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Mesopotamia Women Journalists Platform



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We are here to ensure that no woman's story is left unfinished. The struggle of women changes the world and it is our responsibility to convey this moment.





Who are we?

We established the Mesopotamia Women Journalists Platform in Diyarbakır in 2017 with approximately 50 women journalists. Our platform members have come together on the basis of democracy within the framework of their identities as women and journalists. Our platform primarily aims to monitor and report violations of rights against women journalists and act as advocacates against these violations.

All the same, our platform aims to,

-empower women journalists through training, seminars and workshops, to support trainee journalists, to create opportunities for employment, to establish domestic and international solidarity networks;

-to combat the sexist language promoting violence and to produce a language that respects gender equality by developing tools and policies in this direction.

Our Work

Advocacy Activities

As a platform that defends the rights of women journalists we stand by all women journalists in Turkey who have suffered violations of rights.

In this context, our Platform monitors, reports and publicizes the violations of rights of women journalist throughout the year.

The court cases of women journalist are monitored institutionally, legal support is provided by the Platform, and solidarity with women journalists in prison (sending books and letters) is displayed.

Trainings

Our platform offers technical trainings (use of technical materials such as cameras, use of digital media, etc.) to empower its members in their journalistic activities. The platform also provides training on issues such as combating sexist language in the media and rights-oriented journalism.

Struggle for a Gender Equal Language in the Media

Women journalists are basically fighting a gender struggle. In this framework, our Platform fights against the sexist language in the media, contributes to the development of new tools and policies and to increase social awareness.

As a non-governmental organization, our platform participates in campaigns and events on this subject for the promotion of gender equality, and also partners with women's organizations to strengthen women's rights and women's activism.

Another media is possible

While targeting a gender egalitarian language in the media, we also struggle with the language of journalism that includes hate speech and discrimination, which we see as a manifestation of a male-dominated system in the media, that legitimizes conflict and violence, that polarizes and marginalizes societies and individuals.