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INVITATION: EMVI TRAINING SESSIONS “EMPOWERING MIGRANT VOICES”

THE WOMAN, LIFE, FREEDOM MOVEMENT

In 2023, KD Gmajna is hosting a series of 10 training sessions in the framework of the project **Empowering Migrant Voices on Integration and Inclusion Policies (EMVI)**. The project EMVI aims to increase the inclusion of migrants in local and national decision-making processes.

The training sessions “Empowering Migrant Voices” seek to engage migrants and migrant communities in Slovenia and provide training in political literacy and civic participation tools. They are based on 10 EMVI online modules exploring various topics - migrant and human rights, housing, civic engagement, gender equality, advocacy, networking, project management, linguistic integration, fundraising - and feature experts from different fields.

A session on gender equality *The Woman, Life, Freedom Movement* focusing on the feminist struggle in Iran will take place **Thursday, 11. 05. 2023, from 17:00 to 19:00, in the **Info-office** project space located on **Ulica Vide Pregarčeve 11**.**

The training session is hosted by Iranian feminist activist **Shiva Nazar Ahari**, who has been living in Slovenia since 2019 as part of the ICORN program that offers refuge to writers and artists at risk. At the event she will address the current situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran. Where are we 7 months after the murder of Mahsa Amini and the resulting feminist uprising in Iran? *The Woman, Life, Freedom Movement* - how it happened and where is it going? How has the government been cracking down on the Movement? How are women continuing the resistance by taking the struggle into daily life? What are our hopes and dreams for the future of this Movement?

Shiva Nazar Ahari is a leading human rights activist, feminist, and women's human rights defender who started her activism more than two decades ago in Iran. She is the founder of the Student Committee to Defend Political Prisoners and the Committee of Human Rights Reporters, which document and publicize the cases of political prisoners and report on human rights violations. After the death of Mahsa Amini she co-founded the Committee to Follow up the Status of Detainees that documents violations of human rights and supports protestors who were arrested during the uprising. She is the founder and editor-in-chief of *Zaagaah* - a feminist collective focused on reproductive rights and reproductive justice. She

has established the Women Audio Library, which makes audiobooks on the topic of women and gender studies.

The event is in English. Translation can be provided. We can offer assistance with transportation and childcare. Let us know if you need assistance.

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Online links:

<https://www.instagram.com/followup.iran/>

<https://www.instagram.com/za.gaah/>

<https://zaagaah.com/>

<https://www.disenz.net/shiva-nazar-ahari-leta-smo-kricale-a-nihce-ni-bil-pozoren-dokler-ni-bila-ena-od-nas-ubita/> (**recent interview in Slovene**)

<http://vrabecanarhist.eu/shiva-nazar-ahari-interview/> (**interview from 2019 in English**)

<https://www.rtv slo.si/kultura/knjige/iranska-novinarka-siva-nazar-ahari-o-zivljenju-v-ljubljani-tu-sem-nasla-svoj-mir-in-svobodo/481703>

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