



OSTİM Technical University continues to strengthen its commitment to social responsibility and sustainable development through events that address pressing societal challenges. In this context, the University's Sustainability Office and the Sustainability Student Community are organizing an important awareness event focusing on gender-based violence, its societal impacts, and collective strategies for prevention and support. The event will feature the participation of **Büşra Kıratlı** and **Merve Arılık**, representatives of the **Women's Solidarity Foundation**, who will share their expertise and experiences on the issue.

Gender-based violence remains one of the most urgent social problems worldwide, affecting individuals regardless of culture, geography, or socioeconomic background. Recognizing the importance of addressing this issue within educational institutions, OSTİM

Technical University aims to create a platform where students, academics, and community members can engage in open dialogue about the causes, consequences, and prevention of violence based on gender.

During the event, speakers from the Women's Solidarity Foundation will provide a comprehensive overview of the different dimensions of gender-based violence. The discussion will address not only physical violence but also psychological, economic, and digital forms of violence that increasingly affect individuals in contemporary society. By examining these dimensions, participants will gain a deeper understanding of how gender-based violence manifests in everyday life and why it requires a multidimensional response from both institutions and communities.

A key focus of the event will be the **legal and social support mechanisms** available to victims and survivors. Representatives from the foundation will explain the existing legal frameworks in Türkiye designed to protect individuals from violence and provide guidance on how victims can access support services. In addition, the session will highlight the role of civil society organizations, shelters, counseling centers, and legal aid services in supporting survivors and facilitating their recovery and empowerment.

Beyond identifying the problem and existing support structures, the event will also explore **strategies for combating gender-based violence**. Discussions will emphasize the importance of education, awareness, and collective responsibility in preventing violence and fostering a culture of equality and respect. Students will be encouraged to reflect on their own roles as future professionals, community members, and leaders in building more inclusive and equitable societies.

Another central theme of the event is the **power of solidarity**. The speakers will underline how solidarity networks among individuals, institutions, and civil society organizations play a crucial role in both preventing violence and supporting those affected by it. Through collaboration and mutual support, communities can develop stronger mechanisms to resist violence and promote gender equality.

The event also reflects OSTİM Technical University's broader commitment to sustainability. Contemporary sustainability frameworks emphasize not only environmental protection but also social justice, equality, and human rights. Addressing gender-based violence within the university environment aligns with these values and contributes to building a campus culture grounded in respect, awareness, and responsibility.

By hosting this event, the Sustainability Office and the Sustainability Student Community aim to raise awareness among students and encourage constructive dialogue on gender equality and social justice. The university community is invited to participate actively in the

discussion, learn from the experiences shared by the speakers, and contribute to a collective effort to build safer and more inclusive social environments.

Through initiatives like this, OSTİM Technical University continues to demonstrate that universities can play a vital role not only in education and research but also in promoting social awareness and positive societal transformation.



📅 Thursday, 20 November 2025

🕒 14.00 – 15.00

📍 OSTİM Technical University Main Campus, F Block, Main Conference Hall

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