



Hague Mothers Newsletter April 2024

Dear <<First Name>> ,

Short but sweet this month (but lots happening behind the scenes...)

Hague Forum on domestic violence & Article 13b.

We're busy preparing for this important Forum which takes place in Sandton, South Africa from 18th to 21st June 2024. We'll be represented by members from the US, Canada, UK, Europe, Brazil, New Zealand and Australia, alongside some of our global partners - Her Hague Story, Gambe, GlobalARRK, New Zealand Hague Collective and Revibra.

The Forum is currently over-subscribed for in-person attendance (100 places were made available), but it should still be possible to join on-line by emailing secretariat@hcch.net. Unfortunately on-line attendance will be passive but we would strongly encourage you join the 200+ people who have already signed up. Your presence will, we hope, encourage a more meaningful and focussed debate and help those in power to understand the

impact of the Convention on protective mothers and their children. Our focus is on ensuring that the reality of that lived experience is at the heart of the Forum. We'll share the programme as soon as it's finalised.

Wave Network



We've joined the [WAVE Network](#) (Women Against Violence Europe)!

We are delighted to announce that we are now, through FiLiA, members of this extraordinary feminist network of 170 European NGOs. This connects us to women's groups in 46 countries and will enable us to work collectively across EU states. A podcast from WAVE will be up on our website very soon.

Expanding the Hague Mothers' team

FiLiA is funding two temporary part-time admin posts to support Ruth and increase our effectiveness and reach. And we have found two seriously good candidates with a raft of relevant skills and experience for those roles. Dee will focus on comms, Arlene will look after our 70+ members; both of them will be helping to prepare for the Forum in June. They will begin work in the next few weeks. Watch this space!

On the website...

Our [updates page](#) is where you can find campaign updates and Hague Mothers episodes of FiLiA podcasts. The [latest podcast](#) is a conversation between Sally Jackson of FiLiA and Janaina Albuquerque of Revibra Europa, who provide advice and support to Brazilian victims of domestic abuse. That is where you can also find links to Breaking Silence, a powerful documentary featuring Sammie and Lydia, co-founders of the New Zealand Hague Collective.

From the Resource Library...

There are four sections in the Resource Library: Practicalities, Academic, Mothers Voices and Media. [Mothers Voices](#) is where you can read the stories

of women – and children – who have been victims of domestic abuse, and of the Hague. This [powerful account](#) by Anita Gera talks of her more than eight years of loss when her children were removed from her after returning to the USA.

We have uploaded an updated [Privacy Policy](#) that explains how FiLiA Hague Mothers will use any personal information we collect about you when you use the website.

Thanks to our members and supporters across the world – working together to change the Convention and protect survivor mothers and their children.

Ruth, Dee, Arlene & Sally

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