



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009

Commit – Act – Demand: We CAN End Violence Against Women

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence is a global campaign to raise awareness about violence against women, and its impact on a women's physical, psychological, social and spiritual well-being. Human rights cannot be universal without human rights for women. This year the Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) and Amnesty International (WA) invited all community members to uphold this year's theme ***Commit – Act – Demand: We CAN End Violence Against Women*** and address the human rights challenges women experience around the globe.

The 16 Days of Activism begins on November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and ends on December 10th, International Human Rights Day. These two dates were chosen to highlight that violence against women is a human rights abuse. Sadly in Australia, one in three women experience physical or sexual violence in their adult life.

For seven years now Amnesty International (WA) and the Women's Council have worked collaboratively to co-ordinate a state-wide Calendar of Events for the 16 days. During the 16 days we join activists around the world to raise awareness about achievements of the Women's Rights

Movement and the continuing devastation caused by violence against women and children. The contributions to this year's Calendar of Events demonstrates that on a community level we can and do make a difference and that ending violence against women is everyone's responsibility.

Attend one of this year's many exciting events to show your commitment to this issue and to ensure violence against women remains in the public eye. **Make sure you register early for next years calendar it's going to be a big one. We look forward to your continued community support in 2010.**

NOVEMBER 2009

"My Oath" – The White Ribbon Foundation's new campaign, *My Oath*, asks men to swear an oath never to commit, excuse or stay silent about violence against women. Swear an Oath now and pop it in the "Swear Jar" at www.myoath.com.au/

HURT is an interactive website designed to raise awareness about the hidden devastation and family turmoil of domestic and family violence and sexual assault. "He'd explode and I'd run around closing doors and windows. I was terrified of other people hearing and judging us." – Lynette
It is hoped that by presenting people with images of real people telling real stories about their experience of domestic and family violence will result in increased attention to and outrage towards this prevalent but often minimised atrocity that is perpetrated in hundreds of thousands of homes across Australia. Go to www.hurt.net.au then pass this link on to your friends and colleagues.

The **Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA)** have a booklet available explaining "What is Domestic and Family Violence" – cost is \$3.00. See website for purchase details and other information regarding domestic and family violence services.
Contact: Terri Aldridge or website www.womenscouncil.com.au

"Child Protection Staff Swear" – Learning and Development Centre and Department for Child Protection are encouraging all training participants in the month of November to take the "my oath" pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women.

9 November

Manga Tharndu Maya Women's Refuge are hosting their annual march through the streets of Roebourne to raise awareness about domestic and family violence. The march will begin at the school oval and will walk through some of the local streets returning back to the school oval for a music event. Renowned singer/songwriters Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter will be there to deliver messages through song of a future without violence. **Time:** 5.30pm
Venue: Roebourne School Oval **Contact:** Deanna 9182 1800

10 November

The Womens Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) will have an information display from 10 November to 10 December to highlight the issues of Gender Violence. **Venue:** City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi Street, West Perth **Contact:** Terri 9420 7264

21 November

Amnesty Youth Arts AIWA as part of the **ARTillery Youth Arts Festival** have five of WA's hottest female fronted bands coming together to raise awareness about Amnesty International's campaign to Stop Violence Against Women. Including Boom! Bap! Pow!, Tree and The Bell Ends. **Time:** 8pm-1am **Venue:** Mojos Bar, Fremantle. **Contact:** Roxanne Moore 0408 007 549

23 November-10 December

The **Como/South Perth Letter Writing Group** for **Amnesty WA** is organising a Stop Violence Against Women (SVAW) stall at Fremantle Library. **Venue:** Fremantle Library, Town Hall Centre 8 William St, Fremantle. For further information about our SVAW campaign please **email** waaia@amnesty.org.au or **phone** 9476 4802

24 November

The **Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA)** will release a statement to the media highlighting the prevalence and injustice of male violence against women and its impact on the lives of many women, families and communities. It is a call for community members to support the events planned throughout the state for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. **Venue:** City West Lotteries House **Contact:** Media Spokesperson Angela Hartwig 9420 7264

23-27 November

Hedland Family Violence Action Group will be hosting a week of events that include:

- An Opening Ceremony in the local shopping centre promoting awareness about domestic and family violence
- Two training events for Service Providers in the region about working with Indigenous Women, and working within Domestic Violence settings.
- Community Forum with Expert Panel
- Local Agency Showcase
- Self Defense Display
- Pool Party
- Morning Tea with a survivor of Domestic Violence Speaking about her experience
- Celebration and thank you lunch for all agencies and service providers working in the area of domestic violence.

