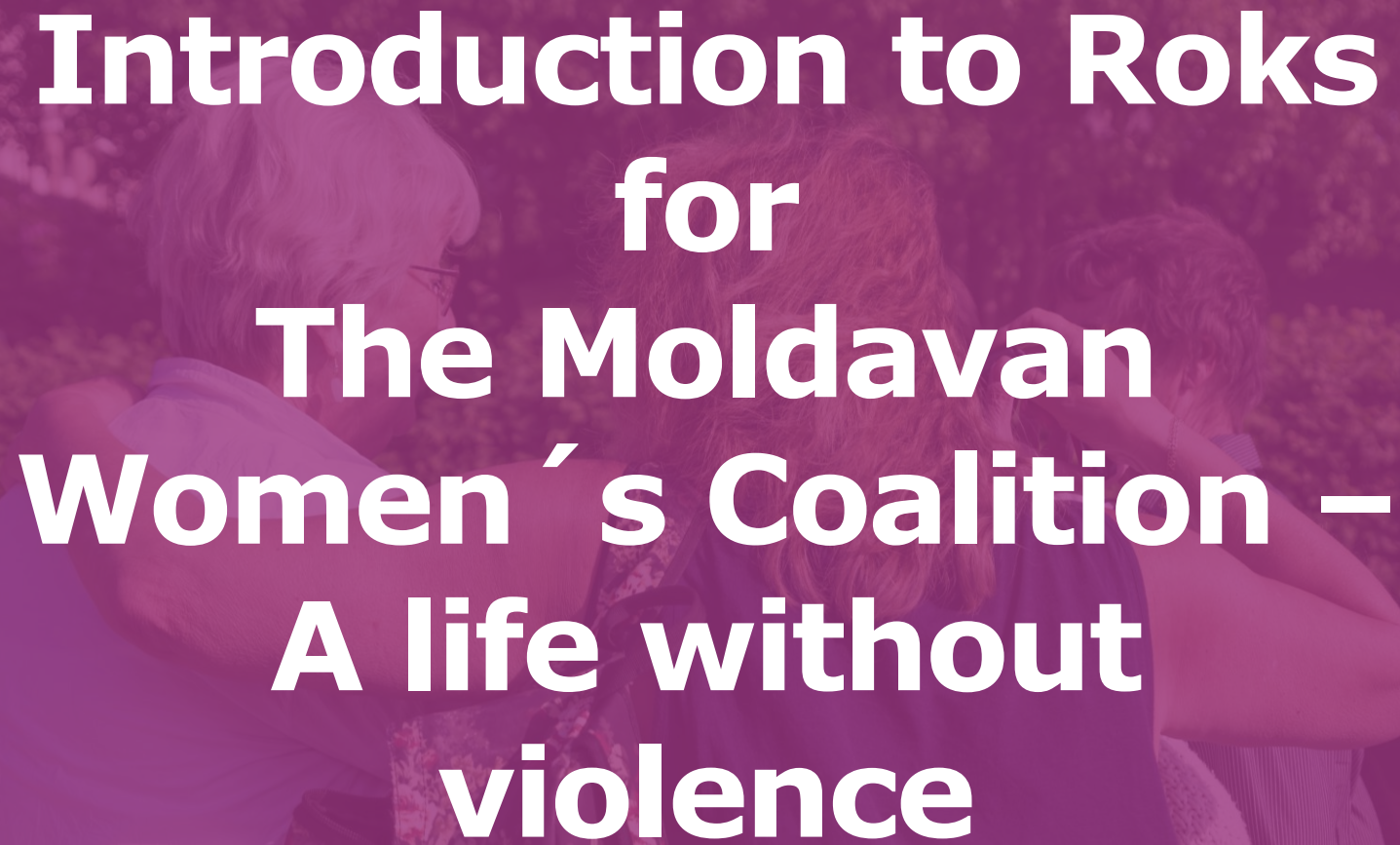




ROKS

The National Organisation
for Women's Shelters and
Young Women's Shelters
in Sweden



Introduction to Roks for The Moldavan Women´s Coalition – A life without violence

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Roks in brief...

- The National Organisation for Women's Shelters and Young Women Shelters in Sweden.
- Roks was founded in 1984 and is the largest organisation for women's and young women's shelters in Sweden.
- There are currently around 100 members within Roks.

... Roks in brief

- Roks purpose is to take care of the common interests of the shelters, in their work against male violence towards women.
- Roks is a feministic organisation, that works for women's and girl's rights and liberation, as well as gender equality on all levels in society.

