

Webinar: Coming together and re-connecting

Victim Support Hub

DESCRIPTION

COVID restrictions have made it a difficult 18 months to connect and have space to talk about our work and listen to others. We know these opportunities to learn from each other are one of the most valuable aspects of our network which is why we want to create this moment where we can all talk and hear about the amazing work you are all doing. A moment to come together as a community hearing from new and seasoned VSE members alike.

During the round-table event, you will have a chance to showcase your activities, projects, challenges and successes and explore how we may be supportive of each other's work. We hope the event will also act as inspiration to others, and to that end several short videos of inspirational activities/projects will be presented.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Algimantas Čepas

Director at the Vilnius Institute for Advanced Studies



Demistify: The Meeting Point (Festival - PREVICT campaign)

Algimantas Čepas is the director of Vilnius Institute for Advanced Studies and an associate professor at the Department of Criminology (Faculty of Philosophy) of Vilnius University. A.Čepas also holds the position of director of the Center for Crime Prevention in Lithuania. He has acquired his PhD in law from Vilnius University in 2002 and has held a number of important positions both in academia and legal institutions: the director of the Law Institute of Lithuania by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania, an advisor to the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania, an advisor to the Committee of Law and Order of the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania, the chairman of the "Transparency International" Lithuanian Chapter, a member of the Working Group for the final drafting of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Lithuania, the president of the Lithuanian Association of Criminology, etc. A.Čepas has headed several research and advocacy projects funded by the Research Council of Lithuania, EU JUSTICE and EU REC, and others, has published extensively on criminology and human rights.

Edward van der Kruijk

Managing Director at Slachtofferhulp the Netherlands

Innovation in the Netherlands - Supporting the environment of the victims, creates opportunities to help more victims



Edward is managing director of Victim Support in The Netherlands. He started his career as an operations manager at the Dutch national railway company. Edward worked for several years in the senior management of the Dutch police force and the ngo War Child. As a consultant, he worked on assignments for a large variety of non-profit organizations. Edward completed a master of arts in French literature and languages at Leiden University. He holds an executive MBA from IMD in Switzerland. Edward is author of a book about a ngo and published articles on safety & security and leadership.

Frederico Moyano Marques

Senior Advisor and Chief Operations Officer at Portuguese Association for Victim Support – APAV

The uniqueness of the Infovictims III project



Frederico Moyano Marques is a Lawyer and a Senior Adviser and Chief Operations Officer at the Portuguese Association for Victim Support – APAV. Frederico is also the Technical manager of European projects in different areas related to the rights of victims of crime, namely project Infovictims focused on the right to information, project Protasis, on online identity theft, project Victims and Mediation, on the victim's participation in Restorative Justice Mechanisms, and project With You, on the accompaniment of victims during the criminal proceedings.

Mark van Gelder

Executive Board Member at Canisha vzw

Supporting victims of crime by using a specially trained dog



Mark van Gelder started working in the assistance dog world as a volunteer in 1994. In 1998, he quit his career as physiotherapist and started working full-time for Hachiko vzw where he became an assistance dog trainer. From then onwards, he became responsible for fundraising, aftercare and facility dogs. In 2016, he became Executive Director of Hachiko vzw. During the spring in 2020, Mark left Hachiko vzw and started working for Canisha vzw, where he is currently responsible for the daily affairs. Other than this, Mark van Gelder fulfils several tasks within the Assistance Dogs world, such as President of the Belgian Assistance Dog Federation (BADF) (since 2013), ADEu board member (since 2013), ADEu liaison with the European Guide Dog Federation (EGDF) (since 2013), appointed by the Flemish Minister of Health as a member of the controlling body which has to certify assistance dog schools since 2014, started working within CEN/TC 452 Assistance Dogs on a European

Standard in 2016, ADI board member since 2020, and he is actively involved in the FYDO project, supervised by VSE with the involvement of other EU partners (since 2021).

Sandra Demeester

Executive Director at Hachiko vzw



Supporting victims of crime by using a specially trained dog

Sandra Demeester studied languages at Leuven University (French and Italian) and has a degree in theatre studies. For over thirty years, she has built a career as a communication specialist in several companies and agencies. Her expertise lies in communication strategy, project management and team management. In her latest job in the communication business, she got in touch with Hachiko vzw and gave them advice on branding and communication. When Hachiko vzw moved to a brand new location end 2019, Sandra joined them as managing director. This switch to the non-profit sector was of great personal value to her, as it is a challenging opportunity to help a charity organisation further develop. Today, Hachiko vzw includes a team of 10 passionate professionals and many enthusiastic volunteers. At Hachiko vzw, Sandra's focus lies in: daily management; people management; organisation strategy; public relations, events and communication; finance and fundraising; and she is actively involved in the FYDO project on concept development, prospectation as well as project management. This in close collaboration with Canisha vzw.

Terence Bossale

President at Manus Legis



A Reaching Hand - What gap is MANUS LEGIS filling?

Manus Legis is a young organisation run by French students that has the objective of defending victims of various types of discriminations. Their first action has been to get in contact with young victims and act as a bridge between them and the competent authorities, while using our knowledge in law to provide them with the best care and protection during the procedures. Manus Legis is aiming to tend to other victims of discriminations, going from sexual assaults to moral harassment, racism and homophobia, not only in France but in the international field as well.

Veronique Hoogendoorn

Freelancer at the Innovation Team of Slachtofferhulp the Netherlands



Innovation in the Netherlands - Supporting the environment of the victims, creates opportunities to help more victims.

Veronique currently works with the Innovation Team at Slachtofferhulp Nederland in developing new ways of helping victims. She has more than 20 years' experience in concept development, positioning, marketing and communication with profit and non-profit organizations. Before she started her

freelance career Veronique was Marketing & Communications Director with War Child. Solving strategic issues and working on new concepts which make the world a better place is what drives her.