

Media Kit

Conversations on Consent

A ten-part podcast series and petition

Version: 10 May 2022

Content

Context

Campaign

Conversations

The Podcast

The Team

FAQs

Consent Timeline

Consent Voices

Press

Contact

Disclaimer

Context

We need Conversations on Consent

Social and cultural norms around the world normalise sexual and gender-based violence. Excuses are made for perpetrators, while victims are blamed for their own assaults.

Conversations on Consent (CoC) gets everyone to speak about consent to foster a new norm based on empathy for one another. The aim is to engage everyone in different languages and contexts to join the global campaign.

Consent seeking begins at the most intimate level, and from there it extends to all human interactions, whether at work or in friendships. By encouraging each other to speak about our wishes and boundaries, we can make the world a better place.

The Campaign

Making Consent Mainstream and Mandatory

The Conversations on Consent campaign aims at being a resonant, empathetic voice for anyone who is interested in building a global culture of consent.

Consent Resources

The Conversations on Consent campaign developed an online data base to inform everyone on concerns pertaining to sexual and societal consent. We provide reliable information through our scientific research and by working with experts in the field.

Consent Podcast

The ten-part Conversations on Consent Podcast – available on all online streaming platforms – invites activists, experts, lawyers and sexual assault survivors to discuss different aspects of consent seeking. The aim is to make talking about consent mainstream.

Consent Petition

Only when consent is defined comprehensively in law will acts of sexual violence be identified properly and prosecuted as criminal offences. Working with a team of lawyers from across the globe, from Turkey to the UK, a proposed definition of consent is being drafted that can be worked towards.

Conversations

Episode Overview

What does consent mean, how can we practice it, and how are human relationships and society impacted once we start implementing it?

The Conversations on Consent Podcast explores with specialists, survivors, academics and activists how consent-seeking behaviour that is based on mutual respect can become common practice on the personal, interpersonal and societal level.

Episode 1: Coercion and Consent

Johanna Nelles (Council of Europe, Head of Violence against Women Division) joins a philosophical and legal conversation on consent, coercive circumstances and the Istanbul Convention, which is a human rights treaty to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence, in particular Article 36.

Episode 2: Education and Consent

Sarah Casper (Comprehensive Consent) joins a conversation on her work of changing the landscape of conversations around consent through education. She speaks about the importance of continuous communication to seek consent as something that can be learned through education and needs to be practiced. She discusses implicit and explicit consent, her social-emotional approach and safeguarding bodily autonomy.

Conversations

Episode Overview (continued)

Episode 3: Nudity and Consent

Anna (Anna Nackt), joins a conversation on nudity related to consent, censorship and shame and why image-based sexual violence (IBSV) should never be called revenge porn. After her nudes were leaked and her privacy was violated, Anna realised that current laws were not sufficient to protect victims of such abuse. She initiated Anna Nackt, a campaign to fight image abuse. She tells her story of how IBSV has affected her and how she managed to deal with the experience.

Episode 4: Deception and Consent

Jonathan Herring (Oxford University) joins a conversation about deception as a serious form of abuse and explains that there should be no grey areas when it comes to the bodily autonomy of a person. He is breaking down why deceptive rape is so prevalent and how it relates to entitlement, "the art of seduction" and the violation of a person's sexual integrity.

Episode 5: Cyberflashing and Consent

Bianca (Dickstinction) joins a conversation on the importance of easy access to digital rights through Dickstinction, a platform that allows filing legal complaints in regards to cyberflashing easily and effortlessly. She speaks about digital justice and making consent-based laws accessible through legal tech.

Conversations

Episode Overview (continued)

Episode 6: Data and Consent

Usama Khliji (Bolo Bhi) joins a conversation on the international importance of digital and privacy rights in the face of censorship, cybercrime and surveillance as well as the right to be forgotten. He highlights the lack of regulation to protect data and explains specific measures towards online safety because, while there are many challenges, everyone's online presence should be protected by lawmakers.

Episode 7: Relationships and Consent

Thordis Elva (NORDREF) joins a conversation on consent in regards to relationships, boundaries and forgiveness. Thordis highlights the importance of consent in regard to relationships and how connections in our everyday life need to be understood under the umbrella of consent-seeking.

Episode 8: Upskirting and Consent

Hanna Seidel (Activist and Filmmaker) joins a conversation on her journey that led to making upskirting illegal in Germany. She shares her experience with sexual harassment and the police and why we need to support people and causes we believe in to create lasting change.

