maylanne Maybee, Deacon, Coordinator of Mission and Justice Education, The
Anglican Church of Canada, Toronto, Canada

Cornelia Lange, Head of Department, Social Ministry of Hessen, Wiesbaden,
Germany

Ines Albrecht-Engel, Chair, Society for Birth Preparation, Germany

Elisabeth Geisel, Board, Society for Birth Preparation, Germany

Lisel Burns, Board Member, National Congress of Neighborhood Women, USA

GWIA Week 2 : July 7-13 2000

I. TRAININGS: Whole day (6 hour units), half day (3 and 1/2 hour units)

Day 1: July 7:

9.00 - 13.00 h: Presentation of **SOS Mother Center 2000**

14.30 - 18.30h: Union de Vecinos, USA: **Building Neighborhood Networks**

Day 2: July 8:

9.00-13.00; 16.00 - 18.30h: National Association of Mother Centers, USA:
Participatory Decision Making: Arriving at Consensus

Day 3: July 9:

9.00 - 13.00; 16.00 - 18,30 h:

Sparc, India: **Center Staging Grassroots Women in Community Development**

Day 4: July 10:

9.00 - 13.00; 19.30 - 22.00 h:

NN from Latin America

Day 5: July 11

900 - 13.00h: NCNW: USA: **Leadership Support Method**

14.30 - 18.30h: WomanSpirit, USA: **Circles of Hope**

II. PRESENTATIONS (1 hour units)

PLENARY DEBATE: What now? (3 1/2 hour unit)

Day 6; July 12:

Morning Session 9,00 - 13.00h:

Women in Cities, Canada:

Engendering Public Transportation Systems

Prijateljice, Bosnia:

Women's Empowerment in After War Communities

Self Employed Womens Union, South Africa:

Claiming Space in the Cities

Afternoon Session 14.30 - 18.30h:

Plenary Debate: **Extracting Lessons Learned Throughout the Week**

III. PARTNER DIALOGUES 6 hour unit based on case presentation:

Day 7, July 13:

9.00 - 13.00h; Bantay-Banay, Phillippines:

Community and Partnering Strategies to Confront Violence against Women

14.30 - 18.30h: Partner Panels and Partner Dialogue:

Theme: **Local Governance, Collaborative Planning and Community Organising**

Annie Hillar, The Global Fund for Women, Palo Alto, USA

Georg Klaus, Architect of Mother Center 2000, Hannover, Germany

Jaqueline Leavitt, UCLA, Los Angeles, USA

Antonietta Rellin, Banty Banay, Phillippines

Sandra Schilen, GROOTS International, Brooklyn, USA

Sister Mary Jude Jun, St. Louis, USA

GWIA Week 3: September 13-19 2000

I. TRAININGS : Whole day (6 hour units) and half day (3 and 1/2 hour units)

Day 1: September 13:

9.00 - 13.00h: Presentation of the **SOS Mother Center 2000**

14.30 - 18.30h: National Association of Czech Mother Centers, Czech Republic: **Peer Learning and Partnership Building across Social Sectors and National Borders**

Day 2: September 14:

9.00 - 13.00; 16.00 - 18.30h:

Community Womens Education Initiative (CWEI) Ireland: **Education for the Excluded**

Day 3: September 15:

9.00 - 13.00; 16.00 - 18.30:

Mahila Samakhya Karnataka, India:

Sanghas: Women's Collectives in the Villages

Day 4: September 16:

9.00 - 13.00; 19.30 - 22.00h:

Bogso Women's Farmers, Cameeroon: **Combatting Poverty with Sustainable Farming**

Day 5: September 17:

9.00 - 13.00h: Soldier Mothers, St. Petersburg: **Towards a Civil Society**

14.30 - 18.30h: OWEN, East Berlin: **Women and Power - Self Help Trainings in Central and Eastern Europe**

II: PRESENTATIONS (1 hour units)

