

City walks: the history of women

The history of famous women in a city is as important to be shown in guided city tours as contemporary aspects. The participants of the workshops were coming from very different fields of expertise, combining their professional know-how to visualise an imaginative city tour with a biographical approach.

What should such a city tour be about? To whom the tour could be addressed? What conditions should be fulfilled?



Summary of ideas:

CONTENT of the city tour

1. Famous women of the past – where did they live, what locations are interesting to know about?
 - E.g. where demonstrations for women's rights took place or important resolutions have been developed
 - Background information about street names remembering famous women, also taking into account contemporary developments
 - Action sites of women artists, politicians, scientists, inventors and civil society activists
 - Sites where men disguised themselves as women and information why they did that
2. Women of present times: what do they do and what do they get for their work?
 - Who got assignments from the city e.g. to build a statue or to design a square in the city?
 - What was the honorary for women artists? The gender pay gap in the light of urban planning

ORGANISATIONAL notes

1. Guides free of charge
2. Inviting schools
3. Offer for new citizens of a town
4. Patronage by an important personality
5. Matronage by a politician concerned with gender equality issues

To be continued ... may be in a common European project of experts and interested activists: "Gender Equality City Tours along the River Danube?"

