

Wanda Nowicka

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Wanda Nowicka: has been the activist field of women's health, human rights esp. sexual and reproductive health and rights for several years.

Since 1990, she has been active in a nascent NGO movement in Poland, and is a co-founder and member of several NGOs including the Association for Ideologically-Free State Neutrum; the Federation for Women and Family Planning.

She has run the Federation since its creation. She is presently a President of the Federation. The Federation conducts advocacy activities for reproductive health and rights. The Federation is monitoring and publicizing the status of reproductive health and rights of Polish women and advocating for improvement of health services. Wanda is also the organizer of less traditional forms of advocacy such as coordination of Women on Waves visit in Poland, exhibition on "My Live, My Decision", Posters Competition, two tribunals on reproductive rights.

In 1996-2002 Nowicka served as a member of the Gender Advisory Panel of WHO's Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction Programme, and she was a member of the UNFPA's international NGO Advisory Committee established in connection with Cairo+5. Wanda Nowicka was also a member of the Steering Committee of HERA (Health, Empowerment, Rights Accountability) - international group of women promoting commitments made in the ICPD and FWCW.

She is one of the founders (1999) of the regional network – ASTRA – Central and Eastern European Women's Network for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. The Federation has served as ASTRA Secretariat since. Recently, ASTRA received the Award for promoting women's rights from the Sigrid Rausing Trust. Nowicka's leadership has been particularly acknowledged by the Award founders.

She actively participated in key international conferences addressing women's health incl. the UN Conference on Human Rights, Vienna 1993; International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), Cairo 1994; Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing 1995; Cairo+5 (1999), Beijing+5 (2000), Children's Summit (2002).

Ms Nowicka is the author of many articles and papers on women's rights, sexual and reproductive health and rights published in Poland and internationally (eg. in Reproductive Health Matters) incl. shadow reports to UN Human Rights Committee, UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Committee on the Rights of the Child. The reports were reflected in recommendations by respective committees recognizing the violations of reproductive rights of Polish women. Ms Nowicka is a classicist by profession.