

Project “Vozes Femininas - A network of women with disabilities in Brazil”.

Vozes Femininas - Women Voices - Voci di Donne

Today April 16 is World Voice Day. We chose this date to launch our initial shout. Let's break the invisibility cycle! The future is feminine. But it must also be accessible and inclusive.

Knowing and debating our rights is the basis because we can claim our bodies, our spaces and our voices. Our strength, our presence, our impact. We are powerful and everyone must know it.

When we take care of ourselves, we respect ourselves.

If you are a woman with a disability or a woman who takes care of a person with a disability (of her family or not), you're welcome: this is your place to listen and speak.

The Women Voices project has arrived, to create and empower a network of women with disabilities throughout Brazil.

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<https://www.facebook.com/projetovozesfemininas>

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Official release video of the project:

<https://youtu.be/9NZNyab4r68>

BRASA-AIFO:

<https://brasa.org.br/>

<http://www.aifo.it/>

<http://www.aifoeng.it/>

WOMEN VOICES: AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF DISABLED WOMEN

On April 16, World Voice Day, the group wants to give visibility to the importance of looking at the female cut of the disabled population that is still on the margins of the feminist movement.

In Brazil, according to IBGE, approximately 23.9% of the population have some kind of disability. As in the general distribution, of this total, the majority are women. Women who study, who work, who want to build their families, travel, live their life fully. But can they? The daily struggle for

inclusion and accessibility in all its forms also runs through the gender struggle, since issues related to the female condition are even more invisible than the disability itself. Today, World Voice Day, it's time to start listening to what they have to say.

In order to find, gather and empower these women, who are often vulnerable or even "prey" in their own homes, the Association Brazil Health and Action (BRASA) with the support of the agency Rehabilitation International (RI) created the project Vozes Femininas - A network of women with disabilities in Brazil. The format found to create and strengthen this female community is through education and training, so that they become mobilization leaders in their communities. The training program will be done through a distance education platform (EAD) along with 7 face-to-face meetings in the city of São Paulo, which will begin in June.

The training program is exclusively for disabled women, mothers and non-professional caregivers of people with disabilities. Women without disabilities can accompany and participate as volunteers in the activities. Men, with or without disabilities, can follow the project through social networks, through the website and, eventually, in face-to-face events. "It is important that information is disseminated throughout society, but the moments of exchange are especially focused on women, mothers and caregivers because they deal with very intimate, specific issues and common situations," says Ana Rita de Paula, project team. PhD in Psychology from the University of São Paulo, an activist for the disability rights movement, pioneered the study of gender issues in the accessibility universe with her master's thesis "Body and Disability, Spaces of Desire. Reflections about a Feminine Perspective".

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and social networks

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About BRASA: is a civil society organization that promotes actions aimed at the sustainable development of the population - especially those affected by leprosy, people with disabilities and groups or groups of the population living in situations of social vulnerability - through the implementation of specific programs of health and social action.

BRASA was established in Brazil in 2013 to continue the activities developed in Brazil since 1961 by AIFO - Italian Raoul Follereau Friends Association, Italian organization for international

cooperation in the social and health areas. AIFO continues to support BRASA and is a partner in this project.

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About RI: It is a global organization and network that empowers people with disabilities and provides sustainable solutions to achieve a more inclusive society for them. UN official, UNICEF, UNESCO, World Health Organization (WHO), World Labor Organization (UNWTO), United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

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