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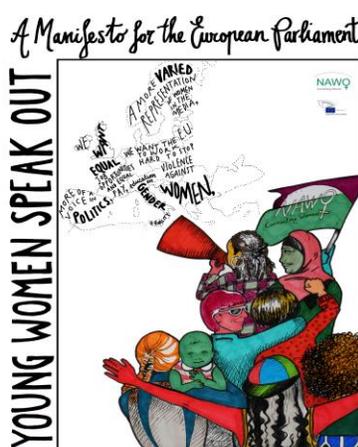
Greetings!

Dear Friends of NAWO,

It has been a busy year at NAWO. We are taking the opportunity here to tell you more - click on the links below to get quick information on all our 2014 projects.



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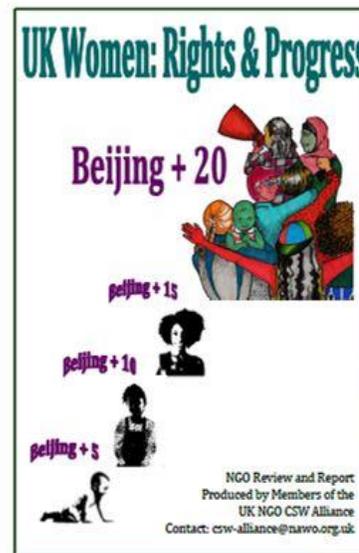
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We continue to provide the Secretariat for the UK NGO CSW Alliance, and, thanks to the expertise and insight of Alliance members, were able to publish *UK Women: Rights and Progress for Beijing+20*, in September this year.

The report highlights the key issues and concerns NGOs feel need to be addressed in order to ensure women and girls' human rights are protected and their potentials reached as we approach Beijing +20; i.e. 20 years after the ground breaking Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action was passed by the United Nations. See below.

UK NGO CSW Alliance



[UK NGO CSW Alliance News](#)

UK Women: Rights and Progress [Report](#)

Now, we urge you to save the dates for the events listed in the bullet points. You can RSVP now: follow the page links for more information on how to do this.

- ♀ **26th Jan 2015 and 13th Feb 2015 CSW Preparation Days, London.** Click [here](#) for info.
- ♀ **4th Feb 2015, Safety Compass Press Pack launch, details TBC.** Click [here](#) for more info.

Yes, it's that time again, all current Members will have received membership renewal forms and current pricing information. We will process membership in the new year, and hope to have you all onboard as we progress towards a hugely important 2015 - a year when we can work together to input on the post 2015 agenda following the end of the Millennium Development Goals, and celebrate and critique gender equality progress in the year of Beijing +20. A year in which we need to elect a new UK Government with a manifesto seeking to accelerate and advance womens' equality in the UK. If you have any questions about membership rates or renewal please do not hesitate to [contact Sarah](#).

Lastly, as a membership Organisation we thank you profoundly for your support, input, expertise and campaigning over the last year. We celebrate all that you and your Organisations do to advance gender equality in the UK and abroad.

Thank you all, and our best wishes for a delightful, restful, festive season and a happy and sucessful New Year.



National Alliance of Women's Organisations

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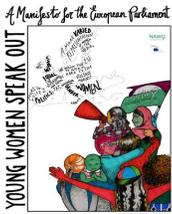


This year has been another productive year for the Safety Compass Project. In September our Latvian and Estonian partners came to London to explore ways to develop functional cross-border support systems for victims, and to undertake study visits to see anti-trafficking work in the UK and strengthen cross-border cooperation.

In the new year, a research report entitled *Recruitment for human trafficking and online image of women* will be forthcoming and available on NAWO's website. The report is produced by researchers from NAWO, Marta (Latvian project partner) and Eluliin (Estonian project partner).