Conversations

Episode Overview (continued)

Episode 9: COVID and Consent

Stamatina *Liosi* (*Legal academic and Bioethicist*) joins a conversation on consent in regards to COVID in light of bodily autonomy as well as ethics and dignity. She gives her insights into the matter of distributive justice and how this issue affects vulnerable populations including children or senior citizens.

Episode 10: Solidarity and Consent

Jackson Katz (Mentors in Violence Prevention) joins a conversation on solidarity and how it relates to fairness, leadership, gender justice. He has been teaching how people can become real allies instead of bystanders for decades.

The Podcast

Podcast Credits

Assistant Producers	Tahiya Mosa, Hande Hepsen
Co-Hosts	Russel Bruner, Nico Drimecker
Cover-Artwork	Lee Flanagan, Natalia Grociak
Directors	Alexandra Born, Nico Drimecker
Editors.....	Alexandra Born, Nico Drimecker
Executive Producers	Nicole Bogott, Alexandra Born
Host	Elisa Iannacone
Idea	Nicole Bogott, Alexandra Born
Liaison	Hoang Trong
Original Music	Peach Clouds • Sarah, the Illstrumentalist (Composer Sarah Debnam)
Producers	Alexandra Born, Nico Drimecker, Hande Hepsen
Project Coordinator	Alexandra Born
Research Coordinator	Melissa Cornet
Researchers	İdil Gülnihal Yazıcı, Thomas, Atifa Safi, Natalya Kamal
Reserachers (continued)	Dr Harold Chipman, Russell Brunner
Script	Nicole Bogott, Alexandra Born
Technical Producer	Hande Hepsen
Transcriptions	Hande Hepsen, Tahiya Mosa
Web Admin	Ahmad MD

The Podcast

Publishing Dates

COERCION and Consent Teaser: 20th May 2021 Episode: 22nd May 2021

EDUCATION and Consent Teaser: 26th June 2021 Episode: 1st July 2021

NUDITY and Consent Teaser: 26th July 2021 Episode: 1st Aug 2021

DECEPTION and Consent Teaser: 25th Aug 2021 Episode: 1st Sept 2021

CYBERFLASHING and Consent Teaser: 25th Sept 2021 Episode: 1st Oct 2021

DATA and Consent Teaser: 25th Oct 2021 Episode: 1st Nov 2021

RELATIONSHIPS and Consent Teaser: 25th Nov 2021 Episode: 1st Dec 2021

UPSKIRTING and Consent Teaser: 25th Dec 2021 Episode: 1st Jan 2022

COVID and Consent Teaser: 26th Jan 2022 Episode: 1st Feb 2022

SOLIDARITY and Consent Teaser: 25th Feb 2022 Episode: 8th March 2022

The Team

Consent Crew

Our team from around the world are from all different ages, backgrounds and genders.

The Consent Crew is united by the core belief that speaking about consent is the only way to tackle sexual violence since it help will combat disinformation surrounding the nuances of sexual abuse. Many are themselves survivors of sexual abuse.

Firdous Ahmad is an independent freelance web developer and UX designer with a passion for creating an interactive, useful & pixel-perfect world. Over the past 3+ years, he worked with high profile clients and agencies globally. He graduated with a first-class honours BSc degree in Mathematics and also completed User Experience Design.

Nicole Bogott is a published author at Springer Gabler, tech founder of Philia, a visiting lecturer at Freie Universität Berlin, a public speaker (TEDxCIFE) and one of the initiators of the global campaign Conversations on Consent advocating for equality and human rights. Through her various initiatives Nicole seeks to create safe spaces for dialogue. She studied at universities in the UK at London Metropolitan University, US at Roosevelt University, Turkey at Bilgi University and in France and graduated with a first class honours BA degree in International Relations and Development Studies as well as a trilingual MA in Advanced International and European Studies.

The Team

Consent Crew

Alexandra Born is a feminist activist, entrepreneur (Boho-Berlin), ambassador (Philia), NLP practitioner and master, co-founder of the Philia Association and one of the initiators of the global campaign Conversations on Consent to advocate for equality and human rights. Through her various initiatives Alexandra seeks to create equality in society. She studied law and psychology B.Sc. at universities in Berlin (Humboldt University) and in the US (Stanford University).

Russell Bruner is a variety arts entertainer, swing dance instructor and event producer. He is a research specialist and sometimes Co-Host of the global campaign Conversations on Consent to advocate for equality and human rights. Russell hopes to continue the conversation and education to implement proper considerations to keep his community and events safe and fun. He continues to have the role of Ringmaster for Cirque Rouge based in Vienna, Austria.

