

A short profile of WAVE

WAVE (Women Against Violence Europe), the network of European women's shelters and women's help organisations, was founded in 1994 and has since followed its aim of combating violence against women and children. Having started off with j

Intervention programmes: It is not enough to have laws only in statute books, they need to be enforced. Laws on protection from violence must be accompanied by the establishing of victim support centres providing active support, and by intervention centres co-ordinating action on behalf of the victim.

Lack of help for, and rights of, immigrant women: The present situation, in which immigrant women often find no adequate help, or too little of it, is also a cause of concern. The BPFA says that government should "establish linguistically