

# 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE

NOVEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 10, 1994

## *International Calendar of Campaign Activities*

### **NOV. 2-3**

- Perú, Arequipa--II Encounter for the Defence of Women's Human Rights (ILDER)

### **NOV. 5**

- Nicaragua, León--radio program: Qué entendemos por violencia, (Understanding Violence), ("Hablemos de Nosotras" Radio Magazine)

### **NOV. 6**

- Hong Kong--3rd UNIFIL Congress: "Filipino Migrant Women and the Challenges to the Year 2000" (United Filipinos in Hong Kong)

### **NOV. 11**

- Venezuela, Caracas--concert against gender violence given by Nancy Toro; distribution of flyers, caps, shirts & biographic material on violence (AVESA)

### **NOV. 12**

- Nicaragua, León--radio program: Violencia Doméstica, (Domestic Violence),("Hablemos de Nosotras" Radio Magazine)

### **NOV. 16**

- United Kingdom, London--Domestic Violence: Latin
- American Women Speak (Aqui Nosotras Network)

### **NOV. 19**

- Nicaragua, León--radio program: La Violación, (Violation),("Hablemos de Nosotras" Radio Magazine)

### **NOV. 20**

- Hong Kong--10th Migrants' Day/International Year of the Family: "Family Unity for Migrants is Unity for all Filipinos" (United Filipinos in Hong Kong)

### **NOV. 21 - 23**

- United States, Michigan--Visual Testimony of women survivors of abuse, clotheslinem project, decorate Kiosk & open house (Eastern Michigan University Women's Center)

### **NOV. 22**

- British Virgin Islands, Tortola--radio forum to discuss the physical & emotional effects of violence (Women's Desk)

### **NOV. 24**

- British Virgin Islands, Tortola--publication of a supplement in a local newspaper to highlight the issue of gender violence (Women's Desk)

### **NOV. 25 - 30**

- Pakistan, Lahore--signature campaign: Violence against Women is a Violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- (Working Women Organisation)

### **NOV. 25 - DEC. 1**

- Tibet--Video program on the plight of Tibetan women & education of public problems faced by women.

### **NOV. 25 - DEC. 10**

- Perú, Arequipa--conferences, talks & workshops on women's rights & dissemination of materials on women's rights, reproductive health & domestic violence through radio, TV & press (ILDER)
- United States, Michigan--International Day Against Violence Against Women, Women & AIDS Seminar, Petition Drive, Free Movie Night, Remembrance Day of 1989 Montreal Massacre, Unveiling of Clothesline Project, Birth Control Matters, Anniversary of 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- Venezuela, Caracas--campaign against domestic violence; distribution of flyers and information to mass media (AVESA & FUNDAMUJER)

### **NOV. 25**

- Bolivia, Tarija--A special message on a popular local radio about violence against women (Centro Integral de la Mujer)

- South Africa, Pretoria region--distribution of pamphlet on the Prevention of Family Violence Act 1993 (The Black Sash)
- Mexico, Baja California--radio & TV programs on Gender Violence (Almacén de Recursos, A.C.)
- United Kingdom, London--picket of the home office (Justice for Women)
- India, Tamilnadu--symposium for college students/women in NGO's (EKTA)
- Panama--press presentation announcing objectives & activities of campaign & TV panel (CEMP)

### **NOV. 26-27**

- Argentina, Buenos Aires--images of women on white paper will be placed on important streets to allow people to write phrases against gender violence (Lugar de Mujer)

### **NOV. 26 - DEC. 9**

- India, Tamilnadu--debate for secondary school students, poster making for college students, and chart exhibition (EKTA)

### **NOV. 26**

- Bolivia, Tarija--Workshop with senior students on La Violencia Contra la Mujer Viola Los Derechos Humanos (Centro Integral de la Mujer)
- Nicaragua, León--Discapacidad y Violencia contra Mujeres y Niñas, (Disability and Violence against Women and Girls),("Hablemos de Nosotras" Radio Magazine)
- United Kingdom, London--picket of Virgin "Megastore" in London protesting Virgin Atlantic's promotion of sex tourism, and celebration in Trafalgar Square (November Women's Action)
- Switzerland, Nyon--workshop entitled "Essential Peacemaking Women & Men" to explore gender conflict & communication (Jeannette Regan)

### **NOV. 28 - DEC. 2**

- Bolivia, Tarija--radio programs on violence against women with question & answer periods (Centro Integral de la Mujer)

