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Name: Margarita Jankauskaite

Organisation: Center for Equality Advancement

Position: Coordinator of the Local action group

Short resume (7 lines maximum):

Margarita Jankauskaite has PhD in humanities. She has built her professional experience in the field of gender equality policies and gender representation in mass culture. In 2011 the US embassy in Lithuania awarded her the award of Women of Courage. In 2012, she was selected by European Institute for Gender Equality as one of twelve women figures in the “Women Inspiring Europe” calendar. In 2012 she took part in Parliament elections as a member of Lithuanian Social Democrat Party.

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Description of activities:

Coordination of the local group;

Communication with the project managers



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Name: Vilana Pilinkaite-Sotirovic
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Position: Research fellow

Short resume: Dr. Vilana Pilinkaite Sotirovic has more than ten years of experience in the area of women's rights issues and gender equality, an advanced degree in the field of humanities, and ample experience doing research and expert analysis. Since her employment at the Centre for Equality Advancement (from 2005 onward) she participated in various international projects and did in-depth analysis on quality of gender equality policies, gender based violence and multiple discrimination in Lithuania. Recently Vilana started to work at the Institute for Ethnic research in the Lithuanian Social Research Centre and continue her work on complexities of gender and equality policies.

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Description of activities:

Benchmark report

WPG strategy development



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Name: Ligita Poskaite
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Position: assistant to the member of the parliament

Short resume: Ligita Poskaite is a member of the Board of Lithuanian Social democratic Youth Union which is one of the biggest youth organisation in Lithuania. She was working as an assistant to the Member of the European Parliament Vilija Blinkeviciute in the Parliamentary committee of Women's Rights and Gender Equality. Now she is working as an assistant to the member of the parliament of the Republic of Lithuania.

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Description of activities:

WPG strategy development

Attraction of candidates for women support group



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Name: Jurga Juodyte
Organisation: Advertising agency ALLCAPS
Position: designer

Short resume: Jurga Juodytė Graduated from Vilnius Art Academy as graphic designer. She is working in areas of social design, communication and conceptual art. Her professional interests encompass synergy of individuality and sociability. She took part in 16 group and held two solo exhibitions and created series of social advertisements on the issues of gender stereotypes, violence against women, racism and homophobia. Jurga is member of Lithuanian interdisciplinary arts union and was awarded four times as a young artist.

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Description of activities:

Development of visual campaign design



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Name: Jurate Puidienė
Organisation: Kaunas Women's' Employment
Information Center
Position: Director

Short resume: Member of the board of NGO Coalition for Women Human rights advocacy since 1998, member of the board and founder of Women's Business Club "XXI Century "since 1996; member of the board and initiator of women in politics network MILDA since 2002; chairperson of Lithuanian Women's Lobby and member of the board of European Women's Lobby since 2010. She is co-author of the manual "Internet for NGO leaders", published in September 2002, in Kaunas and co-author of an article " Women's Rights in the Labour Market" in the book "Becoming an Advocate step by Step "issued by Women' law and Development International, Washington, D.C. 2000

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Description of activities:

WPG strategy development; Campaigning



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Name: Orinta
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Short resume: In 2011 she was elected to the Kaunas city municipality council. In 2012 she became a member of the Lithuanian Parliament and joined various parliamentary groups. Orinta is vice-president of Lithuanian Social Democratic Women's Union. Since 2002 she is member of the LSDP board; since 2011. - Member of the Presidium of the LSDP; since 2009. –a head of the LSDP Division of the city in Kaunas. She is member of women politicians club "Milda" in Kaunas.

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Description of activities:

WPG strategy development

Relations with LSDP



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