

Mit Sehija, Amra, Emina und Zilka haben wir bei einer Podiumsdiskussion in Sarajevo vier Frauen getroffen, die zusammen nicht klüger, inspirierender, humorvoller und stärker sein könnten. Die vier Frauen arbeiten jeweils in Organisationen, die sich für interreligiösen Dialog einsetzen und Feminismus aus der Perspektive von Religionsgemeinschaften betrachten.



Amra Pandžo: heads 'Mali koraci', an organisation which works with religious educators and youth to reduce misunderstanding and build trust between the Muslim, Orthodox, and Catholic communities in BiH. They promote interethnic and interfaith peace and nonviolence at all levels of BiH's post-war society through heart-to-heart interfaith dialogue between religious groups, collaborative peace building activities, promotion of nonviolent theory and action in religious communities, gender equality, and human rights projects.



Emina Frljak: heads 'Youth for Peace', and organisation founded and run by young people from different ethnic and religious groups, which were very often conflicting parties in the past. They are motivated by the desire for sustainable coexistence in the same country, by organising numerous activities for young people through which they transfer their experience of dialogue and coexistence to them, so counteracting destructive messages from political parties, sections of society and the media which create obstacles to building a common future.



Zilka Spahić Šiljak: heads TPO fondacija, an organisation currently working in partnership with EWI on the Feminism and Religion on-line school whose goals are the deconstruction of the foundations of gender stereotypes; critical questioning of religious traditions and scientific research on gender issues; interreligious learning and understanding through the deconstruction of patriarchal gender models; empowerment for changes within religious communities, churches and secular society in the direction of egalitarian gender models.



Sehija Dedović: heads Nahla Centre for Education and Research whose goals are to educate women in order to improve their personal and social life; encourage women to build their personality and know their rights in order to increase their social status and potentials; raise awareness about the role of religion in civil society and the importance of establishing dialogue between citizens, NGOs, religious communities and gov. institutions; research issues important for women, their rights, social engagement, religion and identity in contemporary society.