



SHORTLISTED 1

MARYAN ABDULKARIM

JOURNALIST AND ARTIST

Maryan Abdulkarim is a feminist, freelance journalist and a columnist for the Finnish National Broadcast Company Yle and Hufvudstadsbladet and is a member of Yle's Jury of the Wise Programme. She has a background in anti-racist work and is the founder of a national network against racism and xenophobia called Rasmus. She is a member of the Miracle Workers Collective, which represented Finland in 2019 at the Venice Biennale with The Great Miracle of Perception piece. She is also the co-author of About 10 Myths About Feminism book which received the Minna Canth award. Born in Mogadishu, she moved to Finland as a child and grew up in Tampere and Helsinki. In her work, Maryan focuses on issues that relate to the intersection of gender, ethnic, class, religion and ability. She holds that all women do not face discrimination in the same way or reason, nor all minorities yet the structures that uphold hierarchies are similar in manifestation of power.

HIGHLIGHTS: JOURNALISM; ARTIST; INTERSECTIONALITY; FEMINIST

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MALDA AVRAMENKO

MEDIATOR AND ACTIVIST FOR ROMA FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN VENTSPILS

Malda Avramenko is Roma mediator in Ventspils, the 6th largest city in Latvia in the framework of the Latvian National Roma Platform projects co-funded by the European Union "Rights, Equality & Citizenship Programme - 2014-2020". When she started this work in 2018, she focused on 45 disadvantaged Roma families children each, where the majority of adults are illiterate and have limited skills for the labour market. During this period Avramenko managed to ensure that available municipal apartments were renovated for twelve families. By using her experience, knowledge, persistence, ability to listen to people's needs and collaborative skills, Avramenko has achieved real progress for the most disadvantaged Roma families and children in the city of Ventspils. By engaging in constructive dialogue with municipal and governmental institutions, attracting resources of local and national NGOs, fighting discrimination, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, she has changed the lives of many.

HIGHLIGHTS: ROMA RIGHTS; SUPPORTING ROMA FAMILIES

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EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF NURSES ASSOCIATIONS

COLLECTIVE REPRESENTING THE NURSING PROFESSION AND ITS INTERESTS

The women nurses of Europe have been instrumental in working on the frontlines during the COVID-crisis and there is a powerful opportunity to celebrate the essential work of all women nurses, especially during this time of the COVID crisis. EIGE showed in a recent study that women make up the majority (76%) of healthcare workers in the EU. This work should be recognised, even more so in extremely difficult conditions, all across Europe during the pandemic. The association represents 2.5 million women nurses. 90% of its governance are women.

HIGHLIGHTS: HEALTHCARE WORKERS; COVID PANDEMIC; NURSES