

International Week for Respecting Childbirth IWRC

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The History of the IWRC

The International Week for Respecting Childbirth is an opportunity to raise international voices on a specific topic related with the promotion of gentle birth. The IWRC takes place every year during the month of May. Depending on the theme, objectives and ideas for action are proposed. Individuals or groups may then work out the concrete steps taking advantage of material that has been collectively prepared and made available on the website: posters, folders, leaflets etc. Depending on people/group's time and degree of involvement, many events can be organised at a more or less large scale: exhibitions, meetings, conferences.

The IWRC was initiated in 2004 by Alliance française pour l'accouchement respecté (AFAR), a French non-profit society entirely free from philosophical, medical, religious and political lines of thinking. Since 2011 its coordination has been handed over to the European Network of Childbirth Associations (ENCA).

IWRC 2016, Topic: My decision, my body, my baby! Date: 16-22 May 2016

IWRC 2015, Topic: Continuous love and support for me and my baby! Date: 17-24 May 2015

IWRC 2014, Topic: Birth is Empowering! Date: 19-25 May 2014

IWRC 2013, Topic: Please Do Not Disturb... Birth in Progress / Pas touche, j'accouche ! Date: 20-27 May 2013

IWRC 2012, Topic: The Economics of Birth, Date: 14-20 May 2012