

February-March-April 2013
Issue 33

GÜNDEM NEWSPAPER : Faculty of Communication And Media Studies Student Newspaper

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hanife Aliefendioğlu (DAÜ İletişim Fakültesi)

Worldwide dancing campaign to end violence against women

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hanife Aliefendioğlu

In 200 different countries and hundreds of cities around the world women danced this year to stop violence against women. In the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), Famagusta Municipality Youth Center (MAGEM) and Nicosia Feminist Atelier (FEMA) participated in the campaign. Women danced with the same music and choreography to show cross cultural strength and solidarity. One Billion Rising is a campaign to end violence against women. Every year on the 14th of February it invites one billion women to raise their voice and demands. Who are these one billion women? They represent the number of women who face violence in the world because 'one in three women on the planet will be raped or beaten in her lifetime.' They managed to reach governments and other decision mechanisms in many parts of the world including the US Congress to pass The Violence Against Women Act. The campaign did not forget the intersection between violence against women and other oppressive mechanisms such as patriarchy, poverty, environmental plunder, militarization and immigration. Behind this creative event is V'Day College Community and Campaign. V'Day is a 15 years old activists' network whose activism has spread to 140 different countries fighting to stop violence against women by increasing awareness and raising money with creative events. They started to raise money by Eve Ensler's Vagina Monologues which until now has been performed 5500 times all around the world. Vagina Monologues appears to be the most wanted performance by supportive audiences so far. In addition to that, they use literary texts, reading groups, documentary film screenings and many other awareness raising activities and events. They say they will continue these activities until the violence stops. <http://www.onebillionrising.org/news>



Women in 200 different countries and hundreds of cities danced to stop violence against women.