



Four European non-government organisations are behind the Zoom in! project. For more information about each of these organisations, please see below.

UK – Marie Stopes International

www.mariestopes.org.uk

Established in London, UK, in 1976, Marie Stopes International (MSI) works with over five million people in over 40 countries (2008) throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe providing a comprehensive range of sexual and reproductive health services. The organisation has gained a global reputation as a provider of safe motherhood and quality family planning services, including obstetrics and pre and post-natal care, safe abortion, education, screening and treatment for sexually transmitted infections; and HIV/AIDS education, counselling and testing. Programmes designed specifically to benefit marginalised and vulnerable communities such as young people, refugees and internally displaced people are a major focus of MSI's work. MSI also has a support office in Brussels which provides advice to EU policy makers on reproductive health issues in the developing world.

MSI in the UK provides high quality abortion and family planning services, both for private clients and to the National Health Service.

In 2002, MSI launched a youth sex education website: www.likeitis.org. Aimed at 11-15 year olds, Likeitis tells young people everything they need to know about sex, peer pressure, love bugs (sexually transmitted infections), puberty, etc, with no frills, no judgements and definitely no holds barred. Since being launched, the site has been a huge success and has attracted nearly 800,000 users. Most are young but the site has also proved popular with teachers and parents.

Netherlands – World Population Foundation/MYBODY

www.wpf.org / www.mybody.nl

World Population Foundation (WPF) is the foundation behind the MYBODY campaign. It is the only Dutch NGO that specialises in improving sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in developing countries. WPF conducts projects in four African and five Asian countries, working through local NGOs and governments and cooperating more and more on working with other Northern NGOs and foundations. In working with others, WPF utilises its core competence: opening up discussion on sexuality and all related issues in various cultures and settings. WPF also advocates at national, European, international and local (in developing countries) levels. MYBODY is the Dutch Campaign label that will mobilise public support for the SRHR issues WPF is working on.

Latvia's Association for Family Planning and Reproductive Health - 'Papardes Zieds'
www.papardeszieds.lv

"Papardes Zieds" was founded on November 26, 1994 and became a full member of International Planned Parenthood Federation in 2000. The Association is the leading NGO working in sexual and reproductive health and rights in Latvia.

Every year the Association implements 12 to 15 national and international projects on a variety of SRHR issues. The main target groups of the projects are: young people, teachers, social workers, parents, activists, healthcare providers, local and national decision makers. Projects caring for the sexual and reproductive health of street children, people with mental disabilities, prisoners and other marginalised groups have been implemented in previous years.

A crucial focus of the Association has always been issues relating to the sexual and reproductive health of young people in Latvia. In 2005 the Association created the first Youth Friendly Health and Education centre in Riga which provides psychological consultations, peer education classes and online counselling.

The Association is very proud of the Youth Group that has taken part in its daily activities since 1995. Our Youth Group is involved in many excellent projects that provide information on family planning, and sexual and reproductive health and rights. The group is developing and implementing projects by themselves as well as participating in different projects of the Association.

Europe – YouAct
www.youact.org

YouAct is a youth network, established in 2004, of young people from Europe who are active in the field of sexual and reproductive rights. YouAct has 31 members from 19 European countries. All members are under the age of 28 and work on a voluntary basis.

YouAct is fighting for the sexual and reproductive rights of young people. We do this through advocacy, awareness-raising and training. In other words, we fight for the acknowledgement of young people's rights on a political level. We write articles and conduct workshops to raise awareness of the needs and rights of young people and we actively work together with other youth and adults. Not only do we advocate young people's rights, but we also empower young people to stand up for their own rights through training and collaboration. We believe they have the right to participate meaningfully in decision-making processes and their voices should be listened to.