

SIDE EVENT

'An approach from the perspective of the 2030 Agenda to groups whose rights have been violated'

How can we build an inclusive, diverse and sustainable pathway to achieving the 2030 Agenda?

This side event has been organised by UNESCO Etxea, with the collaboration of AMUGE (Basque Association of Romani Women), the Basque Youth Council (EGK), the World Rural Forum (FRM), Women in Diversity and GEHITU (Basque Association of Gays, Lesbians, Trans, Bisexuals and Intersexuals).

ANTECEDENTS

The **Todas Juntas** (All Together) working group is a collection of **diverse civil society organisations** that share a **common aim**: to work together with other organisations and public administrations towards a fairer and more equal society that is respectful of both the environment and human rights, particularly those of women and groups whose rights have been violated, in the Basque Country and all over the world.

Established in 2019, the group currently encompasses **AMUGE (Basque Association of Romani Women), the Basque Youth Council (EGK), the World Rural Forum (FRM), Women in Diversity and GEHITU (Basque Association of Gays, Lesbians, Trans, Bisexuals and Intersexuals)**, and receives support from the Basque Development Cooperation Agency. **UNICEF, KOOP SF 4, Amesten and the Association of Domestic Workers** are expected to be joining the group in the near future.

The group works to ensure that the social demands of different vulnerable groups are included in public policy, as a means of contributing to the achievement of sustainable, fair and equal human development for all, with a firm focus on rights and gender issues. The group takes as its reference the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which, despite its imperfections, is an effective, transformational and universal instrument for achieving this paradigm.

In **Todas Juntas** we aim to identify, get to know and help strengthen groups whose rights have been violated, viewing them as active political subjects and striving to make their voices heard, to raise awareness among society and, particularly, to put pressure on decision-makers to honour their commitments.

We are currently in the process of drafting a report entitled '**Todas juntas/All together**'. **An approach from the perspective of the 2030 Agenda to groups whose rights have been violated**, which is the outcome of a piece of qualitative research based on theoretical and practical exploration in which we examine five case studies. Each case study focuses on a specific group in the Basque Country: the LGTB+ community, Romani women, migrant women, young people and day labourers. These groups are represented by the organisations listed above, which are the core members of the framework project.

AIM OF THE EVENT

The aim of this event is to give voice to people, groups and communities in situations of vulnerability, in order to help them identify and propose inclusive, diverse and sustainable pathways for contributing to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

SESSION PROGRAMME

- 10.00 Opening by the Basque Development Cooperation Agency
- 10.15 UNESCO Etxea: Todas Juntas – A networking experience from the Basque Country
- 10.30 Debate with groups and communities in situations of vulnerability: young people, LGTB+ community, migrant women, Romani women and day labourers.
- 11.30 Closing by UNESCO Etxea.

DETAILS

To open the session, a representative from the Basque Development Cooperation Agency (the public organisation responsible for planning, coordinating, implementing and assessing the Basque Government's development cooperation policy) will give a brief overview of how Basque cooperation entities are contributing to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

Next, the Director of UNESCO Etxea, Arantza Acha, will introduce the organisations that together make up the Todas Juntas working group, and will talk about the networking action in which we have been involved since 2019 as part of our effort to help achieve the 2030 Agenda through inclusion, diversity, community work and sustainable development.

- **AMUGE, the Basque Association of Romani Women**, aims to defend and promote the rights and comprehensive development of the Romani community in general, with special emphasis on caring for, promoting and empowering Romani women in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country (ACBC), while at the same time respecting their cultural and ethnic specificities.
- **The Basque Youth Council (EGK)** is an autonomous organisation established in 1986. Its aim is to listen to the opinions, proposals, ideas and needs of young people and then convey them to the public institutions in the ACBC and lobby for plans and projects that involve youth.

- **The World Rural Forum (FRM)** is a plural network that works to promote Family Farming and Sustainable Rural Development. It comprises Family Farming federations and organisations, rural development organisations, cooperatives and agricultural research centres.
- **Women in Diversity** is a group of women of different nationalities who came together in 2007 with the aim of generating a space in which to re-forge the relationships they left behind when they embarked on their migratory process.
- **GEHITU, the Basque Association of Gays, Lesbians, Trans, Bisexuals and Intersexuals**, is a group of people united by the desire to ensure the full recognition of the fundamental rights to dignity, equality and free sexual-emotional development of those belonging to the LGTB+ communities. The group also works towards putting an end to legal and social discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Next, UNESCO Etxea will chair a debate between five representatives of the aforementioned groups which seek to promote the wellbeing of those whose rights have been violated:

- Ms. Tamara Clavería will represent AMUGE.
- Mr. Maialen Olabe will participate on behalf of EGK.
- Ms. Agnès Morilhat will represent the World Rural Forum.
- Ms. Francy Fonseca will participate on behalf of Women in Diversity
- And Mr. Jokin Esnaola will represent Gehitu.

Finally, UNESCO Etxea will close the event, drawing a brief set of conclusions summing up the main contributions and ideas generated and thanking all those involved in the process.