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## Conference announcement

### ROMANI WOMEN FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

June 30 – July 2, 2011

Organized within the project “Equality through difference. Roma women’s access to the labor market”

*May 30, 2011*

The team of the project „Equality through difference. Roma women’s access to the labor market” organizes a conference on **Romani women for equal opportunities** in Timisoara, Romania between June 30 and July 2, 2011.

The project is implemented by Roma Women’s Association ‘For Our Children’ from Timisoara in a partnership with Foundation Desire, Association Parudimos, National Agency for Roma, Mayor’s Office Timisoara, and Foundation Autonomia from Hungary. The project is co-financed by the Sectorial Operational Program for Human Resources Development 2007 – 2013 “Invest in people!” European Social Fund [<http://www.femrom.ro>]. Our major objective was the promotion of equal opportunities and non-discrimination by different means and among diverse social categories. We did not only aimed to raise public awareness about these principles, but, through activities for social inclusion, our teams also offered services that empowered disadvantaged Roma women’s and youth’s effort to gain access to the labor market. We consider that the assurance of equal opportunities has to be considered at the intersection of multiple axes, which generate inequality (gender, ethnicity, social status, age, sexual orientation), and needs to be integrated into each of the sectorial public policies. The perspective of vulnerable Roma women makes possible such an approach because at least for two reasons: through their experiences one may understand the functioning of multiple and intersectional discrimination; learning about their problems, one may realize that these might be solved only by integrated actions. That is why our conference discusses about equal opportunities from the point of view of Romani women. And last, but not least, the conference offers a frame for demonstrating that Roma women do not fight „only” for their particular interests, but they aim to put into practice for the sake of the whole society universal values such as equal opportunities and non-discrimination.

The aims of the conference „Romani women for equal opportunities” are: to promote the results of the project “Equality through difference. Roma women’s access to the labor market”; and to create a space for an interdisciplinary, interregional and transnational dialogue on social issues addressed by our project, too.



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