Venue: Check the local NorthWest Telegraph for locations for each specific event. For more information **Contact:** Bron Elvery 9173 1589 or **email** bronelvery@aapt.net.au

25-29 November

Starick Services presents Children's Program Annual Art Exhibition 2009. All artwork is created by the children and young people escaping family and domestic violence. Please come and join us and experience their world through their eyes and explore with their hearts! **Time:** 10am-4pm **Venue:** City Farm, 184 Brown Street, East Perth. **Contact:** Danita/Rachel: 9458 1107 / 9398 5080

25 November

White Ribbon Day is a male-led campaign that asks men to "not commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women" For information regarding the *White Ribbon Day* campaign go to <http://www.whiteribbonday.org.au>

25 November-10 December

All **Young UNIFEM Perth** committee members will be selling white ribbons during the 16 days of activism. *Young UNIFEM* is an off-shoot of UNIFEM Australia for 16-35 year old women and men in promoting women's advancement.

25 November-10 December

Domestic Violence Legal Workers' Network has coordinated a "Zine" with short stories, poems, drawings and creative material that includes the voices of women who face the disadvantages of gender oppression or have experienced domestic and family violence. For your **free copy of this publication** please call 9272 8855 or email heidi@wlcwa.org.au

25 November-10 December

The **City of Subiaco** will have a display highlighting the Human Rights issue of gender violence during the *16 Days of Activism*. **Venue:** Subiaco Library, corner Rokeby and Bagot Road, Subiaco **Contact:** Lianda 9237 9616

25 November

The **Swan Bell Tower** will ring its bells to commemorate White Ribbon Day and also to acknowledge all who have been victims of domestic and family violence. **Time:** 1.00pm-2.00pm. **Venue:** Swan Bell Tower **Contact:** Richard Offen 0423 473 697

25 November

Please join us in a memorial to commemorate Susan Ann Taylor (dec.1996) and all the children and young people she has come to represent. **Amnesty International, Angelhands** and **Yorgum Aboriginal Corp** are holding this event on the United Nations Day for the elimination of Violence Against Women (UNIDEVAW). Confirmed speakers are Associate Professor Ted Wilkes, Cheryl Edwards, Chair of the Victims' of Crime Reference Group and Helen Milroy, with *Welcome to Country* provided by Ben Taylor Curemara. The commemoration seeks to raise further awareness and increased commitment to addressing sexual violence and abuse perpetrated against young Aboriginal people. **Time:** 2pm-3pm. **Venue:** To be confirmed. Light refreshments provided. To RSVP please **email** waaia@amnesty.org.au or **phone** Wendy on 9476 4800 by Friday November 20.

25 November

Young UNIFEM Perth will be holding a white ribbon day cocktail party where the 20 minute documentary "Yajilara" will be screened. The event will be hosted by Ben Wyatt the Shadow Treasurer and White Ribbon Ambassador. Light refreshments will be served. **Time:** 6.30pm **Venue:** Sunken Gardens at University of WA. For information and ticket prices **contact** Beth Shaw 0402 853 852

25 November

Carnarvon Family Support Services will be holding an information stall to raise awareness about domestic and family violence. **Time:** 11am-2pm **Venue:** Carnarvon Boulevard Shopping Centre **Contact:** Julee Nelson 9941 1251 or email familysupport@wn.com.au

25 November

The **Peel Regional Family Violence Committee** will be hosting an information stall to raise awareness about domestic and family violence issues. White ribbons will be available for purchase on the day. **Time:** 10.00am-4.00pm **Venue:** Smart Street Mall, Mandurah **Contact:** Min 9535 6911

25 November

Representatives from Damara House Refuge will be hosting a mobile community education campaign. They will be visiting local business people in the Clarkson/Merriwa and Joondalup area distributing white ribbons and discussing issues surrounding domestic and family violence. **Contact:** Stephanie Hastings 9304 3832