### **NOV. 30**

- South Africa, Johannesburg--Gender Violence information stand on main highway and in public places (The Black Sash)

### **DEC. 1 - 3**

- Pakistan, Lahore--distribution of posters, pamphlets and protest letters (Working Women Organization)

### **DEC. 1 - 10**

- Perú, Arequipa--training courses on sexual abuse of children (ILDER)

### **DEC. 1**

- Bolivia, Tarija--TV panel focusing on Health, Reproductive Rights & AIDS (Centro Integral de la Mujer)

### **DEC. 2-4, & 10**

- United States, New York--3rd Annual Film Festival of Women Directors from South Asia to support work against violence against South Asian women (Sakhi)

### **DEC. 3-4**

- Argentina, Buenos Aires--informational meetings & general counseling in public parks (Lugar de Mujer)

### **DEC. 3**

- Nicaragua, León--radio program: Mujer y Sida, (Women and AIDS),("Hablemos de Nosotras" Radio Magazine)
- United States, New York--The Center for Women's Global Leadership will participate in the New York Commission on the Status of Women's Information Fair for Beijing to provide information on women's human rights organizing.
- British Virgin Islands, Tortola--self-defense workshop (Women's Desk & Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse)

### **DEC. 4 - 7**

- Pakistan, Lahore--meeting with professionals and rural women and their male partners to discuss gender violence (Working Women Organization)

### **DEC. 4**

- Canada, Saskatchewan--"Speaking Out: A Portrait of Violence" (YWCA of Saskatoon)

- South Africa, Pretoria region--meeting and showing of video "Global Tribunal on the Violation of Women's Rights" (The Black Sash)

### **DEC. 5 - DEC. 10**

- Bolivia, Tarija--panels and workshops, TV programs, march (Centro Integral de la Mujer)

### **DEC. 5-6**

- United States, New Jersey--campus-wide petition drive at Rutgers University in New Brunswick

### **DEC. 5**

- South Africa, Cape Town region--meeting, discussion of Gender Violence (The Black Sash)

### **DEC. 6**

- Canada, Saskatchewan--luncheon/ talk with writer, artist, survivor Eli Danica (YWCA of Saskatoon)
- United States, New Jersey--video showing: "The Vienna Tribunal, Women's Rights are Human Rights" to mark the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre (Center for Women's Global Leadership)

### **DEC. 8**

- Pakistan, Lahore--press conference at press club in Lahore (Working Women Organization)

### **DEC. 9**

- United States, New York: showing of "The Vienna Tribunal" and book launching of Demanding Accountability: The Global Campaign & Vienna Tribunal for Women's Human Rights (UNIFEM, Women INK, Women Make Movies & Center for Women's Global Leadership)

### **DEC. 10**

- Nicaragua, León--radio program: *Violencia contra la Mujer y la Niña, un caso de violación a los derechos de las Humanas*, (Violence against Women and Girls, a case of violation of Human rights),("Hablemos de Nosotras" Radio Magazine)
- Germany, Konstanz--showing & discussion of a film on gender violence and women's rights (Frauen helfen Frauen)

- South Africa, Cape Town & Port Elizabeth regions--gender violence information stand and distribution of flyers (The Black Sash)
- Tunisia, Tunis--roundtable discussion on human rights (Association Tunisienne des Femmes Democrates)
- Pakistan, Lahore--seminar on "Celebration of the Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights" (Working Women Organization)
- British Virgin Islands, Tortola--poetry readings (Writers in Progress, the Tortola Ladies Club and BVI Crafts Association)
- United Kindom, London--silent candle-lit vigil, Trafalgar Square (Women in Black)
- India, Tamilnadu--human chain formation (EKTA)
- Panama--closing ceremony with participation of national committees on human rights, women's organizations & governmental entities (CEMP)

### **DEC. 11**

- Hong Kong--Human Rights Day: "Violence Against Women: An Obstacle to Development" (United Filipinos in Hong Kong)

### **GENERAL ACTIVITIES:**

- Canada, Ottawa: MATCH International Centre Media campaign in Canada; talks on the links between Gender Violence, Development and Human Rights.
- South Africa: The Black Sash: Produced a booklet called "Say No to Rape"; banner will be hung outside Cape Town region during 16 Days; will lobby and use the media to raise public awareness; dummies will be placed holding placards bearing messages in local languages discouraging gender violence.
- BVI, Tortola: Women's Desk: Airing of videos on violence against women Nov. 29, Dec. 1, 6, 8.
- East Jerusalem, Israel: Palestinian Working Women Society: Petition Campaign, extended services of hot-line for women, training counselor for social support system for women who face violence, paper on violence against women, two roundtable discussions, formed network for concerned women.