PLENARY DEBATE: What now? (3 12 hour unit)

Day 6: September 18:

Morning Session: 9.00 - 13.00 h:

Women's School Frankfurt: **Women's Ways of Learning**

Neighborhood Women's Alliance, UK:

Grassroots Women's Community Strategies

Women's Institute for Leadership, Development and Democracy, South Africa: **Women's Participation in Decision Making**

Afternoon Session: 14.30 - 18.30h:

Plenary Debate: **Extracting Lessons Learned Throughout the Week**

III. PARTNER DIALOGUES: 6 hour unit based on case presentation

Day 7: September 19:

9.00 - 13.00h: CWEI, Ireland: **Challenging the Education Paradigm**

14.30 - 18.30h: Partner Panels and Partner Dialogue:

Theme: **Redesigning Education**

Srilatha Batliwala, Ford Foundation, New York, USA

Ray Coughlan, Cork Institute of Technology, Cork, Ireland

Bertrade Mbom, Lehman College, New York, USA

Christel Manske, Manske Institut, Hamburg, Germany

Alva O'Dea, Kreisjugendring, Youth Welfare Department, Munich, Germany

Irmgard Teske, Ravensburg College, Ravensburg, Germany

GWIA Week 4: October 10-16 2000

I. TRAININGS: Whole day (6 hour units) and half day (3 and 1/2 hour units)

Day 1: October 10:

9.00 - 13.00h: Presentation of **SOS Mother Center 2000**

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4.30 - 18.30h: Rosario Women's Collective, Phillipines:
Mother Centers as Organising Strategy in Industrial Zones

Day 2: October 11:

9.00 - 13.00h: Center for Natural Birth, Germany:

Taking Control of our own Bodies

14.30 - 18.30: Fenix, Bosnia:

Health Care from a Women's Point of View

Day 3: October 12:

9.00 - 13.00; 16.00 - 18.30h: SamaSama, Phillipines:

**Housing for the Poor -
The link between Survival and Democracy**

Day 4: October 13:

9.00 - 13.00; 19.30 - 22.00h: NN:

Women's Peace Building Strategies

Day 5: October 14:

9.00 - 13.00h; VAC, Holland:

Engendering Urban Construction and Planning

14.30 - 18.30h: International Gardens, Germany:

Gardening as an Intercultural Strategy

II. PRESENTATIONS (1 hour units)

PLENARY DEBATE: What now? (3 1/2 hour unit)

Day 6: October 15:

Morning Session 9.00 - 13.00h:

New Pin, UK: **Social Welfare from the Bottom Up**

Tibetan Women`s Refugee Group:

Keeping Neighborhoods and Traditions alive

Mother Center Initiative, Sarajewo:

Mother Centers in the Context of After-War Bosnia

Afternoon Session 14.30 - 18.30h:

Plenary Debate: **Extracting Lessons Learned Throughout the Week**

III. PARTNER DIALOGUES: 6 hour unit, based on group presentation:

Day 7: October 16:

9.00 - 13.00h: Forum of Women in Democracy, Uganda:

**The Women`s Caucus -Alliances, Partnerships and Gender
Budgeting**

14.30 - 18.30h: Partners Panels and Partner Dialogue:

Theme: **Redefining Roles and Reallocating Resources**

Marion Thielenhaus, Federal Department: Family, Seniors, Women and
Youth, Bonn, Germany

Wilhelm Schmidt, Congressman, Berlin, Germany

Claudia Warning, Kuebel Foundation, Bensheim, Germany

Sabine Fietzke, Kuebel Foundation, Bensheim, Germany

Ursula Aumüller-Roske, Department: Women, Work and Social Affairs,
Lower Saxony, Germany

Kristin Teuber, SOS-Kinderdorf, SPI, Munich, Germany

Sandy Schilen, GROOTS International, Brooklyn, USA

Selvedine Uljic, Mayor, Municipality of Zavidovice, Bosnia Herzegovina