



“SEVEN” in Albania on 8th of November

Conceptualized as a tour that will travel six Balkan countries, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia and Serbia, ”SEVEN” will be on stage for the first time in Albania on 8th of November, 2013.

The Centre for Legal Civic Initiatives (CLCI), an Albanian non-profit organization, that provides free legal services to victims of gender-based violence, in a very close collaboration with Swedish Embassy in Tirana, Civil Rights Defenders (CRD), Hedda Production AB and the Swedish Institute, are organizing “SEVEN” in Albania.

“SEVEN” is a documentary play created in 2007 based on interviews with seven women rights activists from around the globe, respectively from Guatemala, Northern Ireland, Russia, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Cambodia. The seven women portrayed in the play are fighting for their own as well as other people’s human rights.

“SEVEN” has managed to make together in one stage a unique ensemble of actors such as politicians, government officials, actors, public figures and activists, women and men to portray the seven women in the play. In the words of Hillary Clinton, The US Secretary of State highlight: *“The play powerfully portrays the transformative way that seven courageous women have changed their societies for the better – from peace building, fighting corruption, to combating violence against women.”*

One specific aim for Seven Balkan Tour 2013 is to create a broad public debate on gender based violence and women’s rights involving media, decision makers, opinion makers and general public and individuals of all genders.

Considering the high number of women killed in Albania as victims of domestic violence, or several hundred that are victims of physical and psychological abuse and given that the status of women is not equal in the society to that of man, through “SEVEN” we want to achieve the following purposes:

1. To raise the sensitivity of society on the phenomenon of domestic violence as a form of gender based violence.
2. To raise the sensitivity of decision makers on the phenomenon of domestic violence as a form of gender based violence and their responsibilities towards mainstreaming of women’s rights issues;
3. To increase the role of media, to emphasize the concerns about this phenomenon, to extend his discussions in wider levels and increasing awareness on this phenomenon;

4. Strengthening the trust of target groups of violated women.

Seven Albanian prominent figures from politics, media, theater and sport are invited to be part of the “SEVEN” ensemble.

For more information about the whole project please visit the website www.sevenwomen.se/en