NAWO is working with [EAVES for Women](#) to deliver campaigning activities to address and challenge trafficking for sexual exploitation as part of the Safety Compass project. These activities are particularly focused on influencing the draft Modern Slavery Bill currently going through Parliament. Eaves have set up a Safety Compass [Campaign Website](#) and are populating the website with information on the campaign. A press pack informing journalists of responsible reporting principles in trafficking pieces will be launched early next year.

European Parliament Young Women's Manifesto Project



From January to June 2014 we ran a Young Women's Manifesto Project sponsored by the Directorate General for Communications of European Parliament.

During the project we toured the UK gathering opinions from young women (and some young men), on what demands they would like to see included in a Manifesto. We further consulted and publicised the Manifesto at four events held in March to May, including an event focusing on Media representation of Young Women in the Houses' of Parliament.

The Manifesto was submitted to MEP candidates in the European Parliament Elections and received support both from candidates, organisations and individuals across the UK.

We continue to press for the Manifesto demands, and will be attending events in 2015 to push them forward while working in partnership with other UK NGOs to press for a collectively produced manifesto for the next UK Government.

See the Manifesto, support it and get further info [here](#).

Equality and Human Rights Commission



We are pleased to announce the recent launch of: 'Concluding Observations of the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women'. This is published by the EHRC (Equality and Human Rights Commission). It was developed with NAWO, and concerns the recommendations made to the UK Government by the CEDAW Committee (Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women) following their examination of the United Kingdom in July 2013.

The document is intended to help Parliamentarians and civil society understand what the CEDAW Committee expects the UK Government and devolved administrations to do over the next few years in order to accelerate women's equality in the UK.

We urge you to read the report, publicise it through your networks and use it to strengthen your advocacy work.

[Click here to view.](#)

Find out more about [CEDAW](#).

Find out more about the [EHRC](#).

This year NAWO was at:

NAWO was invited to attend and speak at many exciting events this year. We also hosted our own events. See some of these below...



CSW 58, UN Headquarters

10 – 24 March 2014

Annette Lawson [reflections](#).

CSW58 Agreed [Conclusions](#).

(pictured on left: Margaret Clarke, NEWomen's Network; Jan Grasty, UN Women UK; Annette Lawson, NAWO; Pat Black, SIGBI))

European Women's Lobby, Women in Parliament, Brussels

9 July 2014

EWL [50/50 Campaign](#)

NAWO's [Session & Speakers](#)



Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict Summit, London

10 – 13 June 2014

NAWO [at the Summit](#).

ESVC Summit [Website](#).

(picture left)





NGO Forum – Beijing + 20

UN ECE Regional Review, Geneva

3 - 5 November 2014

Read about NAWO and Member Organisations attendance [here](#).

Over 700 Organisations adopted the forum Declaration and Recommendations, these are [here](#).

Feminism in London Conference, London

25 October 2014

Annette's opening [speech](#)

London Feminist [Network](#)

(picture right)



50:50 rally and debate, Houses of Parliament

27 November 2014

NAWO Co-hosted event.

50:50 Campaign [Information](#)

(picture left)

UK NGO CSW Alliance

Meeting: The UK NGO CSW Alliance have met throughout the year, however the most recent meeting of members took place on 16th October 2014 at Friends House, London. The focus was on the collaborative NGO report for Beijing +20 (see below), preparation for the Regional Geneva meeting, the UK Government NGO consultation and CSW59, the theme of which is Beijing +20. To request a copy of the minutes email Rosie at: csw-alliance@nawo.org.uk

Report: The UK NGO Report -developed by the CSW Alliance- on women's rights and progress as we approach the 20 year anniversary of Beijing +20 can be read [here](#).

Letter: The Alliance agreed to write a letter to the Rt Hon Philip Hammond, Rt Hon Justice Greening and David Hallam concerning civil society involvement in the post 2015 process under the new Co-chairs. Read the [letter](#), and Baroness Northover's [response](#). NAWO is represented on the Women's Major Group and the Post-20 Coalition by Annette Lawson in the UK and Juliet Colman in New York. Many members of the Alliance are also members of these groups and participate in their list-serves. We followed up particularly on the involvement of Civil Society throughout the continuing process for a new agenda for Post-2015 when the Millennium Development Goals end. Read [our most recent letter](#) for Baroness Northcliffe and [her response](#) here.