- Hong Kong: United Filipinos in Hong Kong: Petition campaign, post-card barrage, photo exhibits.
- Serbia, Belgrade: European Movement: Petition campaigns, special edition of newsletter.
- Cameroon, Yaoundé: Association de Lutte contre les Violences Faites aux Femmes(ALUF): Seven day radio and telephone campaign for awareness aimed at the public and the government; denunciation of violence through the testimonies of survivors of violence and of the parents of dead victims of violence; flyer campaign; publication of names of women murdered by their husbands; public conference on violence (held in Yaoundé, Douala, & Bafoussam).
- Ivory Coast: Association Ivoirienne pour la Défense des Droits des Femmes(AIDF): Activities focusing on access of girls to education & health; the impact of customs, religion, & modern laws on the struggle for women's rights; school campaign "The violation of the rights of young girls are forms of violence against women & human rights".
- Zimbabwe, Harare & Bulawayo: Women in Law & Development in Africa (WILDAF): public talks at First Street mall in Harare & City Hall in Bulawayo and distribution of information; a series of radio & television programs; production & distribution of education materials on rape, child sexual abuse & domestic violence; memorial services in memory of women; collection & collation of information for the FEMICIDE REGISTER; petition to the Ministry of Justice to review the legal system which deals with domestic violence to be framed & presented to the Minister.
- India, Orissa: Gania Unnayan Committee Gender violence public awareness programs.
- India, Madras: Alternative for India Development October 28-30, 1994: Workshop on "Destitute Women"
- Finland, Helsinki: Council for Equality November 3, 1994 – March 31, 1995: Writing contest victims of violence who have found a way to survive the consequences of the assault. A book will be published of the writings.
- Perú, Arequipa: Instituto Laboral para el Desarrollo Regional (ILDER): Workshops & seminars for the anniversary of the medical unit of the Socabaya District, with the participation of 100 clubs of mothers; continued free support, legal counseling, & psychological assistance to the women's delegation of Arequipa.
- Venezuela, Caracas: Asociacion Venezolana para una Educacion Sexual Alternativa(AVESA): Dissemination of information of 16 Days Campaign, reactivation of

the Venezuelan Network Against Sexual & Domestic Violence, and creation of the Population & Development Network taking place July '94 – February '95

- United Kingdom, London: Zero Tolerance for Violence Against Women Campaign : Look out for events in London in Hounslow, Hammersmith & Fulham, Salford, Sandwell, Coventry, Oxford & others.
- Panama: Centro de la Mujer Panameña (CEMP): radio programs, publication of articles, distribution of t-shirts, flyers & posters in various neighborhoods; petition campaign; presentation at the III National Encounter on Violence Against Women (Nov. 22, 23)
- Argentina, Buenos Aires: Lugar de Mujer: publication of list of organizations that work with & address violence against women; visibility activities
- United States, New York: Equality Now: Look for the article about the 16 Days of Activism Campaign in the latest copy of SPIN.
- Canada: National tour launch of "Vienna Tribunal" for 16 Days Campaign. Screenings will include video viewing, followed by panel discussions with representatives from organizations such as Amnesty and OXFAM. For more information, please contact Gerry Rogers, Augusta Productions, (709 )754-3203.

**The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is part of the Global Campaign for Women's Human Rights. The initial 16 Days Campaign in 1991 was coordinated by the Center for Women's Global Leadership with participants of the first Women's Global Leadership Institute on Women, Violence, and Human Rights (June 1991). Nov. 25 is International Day Against Violence Against Women, declared by the first Feminist Encuentro for Latin America and the Caribbean in 1981(Bogota, Colombia). The day commemorates the Mirabel Sisters who were brutally murdered by the Trujillo dictatorship in the Dominican Republic in 1960. December 10 celebrates the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, proclaimed in 1948. The period also includes World AIDS Day (Dec. 1) and the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre when a man gunned down 14 women engineering students for being "feminists" (Dec. 6). The campaign is primarily focused on physical, sexual and emotional violence perpetrated against women and girls.**

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