**Roks
works for
women's and
girls' rights
and liberation.**



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Roks' purpose

- "Roks and its member organisations will in a feministic spirit work against male violence towards women and children (sexual assault and harassment, physical and mental abuse, pornography, prostitution, rape etc.) and against male domination on all levels of society".

Men's violence against women

- "Also included in the definition are acts of such acts; young women are threatened with that psychological, sexual, or economic harm against her will suffering her abstain from doing what she wants to do in the public sphere." against women is the uttermost consequence of the patriarchy."



**Physical
violence**

**Mental
violence**

**Sexual
violence**

**Financial
violence**

**Material
violence**

A photograph of two women standing outdoors, talking. The woman on the left has blonde hair and is wearing a light-colored sweater. The woman on the right has dark hair in a ponytail and is wearing a dark patterned top. They are standing in front of trees and a building. The image has a purple overlay.

In 2017 the member shelters helped and supported...

**4 054
women**

**6 788
young women**

**600
women and
600 children
stayed at one
of the local
women's
shelters**

The work of the national organisation

Members

Public Opinion

Cooperation

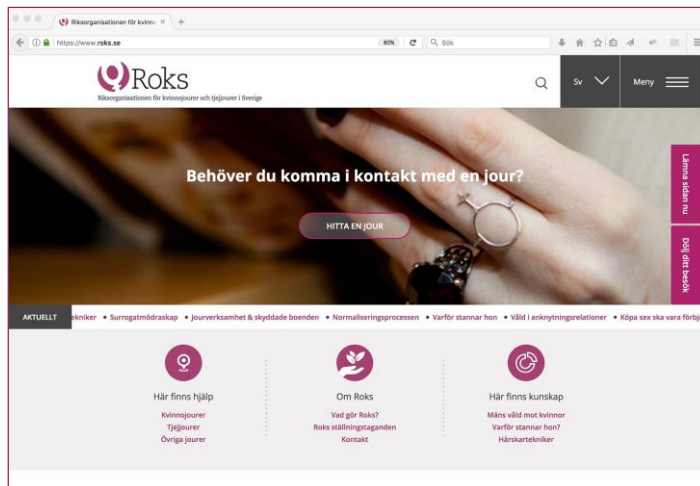
Support to Members

- Education
- Information and knowledge material, brochures, films
- Support in their everyday work.



Influencing public opinion

- Spread the experiences and knowledge of our member organisations, through media, web page and our own magazine "Kvinnotryck".



Cooperation

- Create good connections with other organisations, to exchange experiences and knowledge.