25 November

Article "**Gender inequality and DV in cross-cultural marriages (WA)**" has been made available by the author, Irena Quinn. The article is based on Masters Research "The social construction of gender inequality on cross cultural marriage" (2009, Curtin University, Perth). It gives a relevant insight into the issues around the social construction of gender inequality and Domestic Violence against migrant women in Western Australia. These issues are mainly unspoken and hidden. This article will be presented at the FECCA (Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia) conference in Melbourne at the end of this month. For more information **contact** Irena Quinn, Carers Program Coordinator, Ishar Multicultural women's Health Centre. **Email:** caldcarers@ishar.org.au

25 November

Young Business Professional Women from the Rockingham/Kwinana region will be hosting an event in recognition of White Ribbon Day. **Guest Speakers:** Anne Moore, Manager Lucy Saw Centre and Chairperson Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA). Gerry Georgatos, Head Coordinator of Students Without Borders and General Manager Murdoch University Student Guild. \$20 per person. Finger food and refreshments included. A raffle will be held during the evening with proceeds to the Lucy Saw and Zonta House Refuges **Time:** 6.00pm **Venue:** St John of God Retreat, 47 Gloucester Crescent, Shoalwater. **Contact:** Kely Brady 9439 0429 or 0449 854 001

25 November

Centrecare Goldfields will be hosting a march through the streets of Kalgoorlie followed by a sausage sizzle and guest speakers. There will be prizes awarded for an art competition running in the Kalgoorlie/Boulder area where children will draw "happy times in the family". **Time:** 11am-1.00pm **Venue:** March begins at the top of Hannan Street and ends at St Barbara Square. **Contact:** Wania Taiapa 9091 1833

25 November

Relationships Australia (WA) will be hosting morning tea for all corporate staff. All metro and regional branches of Relationships Australia will be encouraged to support *White Ribbon Day* by hosting their own morning tea. **Time:** 10.00am-11.00am **Venue:** 15 Cambridge Street, West Leederville. **Contact:** Fergus Masters/Helen Harrison 9489 6357, 9489 6397

25 November

Amnesty International will host stalls throughout the *16 Days of Activism* at hospitals throughout the metro area to raise awareness about Amnesty International's global "**Stop Violence Against Women**" campaign and distribute white ribbons. **Displays will be between 10.00am-2.00pm.**

Venue: Royal Perth Hospital: Nov 25 and 26
Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital: Nov 28 and 29
King Edward Memorial Hospital: Dec 1 and 2
Fremantle Hospital: Dec 4 and 5
St John of God Hospital: Dec 9 and 10

Time: 10.00am-2.00pm **Contact:** Amnesty (West Perth) on 9476 4800 or email waaia@amnesty.org.au

25 November

Albany Women's Centre together with **Great Southern Regional College of TAFE** will be holding an information stall and pledge signing. **Time:** 10.00am **Venue:** Great Southern Tafe, Anson Road, Albany **Contact:** Sonya Bell 9845 6000

25 November

The **Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA)** will distribute white ribbons to staff at City West Lotteries House. **Venue:** City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi Street, West Perth. **Contact:** Terri 9420 7264.

26 November

Department of Corrective Services, Offender Management & Professional Development will be hosting a morning tea for staff and external service providers. White ribbons will be available for purchase. **Time:** 10.00am **Venue:** Warminda, 4 Welshpool Road, East Victoria Park. **Contact:** Mark O'Hare 6250 9200

26 November

The **Domestic Violence Agencies Network – East Metro** will be holding a public pledge signing event together with information and pamphlets for community members regarding information about domestic violence, where to get help and how to safely respond to domestic and family violence situations. This event is sponsored by the City of Swan. **Time:** 8.30am-8.30pm **Venue:** Midland Gate Shopping Centre, Great Eastern Highway, Midland. **Contact:** Charlene Green on 9374 0433

27 November

Ruah Refuge together with **Orana Women's Refuge** will be hosting a picnic in the park for residents and staff. Past residents, staff and their families are welcome. **Time:** 11.00am **Venue:** Hyde Park.

27 November

The **Multicultural Women's Advocacy Services** will be hosting a White Ribbon Brunch. **Time:** 10.00am-12.00pm **Venue:** Perth Town Hall **Contact:** Vivienne Pillay 9227 8122

28 November

Como/South Perth Letter Writing Group will hold a stall at the Jacaranda Festival, organised by Applecross Rotary Club. **Time:** 10.00am-3.30pm. **Venue:** Applecross Shopping Village.

