



Newsletter 1 - March 2005

For this first newsletter, we invite you to support our European movement, V-Day Europe by joining us in an exciting series of events on 19th of April, 2005 in Brussels.

V-Day works to raise funds and awareness for organisations that campaign to prevent violence against women and children by staging performances of *The Vagina Monologues*, the award-winning play by Eve Ensler. A European Network, V-Day Europe, was created in 2003 with the support of the European Commission (Daphne Programme) who are also supporting our activities in April 2005, along with European Women's Lobby, Amnesty International, and Mama Cash.

In 2005, our focus is set in Brussels, the heart of the European Union. In collaboration with the **European Women's Lobby**, we invite you to participate in a dynamic seminar to discuss proposals for legislative action to address the issues of violence against women within Europe **on April 19th at 10:00am in Brussels** (venue: Atelier Dolce Vita, 37a rue de la Charité, Brussels).

On the night of April 19th, you are invited to a gala benefit performance of *The Vagina Monologues* in Brussels' premiere cultural venue, the Flagey Theatre. Performers will include such celebrities and high profile politicians as Eve Ensler (author and founder of the V-Day Movement), Anita Roddick (UK, Founder of The Body Shop), from Germany Katja Riemann (actress), from The Netherlands Rebecca Gomperts (Founder of Women on Waves), from Belgium - Fadila Laanan (Belgian Minister for Cultural Affairs), Goedele Liekens (journalist), Ingrid de Borchgrave (designer), Lara Fabian (singer), Laurence Bibot (actress), from Denmark - Mianne Bagger (professional golf player) and from France – Sophie Duez (actress) and Florence Levot (Jet Ski Champion). They will be directed by Nathalie Uffner.

This celebratory evening will raise awareness and vital funds for the following charities: the Rape Crisis Network Europe, Garance asbl, Solidarité femmes et refuge pour femmes battues asbl and the Organization of Women's Freedom in Iraq (OWFI).

Tickets for this exceptional performance are: 1st category 150€ / 1st category with invitation to the VIP cocktail party 500€ / 2nd category 100€ / 3rd category 50€ / 4th category 15€.

To buy tickets: In Belgium: 0900 00 600 (0.45 €/min); In France: 0 892 68 36 22 (0.34 €/min)

Or www.fnac.com

We hope that you will be interested in supporting the V-Day Europe activities by joining us at either or both of these critical and commemorative events. Do not hesitate to contact us for any additional information (info@vdayeurope.org)

Yours sincerely,
The V-Day Europe team
