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# **WHRI VIRTUAL LEARNING PROGRAM CEDAW for Change!**

**Offered in collaboration with**



**May 9 - July 16  
10 WEEKS, ONLINE**

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# **Information for Applicants**

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## Introduction

[Roda – Parents in Action](#) and the [Women’s Human Rights Institute](#) are pleased to invite members of civil society, the legal profession, human rights advocates and others from Central and Eastern Europe to attend this year’s WHRI Intensive Virtual Program, tailored for advocates working in the field of sexual and reproductive health rights, with an emphasis on maternity care.

**Roda – Parents in Action** is Croatia’s largest parents’ advocacy NGO in Croatia, organized in four program areas: Reproductive Rights, Breastfeeding Support and Promotion, Parenting Support and Legal Advocacy. Roda is a regional leader in promoting reproductive rights, access to medically assisted reproduction and respectful maternity care, and is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.

**The Women’s Human Rights Institute** has been offering intersectional women’s human rights knowledge mobilization programs in Canada and internationally since 2004. Our programs focus on building the capacity of feminist and women’s rights advocates to utilize international human rights standards, mechanisms, and global feminist human rights-based visions to strengthen their work in local, national and international spheres.

## Program Goals

- Building capacity of program participants to understand and utilize women’s human rights frameworks and mechanisms to promote and realize gender equality
- Shifting women’s human rights discourse into women’s human rights standards and norms

## Projected Outcomes

- An overarching view of the interdependent nature of women’s intersectional human rights, and the hierarchy of rights and their enforcement mechanisms in international law
- Enhanced capacity to leverage existing role with government and women’s organizations to enhance women’s equality and to promote the fulfilment of women’s human rights obligations under international law
- Enhanced capacity of program participants to see practical applications of human rights norms and standards in their particular fields of service-delivery and advocacy
- Enhanced capacity amongst program participants to strategically engage with international women’s human rights mechanisms including follow-up on recommendations issued to the government by CEDAW and other human rights bodies
- Enhanced identity amongst program participants as women’s human rights defenders with interconnections and solidarities with local, national and transnational women’s human rights movements

**If this sounds like a program you’d like to participate in, read on!**

## Program Description

The 10-week WHRI Intensive Virtual Program is an opportunity to explore ways to use CEDAW and other international human rights mechanisms to strengthen human rights advocacy work, to promote intersectional feminist women's human rights analysis and visioning, and to develop action-plans for implementing your learning, enhancing the impact of your feminist social justice work. Program participants benefit from a diverse array of moderators and presenters with expertise in the field, as well as through horizontal learning amongst participants bringing their own experience and knowledge from their own contexts.

Through live webinars, online forums, video and readings, self-care practices, arts-based inquiry, online panels, and independent work, the WHRI Intensive Virtual Program creates a space for women's human rights advocates to reflect on and analyze their work, to enhance their organizing and advocacy skills as well as to build solidarity with movements and activists around the world.

This program will focus on CEDAW as it relates to sexual and reproductive health rights with a specific focus on maternity care. The program also has a geographic focus on Central and Eastern Europe, but we also welcome applications from other European regions.

Note: to improve the course experience and support deeper learning, participants will be capped at no more than 25.

**This year, we are pleased to offer this unique capacity-building program fully online.**

## Course Faculty

### Moderators



Alda Facio (Costa Rica)

UN Working Group on Discrimination Against Women and Girls (WGDAWG)

WHRI Founder



Angela Lytle (Canada)

Executive Director, Women's Human Rights Education Institute

### Presenters



Terry D. Ince (Trinidad & Tobago)

Convenor & Founding Member, CEDAW Committee of Trinidad and Tobago (CCoTT)



Dr. Amanda Dale (Canada)

Expert Panel Advisory Member, Canadian Femicide Observatory



Kenita Placide (St Lucia)

Eastern Caribbean Alliance for Diversity and Equality (ECADE)



Melissa Upreti (Nepal)

UN Working Group on Discrimination against Women and Girls (WGDAWG)

