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ONLINE PARALLEL EVENT  
OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S CAREER DEVELOPMENT IN HUNGARY (AWCDH)  
AT THE CSW68 NGO FORUM

“AWCDH STANDING UP FOR WOMEN'S EQUALITY FOR 20 YEARS”

in cooperation with the Family-Friendly Hungary Centre

Date: March 18, 2024, 8:30-10:00 ET, 14:30-16:00 CET

Main Patron:

HE Dr. Zsuzsanna Horváth Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations

**Registration:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/91012020000?pwd=Z0lkd0hrcj8iG9MBitAb0UUV5IOH9TEWtnnpV>

**About the CSW68 (2024)**

The 68th annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68), the UN's largest annual gathering on gender equality and women's empowerment, will take place this year from 11 - 22 March.

*Priority theme: Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective.*

*Review theme: Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls (agreed conclusions of the sixty-third session).*

**About the Association for Women's Career Development in Hungary (AWCDH)**

The AWCDH founded in 2003 has set itself the goal of recognizing, understanding, fostering and honoring the need for women's career development in the family and beyond. We help women find career opportunities by providing information, advice and training so that with their newfound knowledge, talent, and female values specific to them, they can make meaningful contributions to the business, academic and non-profit spheres.

The AWCDH is a public benefit non-profit civil society which in the pursuit of its objectives looks to adopt all positive foreign best practices within a Hungarian framework while at the same time it presents exemplary Hungarian practices abroad by utilizing its wide network within the European Union and the United Nations. In recognition of its endeavors, in 2009 the AWCDH was the first Hungarian NGO to be awarded the Special Consultative Status with UN/ECOSOC, a recognition that has further enhanced our ongoing efforts to foster and bring changes in the field of women's equality, women's rights, sustainability and demographic change worldwide, to which we continue to be wholeheartedly committed.

We are a think tank-type organization with 75 members.

Our strength is the cooperation of generations, the voluntary contribution of our professional members and our well-established strategic partnerships.

**About the Family-Friendly Hungary Centre**

The Family-Friendly Hungary Centre is a background institution of the family policy sector. Its main task is to support Hungarian families throughout their entire life cycle.

**További információ: Magyar Női Karrierfejlesztési Szövetség**

**Further information: Association for Women's Career Development in Hungary**



As a non-profit public benefit organization, the centre contributes to improving the demographic trends in Hungary through its activities. It carries out training and awareness raising activities in an effort to provide assistance for families and older people, as well as promoting equal opportunities for women. The organization is dedicated to helping people create a healthy work-life balance, and does so through engaging with families, professional organizations, and employers. To this end, it developed and operates the “Family-Friendly Place” trademark system and runs projects that provide professional support for creches. Moreover, the organisation develops and implements priority projects to support Hungarian families, and operates the National Crisis Management and Information Telephone Service for victims of domestic violence.

## **AWCDH Parallel Event at the NGO CSW68 Forum in cooperation with the Family-Friendly Hungary Centre**

We have been regularly participating in CSW-s also as speakers at NGO parallel events. We are pleased that this is the third time that we organize a parallel event at the NGO Forum in cooperation with the Family-Friendly Hungary Centre **We have set the goal to introduce Hungarian projects and good examples to be presented by our expert speakers who are committed to equal opportunities and the case of disadvantaged women, with which we would like to contribute to the CSW68 NGO Forum.**

**We are honored that HE Dr. Zsuzsanna Horváth, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations is main patron of our event and will great our guests.**

### **Our Presentations**

#### **Ms Andrea Ferenczi president, AWCDH**

##### ***AWCDH Standing up for Women's Equality for 20 Years***

In accordance with the themes of CSW68, Andrea Ferenczi will present, based on the 20-year references of our Association, our efforts and programs that deal with empowering disadvantaged women mainly by providing labor market participation.

Since our establishment, it has been important for us to introduce good practices of successful work-life balance with special focus on mothers with young children, older women, rural women, and women with disabilities.

#### **Ms Mónika Modla Mónika researcher, AWCDH**

##### ***Creating opportunities to reduce poverty***

*(Authors: Ms Ildikó Modláné Görgényi, Ms Mónika Modla)*

In the presentation the authors deal with the definition of poverty and the issue of creating opportunities. Education is a key tool in the fight against poverty. However, education has a prominent role not only in the transfer of knowledge, but also in reducing social inequalities and creating opportunities.

The UN, the EU, all countries, including Hungary, prepare documents that show the way in different periods and set the direction for increasing the chances of women and men of different ages and situations.

Content developments and government measures in Hungarian education also help to create opportunities.

There are good examples in public education, vocational training, adult education and higher education. In Hungary, in recent years, projects have been started, are in progress, or have been completed, which help to create opportunities for both sexes through education and knowledge transfer.

#### **Judit Kereki PhD, professional manager, Children's Pathway Methodological Centre, Family-Friendly Hungary Centre**

*Unique professional collaborations for disadvantaged children*

The role of the early childhood years is decisive in the development of children and in the development of their future life opportunities, which is why timely prevention and intervention services, in which women participate in the largest proportion, are of great importance on several levels.



Building on international experience and previous research and development results, the Children's Path Methodology Center, which supports the intersectoral development of early childhood intervention, creates a unified, transparent children's path and lays the foundations of a system based on coordinated, integrated, interdisciplinary team operation.

**Our role models who help us to achieve equal opportunities:**

Ms Kata Adonicsné Püski

Deputy head of cabinet, director, Semmelweis University Rector's Office,  
Family Friendly University Center

Ms Gyöngyi Dani

multiple European champion, world champion and six-time silver medalist paralympic fencer

Ágnes Szuromi-Kovács, dr., advocate for women leaders

Ms Judit Szöllősy literary translator, founding board member of AWCDH

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