

## PRESS INFORMATION

### ICELANDIC WOMEN SUPPORT RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

**The non profit organization (NGO) for Women's Health, 1.6 & 2.6 million Club, will now create a possibility for all women and men to be part of the network in Iceland, Reykjavik. The introduction will be November 16<sup>th</sup> in Reykjavik, Iceland. The organization was founded in 1998 and has today many sister organizations such as Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Germany and now also Iceland, with a broad network also in South Africa and St Petersburg. Iceland will be the 6<sup>th</sup> country that can offer all women to cooperate in the non-profit organization. The founder CEO of the organization, Alexandra Charles von Hofsten, will be present at the opening in the Nordic House in Reykjavik.**

The organization is one of the largest non-profit women organizations, represented in more than six countries. Vigdis Thire, who was the initiator to the organization in Oslo, Norway, is also the initiator to the startup in Iceland.

The vision for 1,6 & 2,6 million Club is to improve the quality of life for all women, to ensure that all women can receive best possible health care, both physical and mental, and to enter the gender aspect in all levels of society. The organization has raised its profile internationally through meetings and conferences in order to highlight important issues in a wider context. The 1,6 & 2,6 Club has been very successful in influencing the European Parliament to put women's health on the agenda.

The 1.6 & 2.6 million Club collects money donation for research in medicine and health for women. Over the last five years, the association has awarded scholarships of approximately SEK 5 million to medical research on women's hearts.

#### **Program:**

*Date:* November 16, 2017

*Time:* 18.00 – 20.15 hrs

*Where:* The Nordic House, Saemundargata 11, Reykjavik, Island

18.00 **Vigdis Thire** presents the association and goals for establishing in Iceland

**Alexandra Charles**, CEO and founder of the 1.6 million Club, tells the story of the Women's Health Organization in Stockholm, 1998.

**Inga Thrainsdóttir**, medical doctor and cardiologist from Landspítali University Hospital.

**Hörn Hrafnadóttir**, singer.

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