



<8. März> (2009)
Installation: 4 Photographs
(100 cm x 90 cm)
T_shirts, color: black / magenta
<8 March_PUBLIC SPACE>
1 Videocanal (5 min. PaL)

The **<8. März>** (*8 March*) project (2009) evolved from collaboration with women from the women's refuge Mor Çatı in Istanbul. Statements by the women printed on t-shirts represent a public focusing on the different rights and experiences which have shaped the women's daily lives in their families, partnerships and broader social lives. In addition to cultural and social issues, the project addresses the economic dimensions of gender relations and all profits from the sale of the t-shirts benefit the women's refuge.

<8 March_PUBLIC SPACE> In November 2009 a performance was carried out on Istanbul's main shopping street, Istiklal, during which between 40 and 50 women and men wore the t-shirts carrying the women's "personal" experiences into the public sphere and transforming them into a political statement.

The following statements were printed on the t-shirts (selection):

1. "Özgür yaşamak istiyorum!" (*I want to live in freedom !*) Bahar, 32 J.
2. "Ben farklıyım!" (*I am different !*) Çiçek, 34 J.
3. "Artık kim olduğumu öğrenmek istiyorum." (*Now I want to find out who I am.*) Gonca, 36 J.
4. "Kendimi yaşamak istiyorum!" (*I want to live myself !*) Yıldız, 26 J.