Center for Women's Global Leadership, Rutgers University

**The course will also include other invited guests and speakers.**

## Format

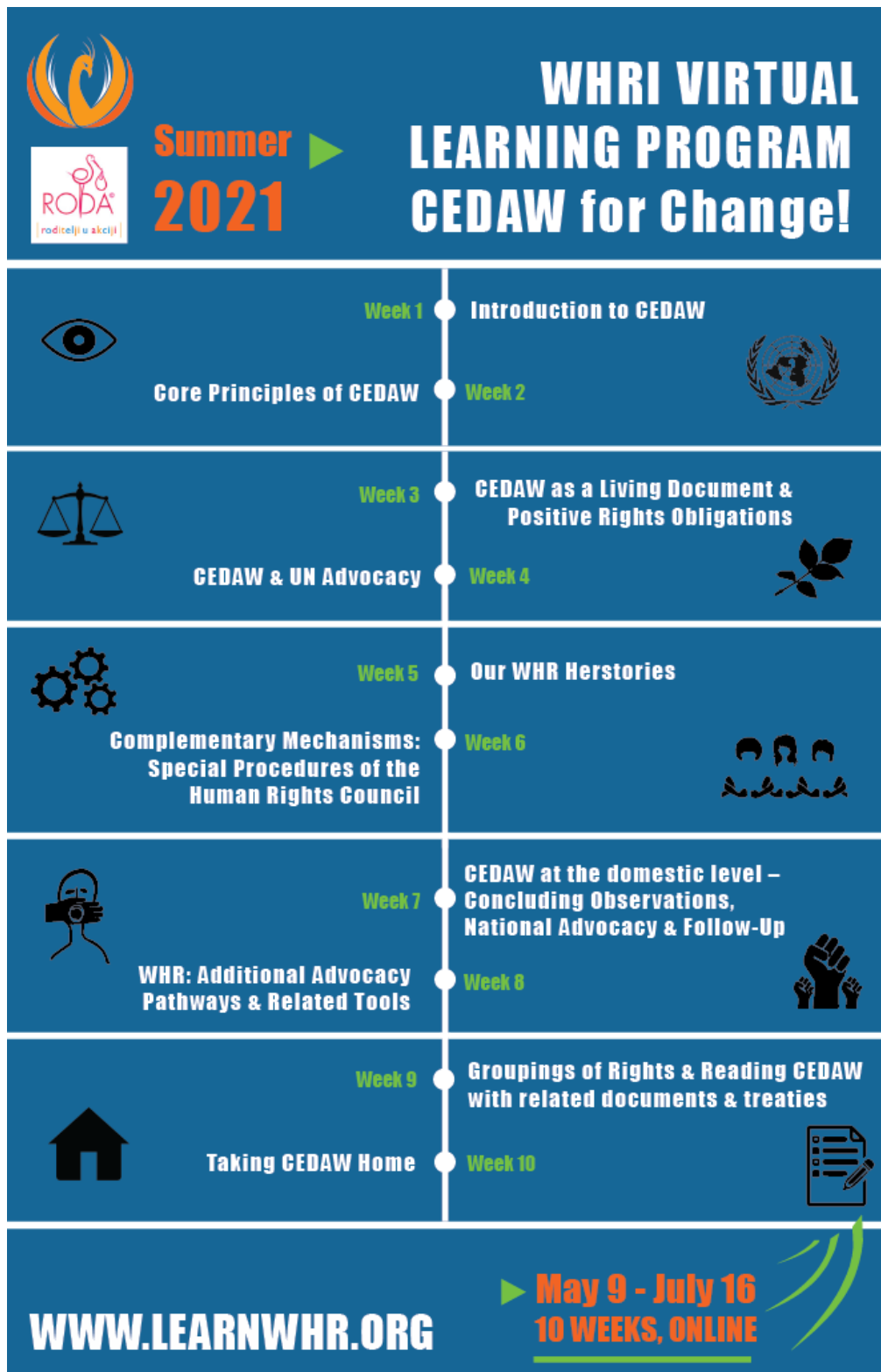
This is a 10 week course that is taking place fully online. Learning materials are planned for 3 hours of engagement per week. Each weekly module will include:

- Readings and video content (presentations, films, short videos etc)
- Independent work to be submitted & forum discussion with moderator feedback
- Weekly journal, self-reflection and self-care practices
- Live sessions – Webinar presentation, discussion, panels etc. (held approximately every two weeks).

The program will be hosted on [www.learnwhr.org/moodle](http://www.learnwhr.org/moodle). Participants will have access to the live content via Zoom.

Note: We will do our best to make the live content accessible accounting for time zones in Europe, the regional basis for the training. Participants will have access to the video recording afterward if unable to attend live, and can submit questions in advance if unable to attend the live sessions.

## Course Overview



## Prerequisites

There are no academic prerequisites for this program, and no legal background is required. The program is intended for advocates, activists, educators, researchers, feminist organizers, union reps, lawyers and change-makers who want to learn how to use UN women's human rights mechanisms and standards to enhance the impact of their work for social change. The course is open to all genders and people of diverse backgrounds who have a deep commitment to gender equality. Women from under-represented groups are particularly encouraged to apply.

### To take this course you must:

- Be committed to gender equality, non-discrimination and intersectional approaches to social justice
- Be comfortable reading, writing, listening and speaking in English
- Have a good internet connection and a computer that enables access to the online course forum and to live events scheduled during most weeks of the program (recordings will also be made available)
- **Be able to commit to 3-4 hours/week** for the 10 weeks of the program in order to successfully complete the program (self-study and Zoom meetings)
- Be active in promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights, especially in the field of maternity care
- While we welcome applications from all over Europe, the regional focus of the program is on Central and Eastern Europe, and applicants from this region will be prioritized.

## Registration & Course Fees

The regular tuition fee for this program is 1200 USD. However, thanks to generous donors **scholarships will be provided for 25 selected participants. All participants who are scholarship recipients will be required to sign a scholarship agreement with Roda / WHRI.**

## Registration Process

If you are selected, we will notify you and provide information on next steps.




## Summary

- Registration is open until 19 April 2021. [The online registration form is available here.](#)
- Program runs from 9 May 2021 (with an introductory unit provided beforehand) to 20 July 2021
- Regional focus is on Central and Eastern Europe, but people from all over Europe are invited to apply
- Program focus on sexual and reproductive health rights, especially maternity care
- Scholarships are available for 25 participants, and the program is delivered fully online


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**Additional international WHR expert presenters  
will be included, see the website for details!**