

Policy and project work / Basic Research

The City of Vienna Department for Women ' s Affairs has a policy and basic research department, where projects and studies on a wide variety of topics are developed and implemented.

The department's experts are active members of various committees and working groups both within and outside the city administration.

The basic research team collaborates with different organizations and institutions in Vienna, working on joint projects and initiatives.

The department also undertakes a range of diverse tasks, including expert statements on regional, national, and European draft laws.

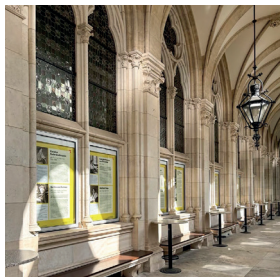
Making Women Visible

Under the motto “making women visible” the policy and basic research department of the City of Vienna Department for Women's Affairs pursues projects that contribute to actively highlighting and promoting the often-overlooked contributions, and achievements of women, which otherwise might remain hidden or underappreciated. This includes showcasing women's work in various sectors, recognising their expertise, and implementing communication strategies to raise awareness about the valuable roles women play in the city's development and well-being.

Women Pioneer Gallery

The City of Vienna Department for Women's Affairs displays the “Viennese Women Pioneers” gallery, which is displayed every year around the International Women's Day in the Viennese town hall courtyard. The exhibition is easily accessible and open to the public. It includes more than 30 portraits of extraordinary Viennese women from different fields and provides insights into their lives as well as their contributions to society. The common thread that links the commitment of these women is the goal of and fight for equal rights for women and men in a just society. Simultaneously, the exhibition informs visitors on the history of women's rights in Austria and Vienna.

Since 2025 all the gallery is also available online:
wien.gv.at/spezial/pionierinnen/



Barrier-free Exhibition Module

A barrier-free exhibition module was developed together with architect Gabu Heindl as well as women with different abilities. In this model, people with all different abilities might benefit from gathering information without barriers (sign language, Braille, wheel chair accessible, simple language). The exhibition module is versatile and different studies, projects, ideas or information can be conveyed with it. The current exhibition [#gemeinsamgegengewalt](#) is focused on combatting violence against women. It provides information on what violence against women can entail, based on the experiences of different counselling centres for women who witness or suffer from gender-based violence.

The exhibition module has been in almost constant display since its development, conveying different studies, data or information. It has been appreciated by different visitors of all ages and abilities and provides information in almost all barrier-free exhibition tools. Consequently, it ensures equal access to cultural and educational experiences, fostering inclusivity and dismantling physical and societal barriers. Last but not least: Its making women with abilities visible!

