

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE

NOVEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 10, 1992

International Calendar of Campaign Activities

NOVEMBER 21

- Malaysia (All Women's Action Society), A meeting with members of Parliament to explain the proposed Domestic Violence Bill.
- Turkey (Mor Cati), Panel Series Launch: "Violence Against Women Violates Human Rights"

NOVEMBER 22

- Turkey (Mor Cati), TV Program: Women, Violence & Human Rights

NOVEMBER 23

- Zambia (YWCA), Evening Program in Lusaka

NOVEMBER 24

- USA (Center for Women's Global Leadership, New League for Peace and Freedom), A Speak Brunswick YWCA, and Women's International –Out & Candlelight Vigil: Violations of Human Rights in the Americas, 1492–1992

NOVEMBER 25

- Argentina (Se. A. P.), Speak-out in Cordoba & Radio Program on three FM stations
- Bangladesh (ASK), Photo/Poster/Video Exhibit
- Colombia (Asociacion Distrital de Ecuadores), Letter Campaign to girls & teens for classroom discussion-on Violence Against Women & Human Rights
- Costa Rica (Instituto Lationamericano de UN para la Prevencion del Delito Y Tratamiento del Delincuente), National March Against Violence Against Women

- Ecuador (Centro de Estudios e Investigacion Sobre el Maltrato de la Mujer), Press Conference on 16 Days of Activism
- England (Fawcett Society), Meeting at House of Commons on Violence Against Women
- Fiji (Women's Crisis Center), March/Reclaim the Night
- Korea (Women's Hotline & Korea Sexual Violence Relief Center), Public Declaration: 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence '92
- Malaysia (Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law & Development. and Asian & Pacific Development Centre), 16 Days of Activism Launching Ceremony
- Zambia (YWCA), Minister for Legal Affairs and human rights activist, Roger Chonge, will launch the 16 Days program with a TV address

NOVEMBER 28

- England (National Women's Network), Street Rally in London
- Turkey (Mor Cati), Panel Series contd., "How the Virginity Concept Violates Human Rights"
- Zambia (YWCA), March and Launching of the YWCA Report on violence against women in Zambia

NOVEMBER 30

- Costa Rica, Regional Latin American Women's Meeting to prepare documents for presentation to the January '93 Latin American & Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the UN Human Rights Conference (through Dec. 4)
- Zambia (YWCA), Focus Groups, theatre performances, and film shows in various compounds (through Dec. 10)
- USA (Rutgers HIV/AIDS Task Force), Red Ribbon and Public Information Campaign launch (eve of World AIDS Day) to provide information and to remember those who have died as a result of AIDS

DECEMBER 1

- Fiji (Women's Crisis Center), Workshop: Women, AIDS, Development & Human Rights

- USA (Rutgers HIV/AIDS Task Force with Center for Women's Global Leadership), Actions to observe World AIDS Day: Wear a red ribbon, hold one minute of silence in all public gatherings. Also Film Evening on Women and AIDS at the Global Center

DECEMBER 3

- Argentina (Indeso Mujer), Seminar: Panel & Plenaries Part I, "Mujer y Violencia en America Latina"
- USA, California (Clearinghouse on Femicide): Reading/Book Launch of Femicide: The Politics of Woman Killing (eds. J. Radford & D. Russell)

DECEMBER 4

- Argentina (Indeso-Mujer), Seminar Part II, "Derechos HH y Violencia contra la Mujer: Maltrato en el Ambito Domestico"
- Canada (Ryerson Polytechnique) Montreal Massacre Memorial Event & Educational Award Ceremony

DECEMBER 5

- Turkey (Mor Cati), Panel Series contd. "Rape Violates Human Rights"

DECEMBER 6

- Fiji (Women's Crisis Centre), Public Panel on Feminism and Gender Violence

DECEMBER 8

- Ecuador (CEIMME), Launch 3 Day Program "Women and Human Rights: Concepts Concerning Women's Human Rights in Human Rights NGOs"

DECEMBER 9

- Ecuador (CEIMME), 3 Day Program contd., "Violence Against Women's Human Rights"
- USA (Center for Women's Global Leadership & International Women's Tribune Centre) International Hearing on Violations of Women's Human Rights and delivery of more petitions to the UN

DECEMBER 10

- Brazil (Coletivo de Mulheres Negras da Baixada & Casa de Cultura da Mulher Negra), Closing Event of Campaign begun in October: "No More Violence: Justice to be a Woman"
- Costa Rica, Cultural Festival and Demonstration to close 16 Days Campaign
- Ecuador (CEIMME), Closing Celebration, Book Launch, Art Exhibit, Poetry and Music.

- Netherlands (Humanistic Committee on Human Rights (HOM) & Vrouwenberaad Ontwikkelingssamenwerking), BASTA! Strategies and Actions to Stop Violations of Women's Human Rights (seminar)

From November 25-December 10, 1992 women's groups in every region of the world will participate in actions and events to protest violations of women's human rights. In over 100 countries, the Petition to the UN, calling upon the Preparatory Committee for 1993 World Conference on Human Rights to comprehensively address female human rights abuse, will be circulated and signatures gathered. Many groups are producing posters, t-shirts, buttons and stickers to mark the campaign. In addition to the specific dates listed above, we have received information about numerous events which will occur at unspecified dates throughout the 16 Days time period. Women's groups in Tanzania, France, Dominican Republic, Spain, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Zambia, Canada, and Switzerland are currently planning activities for the 16 Days. The Chilean Commission on Human Rights will hold a meeting of its 13 regional commissions to address women's rights as human rights. Women's groups in Bangladesh, Ecuador, Sri Lanka, Fiji and Malaysia have media strategies in place to insure that the press will run special articles and that national radio and television stations will air interviews and videos addressing violations of women's human rights. In the Netherlands, the Women and Autonomy Centre (VENA) with the Humanistic Committee on Human Rights (HOM) will publish a special issue of the VENA journal on violence against women. In Costa Rica, the UN Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime will coordinate with a national network of groups to host daily events including theatre, dancing and concerts that will raise awareness of crimes against women. In Korea, women's groups will produce a play and a concert on gender violence for a public audience. In Malaysia, the Joint Action Group Against Violence Against Women will hold a Candlelight Vigil for victims of gender violence. Women in Law and Development of Africa, Zimbabwe will host an open day and drama presentation focusing on the problem of violence against women in Harare. The Asia Pacific Women, Law and Development Network is coordinating events with many groups in that region to foster public awareness of violence against women as a development and human rights issue.