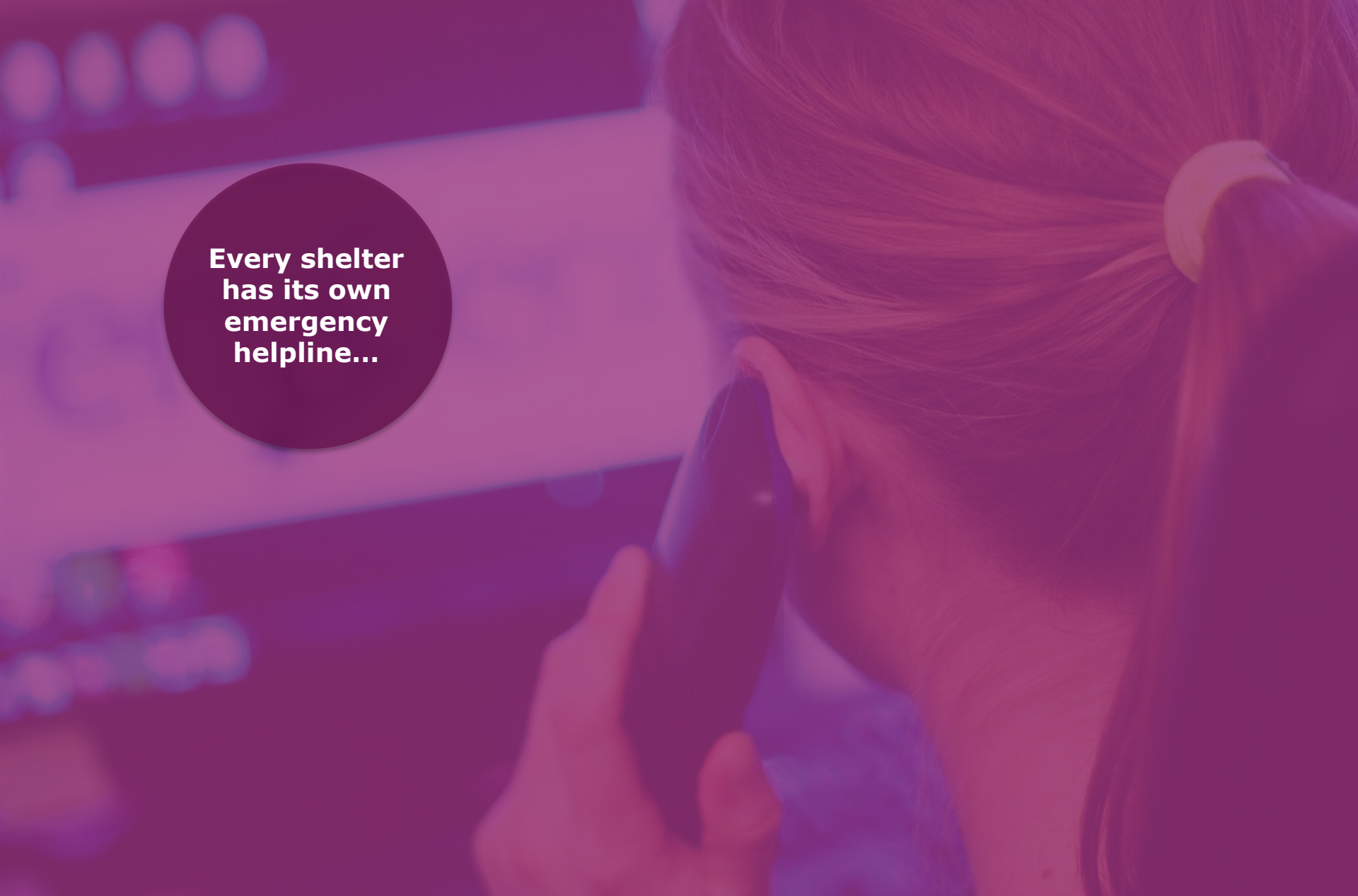
The work of the local shelters

Same, same but different...

- Each shelter within Roks is its own association, with its own rules and routines.
- There are large differences in resources between the shelters.
- All member shelters work on the basis of Roks common values and ethical guidelines.

Same, same but different

- We also share basic knowledge, routines and methods.
- Every shelter has their own emergency helpline and can offer various kinds of support to abused women.
- Women can always be anonymous.

A photograph of a woman with her hair in a ponytail, seen from the back, talking on a mobile phone. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter. In the upper left, there is a dark purple circular bubble containing white text. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a computer monitor or a similar device.

**Every shelter
has its own
emergency
helpline...**

What the **women's** shelters can offer...

- Support for the woman to handle her experiences and help plan for the future
- A safe environment
- To accompany the woman to the police, social services etc

What the **women's shelters** can offer

- To contact different authorities
- To find a new school for the children of the abused woman
- Information and lectures about male violence against women
- Some shelters are specialised in legal advise

What the **young women's shelters** can offer

- Support, by phone, e-mail and chat
- Group activities for young women
- Preventative work in schools
- Influencing public opinion

Tjejjouren.se
– national web
page for all young
women’s shelters
in Sweden



Tjejjouren.se
has over 2 000
visitors every
day

Roks focus 2017-2018



Roks focus: Violence and custody



- Report by Eva Diesen.
- Parliamentary seminar, panel debates and seminars.
- Three conferences in the fall of 2018.

Roks focus pornografy



- " Porn is female-contraindicated"
- Conference on pornography (November 2017 Stockholm, February 2018 Gothenburg).

Statistics



Photo: Frida Ekman

Reports about assaults on women...

- According to the Swedish national council for crime prevention (Brå) 10 115 cases of assault on women (over 18 years old) by a man that was close to the assaulted woman, was reported to the police in 2017.
- Brå estimates that only every fifth case of assault on women is reported.

Laws

Laws about Women's peace...

- Public prosecution (1982)
- Victim's legal advisor (1988)
- The restraining orders act (1988)
- Legislation on gross violation of a woman's integrity (1998)
- Legislation on female genital mutilation (1998)

Laws about Women's peace

- The prostitution law (1999)
- Legislation on (domestic) restraining orders (2003)
- New legislation on sexual crimes (changed criteria concerning rape) (2005 and 2013)
- The stalking act (2011)



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