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29 November

Scales Community Legal Centre, Lucy Saw Centre, SMIFAS and South Coastal Women's Health Service are hosting a march the **"Say NO to Domestic Violence"** community march. The march will begin on Civic Boulevard, Rockingham and end at Flinders Lane, Rockingham. All welcome – men, women and children to come together as **"ONE"** to say **"NO"**. **Time:** 9.30am-12.00pm **Venue:** Civic Boulevard, Rockingham **Contact:** Danielle Healey 9550 0400

29 November

St Joseph's Church, Subiaco will offer prayers at their Sunday service to remember those who have lost their lives or have lost a loved one as a result of domestic and family violence. **Sunday Mass Times:** 8.00am; 10.00am and 6.00pm **Venue:** 1 Salvado Road, Subiaco

DECEMBER 2009

1 December

WA Amnesty International Australia Como/South Perth Group meet monthly at the Civic Square Library. In recognition of the *16 Days of Activism*, the group will be hosting a special guest speaker, psychologist Kevin Hanavan. Kevin will talk about domestic violence drawing from his experience working with male perpetrators of domestic violence. He will discuss the various forms of violence against women in the home and its impact on women and children. **Time:** 6.15pm (for a 6.30pm start) to 8.00pm **Venue:** Anne Reid Room, Civic Square Library, Booragoon. **Contact:** Shivaun Hughes shivaunhughes@optusnet.com.au

1 December

Ishar Multicultural Women's Health Centre and Midland Womens Health Care Place (MWHCP) invite consumers, carers, service providers and volunteers to a talk on Family Violence in CaLD Communities.

Talk 1 *Gender inequality and family violence in cross-cultural marriages.* **Presenter:** Irena Quinn (Ishar)

Talk 2 Family violence in African communities. **Presenter:** Ruth Sims (Ishar)

Time: 1.00pm-3.00pm. **Venue:** MWHCP, 4 The Avenue, Midland. For bookings **contact** MWHCP on 9250 2221. Light refreshments will be provided.

1 December

United Nations Australia Association WA Division are hosting a film and discussion event dealing with HIV AIDS and its effect on children and families. **This is a FREE event. Time:** 11.30am. **Venue:** WA AIDS Council, Lotteries House, West Perth. For information and bookings **contact:** Judith Parker 922 19455

3 December

The **Committee for "Stand Up and Stomp out Violence"** are hosting their annual march. The march begins at the Karratha Council Building, to raise awareness about domestic and family violence. **Time:** 6.00pm **Venue:** Karratha Council Building. **Contact:** Margaret Gordon 0417 935 884

4 December

Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) will be hosting an invitational afternoon tea to launch the Supporting Women with Complex Needs Resource. **Time:** 2.30pm **Venue:** Conference Room, City West Lotteries House. **Contact:** Minako Nakazawa 9420 7264

4 December

Carnarvon Family Support Services will be holding an information stall with give-aways regarding human rights and family violence issues. **Time:** 5pm-9pm **Venue:** Main Street Party **Contact:** Julee Nelson 9941 1251

4 December

United Nations Australia Association WA Division invites you to "The Annual Huelin Lecture" held to mark International Human Rights Day. **Guest Speaker:** Professor Colleen Hayward, Head of Kurong Kurl Katitjin Centre, Edith Cowan University. **Time:** 6.00pm-7.30pm **Venue:** Perth State Library Theatre **Contact:** and **Bookings:** Judith Parker 9221 9455. **This is a Free Event.**

4 December

Australian Services Union (WA) will be hosting an invitational address to Refugee and Domestic Violence Staff. The topic for discussion is "Pay Equity in the Social and Community Services Sector, Uniting Workers in Domestic Violence across Australia for a Better Deal". **Time:** 1.30pm **Venue:** Conference Room, City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi Street, West Perth. **Contact:** Pat Branson 9427 7777 **email:** pat.branson@asuwa.org

4 and 19 December

Margaret River Amnesty Group will be holding a "Stop Violence Against Women" stall to raise awareness amongst the community. **Venue:** Outside IGA, Bussell Hwy, Margaret River. **Contact:** Rod Whittle rod-wech@netserv.net.au

Young UNIFEM Perth will be hosting a White Ribbon Dinner in May 2010. For further information **Contact:** Beth Shaw at bethshaw@optusnet.com.au **Mobile:** 0402 853 852