

CHALLENGING THE ' STATUS QUO'

JUSTICIA

OUR VISION

Justicia Feminist Network envisions a society where gender justice is a reality, where the justice sector is more gender sensitive, not only towards women but also to persons with all gender identities, and fosters an enabling environment for all women from the justice sector so that they are able to use their full potential to thrive and contribute in the legal sector in a more meaningful way

ABOUT US

Justicia Feminist Network, established in 2016, is the first legal feminist network in Bangladesh led by young women lawyers who are advocating for gender justice and strengthening the capacity of feminist lawyers, youths and justice sector actors.

Our members are intergenerational feminists from the justice sector who share a common goal to challenge the status quo to ensure gender justice in society through advocacy, law reform and capacity strengthening

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to support initiatives and movements that are based on feminist principles in order to challenge the status quo to bring appropriate change and reform in the legal system by engaging more intergenerational feminist lawyers and justice sector actors.



Our initiatives

Advocacy

Advocacy, Campaigns and pro-gender lawyering

Justicia has networked with different public universities law Faculties. And led campaigns relating to violence against women and girls focusing on child marriage, the body rights movement, and cyber sexual harassment. As a pioneer of pro-gender lawyering in the country, Justicia holds dialogues with intergenerational feminist lawyers and Justice sector actors to exchange knowledge and ideas around gender equality in the legal sector.



Capacity Strengthening

Justicia conducts capacity strengthening activities for law students, trans-population and justice sector actors in different thematic areas i.e. gender equality, application of human rights instruments, feminist approach to law, cyber law, VAW etc.



Justicia provides Training for Trainers (ToT) for young law students and women lawyers to enable them to understand the existing gendered power dynamics in the legal system. ToTs are specially designed in a way that encourages young law students to be more gender sensitive when they work as legal professionals.



Capacity-strengthening workshops are also providing a platform for the mentees, a safe space for exchanging knowledge, ideas, experiences and helping them to expand their professional network.

Knowledge pairing

Justicia arranges internships for the freshers and law students with experienced women lawyers who would give a learning opportunity for the interns by providing them with firsthand experience in the legal field.

The intern supports the lawyer in learning about digital literacy, cyber ethics and also supports them in enhancing their online research skills. Through this knowledge pairing, each 'knowledge pair' exchange their knowledge and support each other to strengthen their capacities that would help them to thrive in their professional life.



Pro-bono Legal Advice and referral

Justicia's feminist lawyers pool providing legal aid service including immediate legal advice and referral support to women and victims who do not have access or immediate access to legal services.

How do we amplify our voice?

Justicia connects with justice sector actors, youth-led organizations, feminist cohorts, Bar Associations, CSOs and law departments of public and private universities.

We organize and facilitate legal training for networks and partners on different issues around gender, diversity and inclusion, application of human rights instruments, SRHR, cyber ethics, cyber harassment, VAW etc. from a legal perspective.

Art for advocacy

*We believe in the power of art !
we have been using art as a powerful tool for creating safe space for our audiences to engage them in the discussion around sensitive issues like body rights, diversity, SRHR ,and gender based violence.*



Some of our past Initiatives and networking

We are actively supporting an ongoing global campaign in Bangladesh 'SheDecides'. SheDecides Bangladesh is advocating for the issues related to body autonomy with a special focus on child marriage, SRHR, sexual harassment and rape law reform.

As a part of our commitment towards the feminist movement, we are one of the founding members of Feminists Across Generations (Femgen) in strengthening a bigger intergenerational feminist movement in Bangladesh against gender-based violence.

In previous years, we have jointly conducted a campaign and art therapy workshop with one of the biggest SRHR alliances in Bangladesh Right Here Right Now Bangladesh on body autonomy and rights and gender equality issues.

In recent years, we led UNWomen's HeForShe Campaign across different districts in Bangladesh to raise awareness on the importance of involving men in the discussion around gender justice movement .

Policy advocacy is one of our strategies and we are engaging in the discussion regarding law and policy reform in different platforms.

We are challenging the 'status quo'

We believe in creating positive counter narratives against stereotypical notion on gender in the legal sector that bars women and girls and persons from other gender spectrum to receive justice when they are facing violence , abuse and discrimination. Our long term goal is to bring change in the age old laws and policies which are helping the system that is based on patriarchy.



Governance

We are a group of intergenerational legal professionals who are connected by our passion for gender justice.

Justicia has its Executive Committee and an Advisory Committee in order to ensure the implementation of activities and ideas.

We operate through our volunteers who are from different intersections of society.

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