Website: NAWO as UK NGO CSW Alliance Secretariat are developing dedicated webpages and online resources for the CSW Alliance, so watch this space! Contact csw-alliance@nawo.org.uk with any info you want hosted.

Women's Organisations Campaigns and News:

NAWO supports and promotes members and like minded women's NGOs in their campaigns, advocacy and lobbying. We have listed a sample of the activities we are currently backing:

- ♀ **United Nations Association UK**, NAWO supports UNA UK who, from 10 December, call on party leaders to “champion human rights” in the UK. At a time when the UK's long tradition of promoting citizens human rights is under threat this call is imperative. UNA UK [website](#) and [petition](#).
- ♀ **Asylum Aid** have launched ‘The Protection Gap’ Campaign to ensure that women and girls seeking asylum are afforded ‘basic protections’ when being interviewed, including having the opportunity to tell their story to a woman, and not having to discuss their experiences in front of children. Please write a postcard online to support this call; Asylum Aid will deliver these to MPs in the Houses of Parliament to guarantee the campaign has visibility. Asylum Aid [campaign pages](#).
- ♀ **UK Joint Committee on Women (UKJCW)**, complete this quick [online survey](#) to have your say on the future strategy of the European Women's Lobby (EWL). The EWL is the largest collection of Women's Organisations in Europe, thus this is a

great opportunity to determine the shape of feminist activism in the next couple of years.

♀ **IKWRO's** #righttoknow campaign 'calling for schools to teach students about their right not to face forced marriage, FGM or "honour" based violence', could be facilitated through the introduction of statutory PSHE. Therefore IKWRO ask that individuals, organisations and interested parties pledge their support for statutory PSHE, do so [here](#). Caroline Lucas MP, through a private members' initiative, introduced and is currently supporting the process of a PSHE bill that is progressing through Parliament, but is unlikely to be passed before the UK General Election in May, 2015.

♀ **The United Nations General Assembly** adopted in November 2014 'a historic resolution of child, early and forced marriage'. Find out more at Girls Not Brides [website](#).

♀ **Government Equalities Office (GEO)** are asking for your views on the UK Governments progress in achieving gender equality in the 20 years since the BPFAs was adopted in 1995, BPFAs is a 'global commitment to end gender inequality'. They also ask what priorities for women and girls you think they should focus on. **Please note the survey deadline is 31st December.** Complete the survey [here](#).

Important notices:

Membership Forms: We have sent current and prospective members the renewal forms needed to ensure that you are part of NAWO, will be consulted, help construct our collective voice influencing government, and join in our work in 2015. If you have not received these forms and wish to receive them, or have any questions please email admin@nawo.org.uk

Save the dates:

- ♀ 26 January and 13 February 2015, Europe House, London, 10am – 5pm. CSW Alliance - all welcome to join us as we prepare for CSW59 and establish the priorities we will be lobbying for with a collective voice in New York. RSVP to info@nawo.org.uk
- ♀ 4 February 2015, Europe House, London. NAWO and Eaves for Women will be launching journalist press packs to ensure responsible reporting in the press of trafficking stories. If you have any press contacts, they can receive info at: admin@nawo.org.uk

Strategic Plan: This year NAWO has consulted on its new Strategic Plan for 2015-2020, read about NAWO's values, work priorities and core principles [here](#). Please feel free to send comments to info@nawo.org.uk

CSW dates: The submission for UN side events has closed but it is not too late to be accredited to attend!

If you are a NAWO member and wish to be accredited to CSW by or through us please contact admin@nawo.org.uk Also please let us know your events and when you will be attending by emailing.

Thank you all, and see you in the New Year!