Dr Harold Chipman is a former Professor of Cognitive Psychology and Linguistics at universities in Europe, Australia and North America. A career change saw him work as a senior international Public Relations Consultant at a leading agency in Zurich, Switzerland. Subsequently he created his own company time4com which specialises in the Training and Coaching of Management, Leadership, Communication and Intercultural Issues at the workplace. His clients have included big companies and major organisations such as the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. He speaks six languages and is a widely published author, writing in English, French and German. He is also an Invited Speaker at conferences and meetings throughout Europe.

The Team

Consent Crew

Melissa Cornet is a researcher whose work focuses on women's rights in Afghanistan, as well as on migration, children's rights, and livelihoods. She holds Masters in Human Rights Law from Paris I Pantheon-Assas School of Law and Fordham School of Law.

Nico Drimecker works as a filmmaker, content producer, editor and training consultant, based in Berlin. He is a member of Conscious Creation Collective, which partnered and supported the global campaign Conversations on Consent. Nico is an active nonviolent communication practitioner, and he follows and studies with a global community of buddhist psychologists, zen teachers and other students to undertake buddhist practises to end suffering of all individuals, with right speech, right actions and right intentions.

Lee Flanagan is the founder and creative director of branding agency Warm & Fuzzy and now is the Head of Branding and Communications for Forme Bikes, a UK bicycle brand. Lee is fascinated by how brands can tap into human emotion to tell their stories, communicate their values and ultimately prompt audiences to act. His work in creative communications, branding and marketing spans almost 30 years and he is an associate member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing.

Natalia Grociak is a Graphic and Product Designer based in Reykjavík, Iceland. Graduated with a BA degree in Design from the University of Arts in Poznań, Poland. Her main field of interest is collage and branding design. Except for art, her daily work is focused on wine, mostly natural wine, which is a big movement in the industry at the moment. Additionally she focuses on spiritual work, which involves tarot readings and astrology.

The Team

Consent Crew

Hande Hepsen is a journalist from Turkey, former Ethics Coordinator in Istanbul and assistant producer on the global project Conversations on Consent. Through her work and activism for Women's Rights Hande is trying to bring justice for women from all backgrounds. She studied journalism at Istanbul University.

Elisa L. Iannacone is a published author (The Spiral of Containment: Rape's Aftermath), guest lecturer (York University, University of Dublin), speaker (TEDx, PSA, Global Speakers Federation), and the podcast host of the global campaign Conversations on Consent to advocate for equality and human rights. As a cinematographer, she has worked in six continents for outlets such as BBC, Newsweek, and National Geographic; at times covering conflict zones and humanitarian crises. Her new art residency at Nirox Sculpture Park will culminate in an exhibition at the same venue in May 2022. Elisa founded Reframe House media agency to shift views on social justice through multimedia. She studied at universities in the UK (City University London) and Canada (York University), graduating with honours in BA Film Production and MA International Journalism.

Natalya Kamal is a Social Media Professional with 6+ years experience working in both agency and brand environments in Pakistan and for global brands. She is the founder of Swatch Social - a social media management agency that provides social media and brand styling services. She studied at the University of London and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Economics & Management.

The Team

Consent Crew

Thomas Ali Külekçi is a project manager in the domain of international business development (Advantis Consulting Turquie) and is part of Conversations on Consent as Coordinator of the translation team. He studied in France (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne) and in Turkey (Galatasaray Üniversitesi). He graduated with two masters degrees in History and in International cooperation.

Tahiya Moosa is a Research and Development Specialist at the Human Sciences Research Council in South Africa. She provides key foundational research contributing to government policy-making and inclusive economic development. She holds an MA in International Relations and Diplomacy from the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. Her research extends to international government policies and diplomacy, specifically in South Africa and the MENA region, focusing on women's and youth empowerment.

Marria Qibtia Sikandar Nagra is a Pakistani communications and content specialist based in Hong Kong. She has a decade of experience delivering content services across a range of niches including Gender Equality, Human Rights, Lifestyle, Technology, Marketing, e-commerce, SaaS and FinTech. She leads a team responsible for developing content deliverables and strategies that help advance the efforts to catalyse broad impact through the sharing of effective ideas and practices. These strategies include publications through print, online and social media streams. She is a journalist for the NGO f1rstlife Redaktion, where she raises awareness on South Asian women resilience while celebrating their achievements. She holds a Master's degree in English Literature.

