



Kosova Women's Network

Serving, Protecting and Promoting the Rights of Women and Girls

Fundraising Event

Kosovo's Women in Action: Recovering the History of Civil Resistance

Macelleria Restaurant
24 April 2013, 18:00-20:00

When men could not leave their homes for fear of beating and arrest, women used their apparent harmlessness to transport food, books, and medicine to freedom fighters and communities under siege. They organized the underground Albanian language educational system when their children were ousted from public schools. They held secret elections in homes and shops. They were among the first to gain international attention for Kosovo by organizing massive public demonstrations after a decade-long quiet resistance policy. Yet, the memory of their involvement in civil resistance during the Milošević era has almost disappeared.

The Oral History Initiative, a joint effort between the Kosova Women's Network (KWN) and the New School University, seeks to rescue women's lives from collective amnesia by building an archive of life-history interviews and short films for wider audiences.

Join us for our first screening, introduced by Professor Anna Di Lellio, and for a conversation with Igballe Rogova, KWN's Executive Director. She will share stories from KWN's 13 years of advocacy, including efforts to make women's voices heard in Kosovo's state-building process.



In Nov. 2012, KWN mobilizes hundreds, demanding justice for war crimes.

We kindly request donations in amounts you feel inspired to give (\$100 or more would be much appreciated). Your contributions will support KWN in continuing our efforts to serve, protect and promote the rights of women and girls in Kosovo. Please **RSVP** to: Nicole.Farnsworth@gmail.com by 22 April, as seating is limited.

Igballe Rogova is a respected civil society leader and internationally renowned women's rights activist. In 1989 she co-founded the first women's organization in Kosovo, "Motrat Qiriazii", which educated thousands of rural women and fostered community development under the repressive Milošević regime. In 2000 she co-founded KWN, a multi-ethnic network of 100 women's organizations that undertakes joint advocacy to further women's rights. She is a recipient of the Women of the Year Award and the Lydia Sklevicky Prize for innovative work with women's groups. For more information about KWN's work, visit www.womensnetwork.org.