

Photo Gallery: “Indifference Supports Violence”



Between 24 November and 10 December 2014, the park hosting the monument to Stefan cel Mare invites you to see the Photo Gallery “Indifference Supports Violence”, organized by Promo-LEX, and photographer Octavian Balea.

For the third year in a row, Promo-LEX conducts information campaigns and public awareness activities on the need to prevent and fight domestic violence in Moldova.

“For this year’s campaign we decided to come up with a photo gallery that includes both powerful images and messages. We want these pictures to raise awareness that domestic violence is not a private matter – it is a matter of interest for us all. Also, our appeal to all the citizens is to not tolerate domestic violence and to notify the competent authorities of any case of violence they are aware of,” said Carolina Bondarciuc, Promo-LEX Press Officer, at the opening of the Gallery.

For her part, Promo-LEX lawyer Lilia Potîng urges people to take a stand against domestic violence. “Victims must overcome

their fear, must demand protective orders and to hold the perpetrators accountable. The authorities must perform their duties in accordance with the law and focus on the protection of victims of domestic violence.”

“Domestic violence is a reality that is quite to each of us, and it cannot be tolerated or overlooked regardless of its forms. The value of traditions and customs cannot serve as an excuse for discrimination against women in a couple, as women and men are guaranteed an equal exercise of their rights and freedoms,” says Vladimir Cazacov, a representative of the General Police Inspectorate.

Although not present at the event, photographer Octavian Balea talked to us about the pictures: “When I accepted Promo-LEX’s challenge to take pictures with the topic of domestic violence, I had a moment when I thought that I must do something without falling into one of those overused clichés when it comes to photos illustrating violence. I did not want to have people with black eyes or cuts, as I do not like a beaten path. Instead, I admire Jackson Pollock and his paintings seem illustrate violence as a form of expression.”

The photo gallery can be seen [here](#).

The event was organized as part of a World Campaign of 16 Days Against Gender-Based Violence. The partners of the Promo-LEX Association in the implementation of the Gallery are the General Police Inspectorate and the Soros Foundation-Moldova.

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