

Welcome to the homepage of the non-profit organisation Tallinn Crisis Centre for Women!

Our history

The opening of our centre was preceded by a long preparatory work – we had been looking for suitable rooms already since the year 2003, while negotiating repeatedly with Tallinn city authorities. Unfortunately, without result.

In the beginning of the year 2005, we finally managed to find a semi-basement, which badly needed renovation. We renovated the rooms ourselves. After that we were able to provide shelter accommodation for 8 persons. We opened our doors in March 8th, 2005. It was the second women's shelter opened in Estonia.

Within a very short period it became clear that the available space is not sufficient to help women who fall victims of violence in their close relationships.

In May 2006 we found new rooms in the centre of the city and, again, we started with renovating the premises ourselves. After making up the new rooms, the Crisis Centre got 14 additional beds. We are now the biggest women's shelter in Estonia.

Services

The non-profit organisation Tallinn Crisis Centre for Women helps women who fall victims of domestic violence in their close relationships. Women can stay in our shelter both, with or without children.

We can offer:

- Shelter service:

- * a safe place where to stay in case of danger of violence or after a violent incident;
- * psychological crisis counselling for women (and their children) during their stay in the shelter and follow-up counselling after leaving the shelter (up to three months);
- * psychological crisis counselling for those women (and their children) who suffer of domestic violence, but do not need accommodation in the shelter;

- Women support-groups

- Group-counselling for victims and their support network (relatives, friends)

- Help while communicating with various institutions (social workers, the police, prosecutors, etc.), if needed

- Legal advice

- * information about reporting to the police or initiating a court case;
- * information about judicial problems and options for solving them (children's allowance, divorce, division of joint property)

- Seminars for various specialists and organizations working with victims of domestic violence (or having

contact with the target group).

Mission

Tallinn Women Crisis Centre aims to fight against various forms of violence against women (physical, sexual, psychological and economical) through supporting victims of violence and organizing preventive activities to reduce the risk of violence.

Our primary aim is to help victims of domestic violence (together with children, if needed) and to support their exit from the circle of violence.

Our mission is to work towards ensuring that every child would have a non-violent childhood.

People



Inga Mikiver

Chairwoman of the NGO, lawyer, managing director, one of the founders of the crisis centre



Ülle Kalvik

Member of the board since 2005, psychologist



Jelena Maslova

Member of the board since 2010, psychologist

Major Events

November 25th, 2007 – seminar for primary school teachers in Tallinn about children affected by domestic violence

November 25th, 2009 – conference (in cooperation with the Crime Victims Support Association „Ohvriabi") "Violence against women – legislation, media and public opinion"

November 25th, 2010 – conference (in cooperation with the Estonian Women's Associations Roundtable) „Whose problem is violence against women?"

November 2011 – campaign in Facebook „Say NO to domestic violence"

November 25th, 2011 – conference (in cooperation with the NGO Estonian Neighbourhood Watch) „ My neighbour is violent"

Finances

All funding of the NGO is project-based.

Tallinn Women's Crisis Centre (activities of daily living) was supported by:

- 1) The Council of Gambling Taxes 60%
- 2) Tallinn City Government - 40%

For other activities we make different kinds of projects under various funds.

We are interested in collaboration.

We are grateful for any kind of support.

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