The Team

Consent Crew

Atifa Safi is a Human Rights and Gender Equity advocate. Over a span of 13 years of working experience as a professional and volunteer, she has been engaged with NGOs and INGOs in the field of Human Rights, Gender Equality, Legal Reform, and Civil Society. During her career, she has assisted relevant entities in drafting legislative documents and policies and designing advocacy programs. Furthermore, she has developed and implemented various projects promoting awareness of social and political rights, legal awareness, and creating space for youth empowerment. Her research and written work have been published in online magazines. Moreover, she is a co-founder of RAD International, an initiative working on menstrual equity and women empowerment across different countries. She has a bachelor's degree in Law from Kabul University, and Diploma with distinction in Legal Studies from Trios College, and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Law at Liverpool John Moores University.

Hoang Tran graduated from Bogazici University with an Honours BA degree in Political Science in 2021. Her interest is in marginalised groups and their representation in media and politics. She was a Communications Coordinator at Istanbul&I - an NGO working to support the displaced populations in Istanbul. She is also a Volunteer Coordinator at Help Afghan Now. Hoang joined Conversations on Consent as a liaison officer and research team member.

The Team

Consent Crew

İdil Gülnihal Yazıcı is a lecturer at İstanbul University, School of Foreign Languages. İdil studied English Language and Literature (Turkey) and completed her MA in Advanced International and European Studies in France. She is also a PhD candidate at İstanbul University, and she focuses on the concept of nation and Europeanization on British Dystopian Literature in the 1970s. İdil is a published author and she published academic papers and book chapters on European Union, Language Teaching and English Literature. İdil's main purpose in life is to reach as many people as possible to create a safe environment for everyone in terms of security and peace. She believes dialogues are very important.

The Campaign

FAQs

Who is the target group of the campaign, and why?

The global campaign “Conversation on Consent” is geared to protect human rights; especially of minorities. Practising consent as a continuous negotiation of boundaries concerns everyone. The aim of the campaign is to sensitise everyone to the practice and importance of seeking-consent.

What reaction or response do you expect in regards to the campaign?

The campaign aims at helping everyone to better reflect on their own behaviour and the behaviour of the people around them. This will lead to social competence in the field of empathy promotion. The focus of the campaign is on consent seeking which is the main factor of prevention of situations of abuse on a societal and personal level. Further, the campaign aims to upgrade laws on consent globally.

How does the campaign contribute to improving human rights?

“Conversations on Consent” educates everyone on the meaning of consent. This improves human rights for every human being because it sparks self-reflection, debate and societal engagement. Consent is not only about sexual assault but it is the basis of all interactions within society. The concept of consent can be found in every area, such as sexual assault, business, data protection and other topics.

Consent Timeline

		Dickstinction is launched (Episode 5)	European Council Directive to criminalise non-consensual sexual activity
	The GDPR comes into effect (Episode 6)	Upskirting becomes illegal in Germany (Episode 8)	Consent Education becomes mandatory in Australia (Episode 2)
2018		2020	2022
2011	2019	2021	
Istanbul Convention opens for signature (Episode 1)	Upskirting becomes illegal in the U.K. (Episode 8)	Launch of Conversations on Consent campaign	
		Turkey leaves the Istanbul Convention	

The Team

Consent Voices

Alexandra, 31, German based in Germany | Campaign Manager

“I am a rape survivor and have experienced several shapes and forms of sexual violence. It is very simple – we need conversations on consent to prevent sexual violence to create a consent culture instead of maintaining a rape culture. Consent needs to be fully covered within the law globally to criminalise non-consensual sexual acts.”

Ana, 27, Colombian based in France | Translator

“Consent is essential to our relationships with others. Sadly, not everyone feels like they have a choice and think of sex as an obligation to a partner. It’s important to have these conversations so that everyone knows that no one can take away your right to make a choice for yourself.”

Elisa, 33, Mexican based in the UK | Podcast Host

“Consent is the basis of all healthy relationships in society. To me, it means the ability to relate to others while retaining autonomy over my decisions. As a rape survivor, I know what it means to have your boundaries violated. A society that believes in and stands for consent, can only breed more unity.”

The Team

Consent Voices

Hande, 26, Turkish based in Turkey | Podcast Production & Translation

“The more we talk, the more we learn, and once we learn we can re- spect one another and have a better life. As someone who has been abused, manipulated and violated in the past, I see now that a forced yes is not consent. In Turkey, approaches to consent differ around the country but progress motivates me. I believe this campaign is a good starting point to educate international youth so we can be better people.”

