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DANGER



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INNOCENCE IN DANGER SWITZERLAND

ABOUT INNOCENCE IN DANGER ?



Innocence in Danger (IID) is an international movement for the protection of children against all forms of violence, and specifically sexual violence. The movement consists of legally independent action groups and offices across many countries as well as partnerships with NGOs involved in the protection of children and teenagers against sexual abuse facilitated by online and digital media.

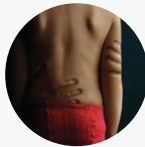
A number of countries have declared that the sexual abuse of minors constitutes a threat to public health. The numbers are staggering when you consider that child sex abuse and early life trauma have such a devastating impact on the lives and the mental, physical and psychological health of survivors.

Sexual violence is not a rarefied phenomenon, but rather a scourge on public health. It is not enough to be outraged by the mistreatment of children, we need to organize, to speak out and to act.

HARD FACTS: DISTURBING SWISS STATISTICS



3 sexual acts a day are performed on children



At least 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 10 boys is a victim of sexual abuse



Child victims of sexual abuse are 8 times more likely to be abused again



80% of sexual violence is committed by a person close to the victim



1 in 5 children are approached in a sexualized manner online



Only 10% of victims of sexual abuse disclose their abuse to the police

RAPE IS ONE OF THE MOST COSTLY CRIMES FOR SOCIETY



127
billion
dollars / year



3.2
billion
pounds / year



3.6
billion
dollars / year



8
billion
euros / year



the cost has not been estimated for lack of data

PREVENTION

Innocence in Danger carries out awareness-raising and training activities to help children, parents and educators use social media and the Internet safely. We participate in forums and conferences to inform the public, namely health and child protection professionals, about sexual abuse. When possible, IID supports victims of sexual violence in finding therapeutic and legal resources through its network.

IID is a partners with the Geneva non-profit Juris Conseil Junior who runs a hotline for children and young people in need of legal assistance (022 310 2222)

LEGAL ADVICE AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT THROUGH OUR SWISS NETWORK

IID Switzerland **supports the victims of sexual violence** connecting them with therapists who work with the association. With years of experience in legal cases involving child abuse IID is able to counsel the families of victims and provide legal support.

RESILIENCE RETREATS FOR VICTIMS

WHAT IS RESILIENCE ?

Scientifically, resilience is a metal's capacity to resist pressure and return to its initial state after having deformed. In psychology, the term "resilience" is the ability to live and to thrive in spite of adversity.



BACKGROUND

The story behind the Innocence in Danger retreats began in 2002, when the mother of a young girl who had been brutally raped approached Hodaya Sellier, the founder of the Innocence in Danger movement, to ask her for her help. Since the assault, the child had refused to speak.

Upon learning that the girl loved horses, Mrs Sellier invited the child to spend a few days in a nearby equestrian center. Thanks to this experience and through contact with animals, the girl would eventually overcome her trauma. With the further support of a therapist, she found her voice again as well as the strength to testify against her aggressors in court.

Since 2003, IID Switzerland has invited victims of sexual violence, along with a guardian or parent, to participate in **resilience retreats in the Swiss Alps**

IID Switzerland collaborates with a team of professionals and volunteers including psychologists, music therapists, art therapists, artists, sports instructors and other trained staff. Every summer about twenty children participate in the IID retreat in Switzerland. Our team offers an array of rich and stimulating workshops, such as painting, drawing, engraving, tie-dye, puppet-making, yoga, mindfulness, self-defense or music. The goal of these retreats is to consolidate the families' inherent resilience and to reinforce the participants' self-confidence, stimulate their creativity and encourage healthy exchanges among peers.

RESEARCH

Since 2018, IID has pursued a new mission to empower researchers to investigate and measure the physical, psychological and economic impacts of sexual abuse on the survivors of abuse and on society as a whole. Our research fund is therefore devoted to measuring the negative impact of sexual abuse on our Society as well as the positive impact of prevention and treatment programs. These metrics will inform the ongoing fight to prevent abuse, facilitate justice for the victims and heal wounds.

INNOCENCE IN DANGER WORLDWIDE

Founded in 1999 by Homayra Sellier, the Innocence in Danger movement is now active in eight countries. Each office or branch is administratively and financially independent, but each shares a common mission.



SWITZERLAND :

- Prevention and awareness
- Legal support
- Coordinate psychosocial support with partners
- Resilience retreat
- Support to scientific research into the physical, psychological and economic impacts of sexual aggression

FRANCE :

- Legal support to victims thanks to close collaboration with a broad team of lawyers and children's rights advocates
- IID participates in civil action suits on behalf of victims
- Political activism, notable successes: two successful modifications to judicial amendments

GERMANY :

- Research and advocacy to define best practices to promote high quality education about the safe use of the internet.
- Developed prevention programs used nationwide in public schools
- 3 or 4 weeks of resilience retreats every year

MOROCCO :

- IED is active in partnership with two local NGOs, scope of operations :
 - Housing for young mothers along with psychological and financial support
 - Housing for street children and educational support

AUSTRIA :

- Prevention and awareness
- 2 weeks of resilience retreats every year
- Pilot project "DlmeKO" – to teach children about the safe use of digital media

COLOMBIA :

- Prevention and awareness
- 2 weeks of resilience retreats every year for more than 40 children
- Partnership with local juvenile justice system to help disenfranchised youth

UNITED KINGDOM :

- Supported the work of Mandate Now, seeking the introduction of law requiring staff who work in 'regulated activities' to report concerns about the welfare of children and vulnerable adults to the Local Authority.
- Psychological support to victims of child abuse
- Awareness and prevention on the impacts of child abuse

UNITED STATES :

- Awareness and prevention
- Worked with local organizations to provide equi-therapy to victims
- As the judge of an international film festival, our founder Homayra Sellier supports the production and screening of films defending Human and Children's Rights that cast light on taboo subjects, namely child abuse

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