

150 upper secondary school students in Denmark said "Yes" and "No" November 24, 2018

Inspired by the Zonta Says No campaign, the Danish District 13 Zonta clubs in Viborg and Silkeborg and two clubs in Aarhus invited upper secondary schools in those three cities to work with the topic of equal rights and respect between the sexes.

More than 150 students at seven upper secondary schools said "Yes" to the invitation. During the course of November, they spent many lessons in English, Danish, Social Studies or Drama working on subjects such as how to say "No!" to physical and/or mental abuse, on ethical behavior on social media, on bullying and mental terror, on sexist stereotyping and other related things.

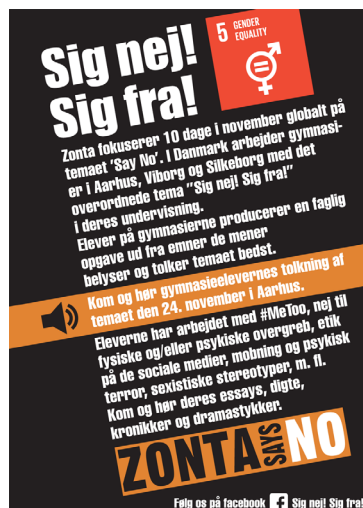
The result was a series of inspiring essays, poems, short stories, video productions, social studies papers and plays. The students presented many of these products on stage to an enthusiastic audience November 24 at VIA University College in Aarhus.



Zontians from Aarhus, Silkeborg and Viborg with the Zonta scarves from Silkeborg Zonta.



The Zonta Goodie-bags and SDG's cubes on the tables.



The singer and composer is Jonas Rasmussen, the Melodi Grand Prix winner with his Viking hymn "Higher Ground" about taken the lead. Jonas was also the interviewer.

The film "A Better Man" and an open discussion

Speaking about violence is crucially important. Recently Alytus Zonta club had an open discussion about domestic violence and watched a documentary film "A Better Man" (November 29). According to statistics, 80% of women happen to be victims of violence in one way or another. The film revealed hard consequences of physical abuse, and a long and painful way towards healing. In the discussion, we talked about the differences of incidental and systematic violence, how to help the victims. Every year 50,000 calls for help are received in Lithuania, and 1500 cases reach the court. The most important thing is not to remain indifferent, try to help, to ask, to inquire. As we all know, people do not always want to admit the fact of violence or abuse, to accept help, to make a change in their lives, to end abusive relationships. The event was organized by Human Rights Portal www.manoteises.lt, Lithuanian Center for Human Rights, Center for Equal Opportunities Development, Alytus Zonta Club and Alytus City Women's Crisis Center.



Article about event was published in local paper Alytaus Naujienos (Alytus News).

Lithuania. Women's voting rights centenary

A postal stamp, dedicated for women's voting rights centenary is issued. Lithuanian Post releases a stamp dedicated to the 100th anniversary, to celebrate women's voting rights in Lithuania. This is really unique, because Lithuania is a pioneer country to recognize equal rights for men and women (November 2, 1918). France, for instance, gave women the right to vote only after the Second World War, and in Switzerland it did not happen until 1971. The first country to establish the right of women to vote, was New Zealand – women could vote since 1893. The value of the postmark is EUR 0.55; the circulation is 40 thousand units. This is an important step and consolidation of women's rights.



Link between Lithuania and Uganda

Although thousands of kilometers and very different culture separates Lithuania and Uganda, there is a common link between two countries that brings them together. This is volunteering. Rita Grigaliene from Taurage, was invited by Alytus Zonta club to share her experience in volunteering in Uganda and shorten the distance between Lithuania and this developing, but lively and exciting country full of contrasts, surprises and heart-breaking stories (November 22). We learnt about the situation of young girls and women, gender equality, social and educational issues. The presentation made us think that giving and sharing is the best gift someone can give. And we know: it is Zonta in Uganda, Kampala Zonta club.



Happy Birthday, Zonta!

Zonta commemorated its 99th Anniversary. The organization was founded by Marian de Forest (1864–1935), an American journalist and a play writer. For this occasion, the article was published in a local newspaper Alytaus Naujienos (Alytus News). It described the glorious history from Zonta foundation to the mission, goals and information about Zonta Lithuania. There are three Zonta clubs in Lithuania – Vilnius, Alytus and Marijampole. Alytus Zonta club was founded in 1995, and today unites 24 members. Mrs. Ruta Jasioniene is the President for the term of 2018–2019.

