

Speakers' CVs
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How to Support Gender Equality
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Marie Černá

Marie Černá has been a municipal councillor of the town of Třebíč since the first free election in 1990. For several years, she also was a member of the municipal board and a deputy mayor. From 1994, she ran as an independent candidate. She co-founded the Association of Independent Candidates (SNK) movement before the first regional election in 2000. In 2006, the SNK merged with the European Democrats forming the SNK ED party. In 2006, she also became a regional councillor and a deputy regional council president for regional development.

Milan Čigáš

Milan Čigáš is a Secretary of the Town of Litoměřice who received recognition and awards in this position. He introduced a series of innovations to improve quality of life of Litoměřice citizens. The most significant ones include a municipal click-through budget, a mobile application for social services, "silent lines" (interpreting services for citizens with hearing impairment) and "UtilityReport" free services for builders.

Eva Ferrarová

Eva Ferrarová is the Head of Department for Development and International Cooperation at the Institute for Public Administration in Prague and she is also an expert in gender issues. From 2008, she worked for the Ministry of the Interior where she was a coordinator of gender and age focal point agenda.

Daniela Javorčková

Daniela Javorčková graduated from architecture at the Czech Technical University in Prague. After her studies, she was a member of the Advisory Board for Architecture, Urban Planning and Historic Preservation of Prague Mayor Jan Kasl. She mainly focused on preservation of monuments, among others saving and renovation of the Buštěhrad castle, and she also published numerous texts on this topic. From 2003, she was a member of the Municipal Committee for Development. She became the mayor of Bustěhrad five years ago and retained this role in the 2018 municipal election. She has contributed to new activities in the town, strengthened the municipal budget and implemented a number of development projects, primarily emphasizing investments in public space and citizens' participation.

Eva Kail

Eva Kail graduated from urban and regional planning at the Technical University of Vienna. She has worked for the City of Vienna since 1986. She is currently the Gender Planning Expert for the Executive Group for Construction and Technology at the Competence Centre for Overall Urban Planning, Smart City Strategy, Participation, and Gender Planning. Eva was the first director of the Women's Office from 1991 to 1998. From 1998 to 2009, she built and managed the Coordination Office form Planning and Development focused on women's specific needs and everyday requirements. She coordinated approximately 60 ground-

breaking projects in housing, mobility, public space, urban development and social infrastructure. Eva is a leading European expert on gender planning.

Blanka Marešová

Blanka Marešová was born in Třebíč where she still lives and works. She graduated from information studies and library science at the Masaryk University in Brno. Subsequently she worked in the private sector for eight years as an HR expert in a security agency and an office manager in a financial organization, and also she worked on an e-learning portal for librarians (kurzy.knihovna.cz). From 2010, she worked for the municipal authority of Třebíč; since 2013 in the role of an HR officer focusing on equal opportunities, work-life balance and social responsibility.

Tomáš Pavlas

Tomáš Pavlas works for the Otevřená společnost NGO where he focuses on gender equality projects. He is also a member of the Czech Gender Expert Chamber Committee and teaches at the Gender Studies Department of the Faculty of Humanities at Charles University in Prague. He is active in the Genderman initiative helping men to leave their patriarchal roles and enjoy freedom which he summarizes saying *“As men, we should not be ashamed to feel ashamed.”*

Petr Polák

Petr Polák is the Head of Equality Department at the Office of Public Defender of Rights and he promotes true equality and human rights for everyone. He attends numerous public discussions where he advocates for the Istanbul Convention, equal pay for men and women and integration of Roma pupils, among other topics.

Priska Pschaid

Priska Pschaid promotes women's rights in Graz, Austria, where she leads the municipal Equality Department. She also worked for the Equal Opportunities Office. Working for the city of Graz, she focuses on implementation of gender equality measures and eliminating discrimination based on ethnicity, age, disability etc. She provides expert consultancy to people suffering from discrimination and in case of damages, she arranges for compensation. She also implements measures meant for prevention of discrimination.

Jutta Reisinger

Jutta Reisinger graduated from sociology and communication studies at Salzburg University. She started her career working with children. She was in charge of two European projects intended for the youth. Later she worked for the Suchtprävention Institute in Linz focusing on addiction prevention and working with the youth. From 2010, she has managed Linz's Women's Office where she is responsible for promoting gender equality and coordination of women's issues. The office advocates for gender justice in society offering fair career and life opportunities to women and men, deals with violence on women, equal pays and women's opportunities in general.

Marta Smolíková

Marta Smolíková is the director of the Otevřená společnost NGO supporting fairness and good governance and building society where tolerance and diversity are key values. She started her career in arts and culture and eventually became a director of the ProCulture

culture policy centre. She currently teaches Culture Policy at the Masaryk University. From 2011 to 2015, she was the head of the Václav Havel Library.

Anna Šabatová

Anna Šabatová has been the Czech Public Defender of Rights since 2014. She is a recognized life-long human rights activist and was a Charter 77 member. Among prestigious awards, she received the United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights, Czech president's Medal of Merit and recently also the Legion of Honour order awarded by the French president Emmanuel Macron.

Radan Šafařík

Radan Šafařík is the Head of Gender Equality Department at the Office of Government of the Czech Republic. His agenda includes preparing and implementing measures for equality of women and men, including the Action Plan that aims to promote steps towards gender equality such as salary transparency, accessibility of children's groups, support in balancing family life and professional or scientific career, awareness and motivation for higher representation of women in politics etc.

Veronika Šprincová

Veronika Šprincová is the director of the Fórum 50% promoting equal representation of women and men in politics and management. She has worked here since 2009 – as an analyst, lecturer and project manager. She also collaborates with the Department of Gender Studies at the Faculty of Humanities of Charles University in Prague where she worked as a lecturer from 2010 to 2014. She also co-founded the Women's Congress initiative. Since 2015, she has been the president of the Czech Gender Expert Chamber.

Helena Válková

Helena Válková is a former MP and former Minister for the ANO party. This year, she was appointed the Government's Commissioner for Human Rights. Her agenda includes human rights, the Roma minority, ethnic minorities, NGOs, disabilities and social inclusion. Helena Válková announced she would primarily like to focus on vulnerable children, elderly people as well as socially marginalized groups and people with disabilities.