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Press Release - NGO CSW must reinstate wrongly removed WHRC exhibit hall and booth

WHRC was delighted to be involved in NGO CSW65 in March 2021. Attended by around 25,000 people from all over the world, the event was the ideal place for WHRC to promote our Declaration on Women's Sex-Based Rights, which campaigns against the replacement of sex with 'gender identity' on the grounds that it undermines women and girls' rights. Our webinar, recorded during the event, featured women from across the globe sharing their evidence of the harms that 'gender identity' ideology has caused in their country. It is available on our YouTube site <u>here</u>.

On 26 March 2021 the exhibit booth and handbook advert of WHRC for NGO CSW65 were removed from the NGO CSW65 forum virtual platform. We paid \$1000 and \$500 respectively for these, a considerable outlay for an organisation funded entirely by donations. We were informed that our removal was because Jo Brew, WHRC co-ordinator had 'disrupted discussion' during an event and made 'offensive comments related to gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, mental illness, physical appearance, political affiliation, age, race, national and/or ethnic origin, immigration status, language, religion, or indigeneity'.

WHRC co-ordinator, Jo Brew, contests this, "My only comment in chat during the whole event was that the opening meeting was inspiring and that I was looking forward to the NGO CSW65," she said. "It is therefore impossible for me to have done the things that the NGO CSW/NY says that I have. Chat transcripts from conference events would confirm this."

Furthermore, seven women from WHRC were removed without warning from the Joyful Disruption on 26 March. They received emails to say they had been removed for 'sustained disruption' but had not disrupted anything or broken any of the stated "safety" guidelines.

WHRC have asked the NGO CSW/NY to reinstate the advert and exhibit hall booth, but have received no response to a series of emails.

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