Harold, 74, British-Austrian based in Turkey | Advocacy

The notation of consent is very complex and multifaceted, but that is not currently reflected in legal practice. Consent is something that can be freely given, but it can also be manipulated or taken without your knowledge. As a child my consent was very rarely asked for anything, from what I ate to what I wore. I resented that I was not included in decision making.”

Hoang, 23, Vietnamese based in Turkey | Liaison & Research

“Although consent affects daily life, not everyone understands or practises it. Consent means respecting my own boundaries and that of others – that it’s ok to say ‘no’ and for others to do so too. I strongly believe in this campaign’s goal to make consent mainstream and mandatory, and only by doing so can we create a safer world for everyone.”

The Team

Consent Voices

Idil, 35, Turkish based in Turkey | Translations, Research & Social Media

"Consent is a huge topic that is largely misunderstood – I don't think most people know how to seek it or practice it. I think we need to talk about it more to understand its complexities and apply it to our daily lives. I didn't know what consent meant. I gave up so many things because I felt that if I said no, the other person wouldn't accept it or society would judge me. When I found my voice I wanted to reach out to as many people as possible to make sure everything is their own decision."

Natalya, 29, Pakistani based in Pakistan | Social Media Manager

"Sexual violence is very pervasive and difficult to talk about. When people are more aware and well informed they make better decisions and that is a step towards preventing abuse. Consent is the ability to have agency and make decisions, as long as all the information is available to that person. I am passionate about the topic and want to raise awareness, especially with regards to this happening in the digital realm. Technology is enabling more violence and will continue to unless we tackle it."

The Team

Consent Voices

Nico, n/a, German based in Germany | Podcast Director & Co-Host

"We need conversations on consent in our relationships, workplaces, peer groups and society in order to understand what other people want and need, and what they don't want. Consent for me describes an attitude, setting an intention to come at things from a place of curiosity and care about the other person. I believe consent is more than a keyword, but a practice you can bring into your daily life. In the end, it will improve human relationships."

Russell, 40, US American based in Austria | Podcast Co-Host

"We learn value through consent and understanding the true value of something is the only way to ensure a fair exchange. I am involved with this campaign because I want to educate myself and help others to not make the same mistakes that I've made. The consequences are severe and better to avoid."

Tahiya, 31, South African based between South Africa and Turkey | Podcast Producer

"Consent is so much more than 'yes means yes' or 'no means no'. We need to have conversations on consent to understand our bodily autonomy and that of others. Every woman or man, at some point in their life, has been confronted with a moral grey area regarding their bodily autonomy and the rights attached to that. CoC allows us to open up the discussion and talk about consent in a way that not only protects both people but also creates a dialogue within society."

The Team

Consent Voices

Tahiya, 31, South African based between South Africa and Turkey | Podcast Producer

"Consent is so much more than 'yes means yes' or 'no means no'. We need to have conversations on consent to understand our bodily autonomy and that of others. Every woman or man, at some point in their life, has been confronted with a moral grey area regarding their bodily autonomy and the rights attached to that. CoC allows us to open up the discussion and talk about consent in a way that not only protects both people but also creates a dialogue within society."

Thomas, 26, French based in Turkey | Translation Coordinator & Research

"Consent is a crucial issue in our modern societies. No matter which culture, society or social group you belong to, consent concerns you. Only by discussing the issue of consent can we tackle gender-based inequalities and injustice."

Press

Featured in

"So what is Consent" [Oxford University / Flawed Pod \(UK University\)](#)

"Du stimmst! [ARD \(German National TV\)](#)

"Testimonies - The Istanbul Convention saves lives" [Council of Europe \(EU Institution\)](#)

"Dating after Abuse" [Survivor Revive \(US YouTube\)](#)

"Conversations on Consent" Google Talk (Portugal Office)

"Alex Born on Conversations on Consent" [Active Woman Talk \(German YouTube\)](#)

"The Fight for Consent" [Unmatch me now \(Berlin Podcast\)](#)

Contact

Reach out

For specific enquiries or more information contact hello@thephiliaproject.org

Join the conversation on consent with the branded hashtag #consentrevolution on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [Anchor](#)

Support

Disclaimer

This campaign was produced with the financial support of the European Union within the framework of the European Union Sivil Düşün Programme. Its contents are the sole responsibility of Nicole Bogott/The Philia Project e.V. and do not necessarily reflect the views of the European Union.



PHILIA
We are Philia