

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence November 25 - December 10, 2008



Youth Activism

The 16 Days has now been active for 18 years and during this time it has been taken up by many youth activists and groups around the world. As a young activist it can sometimes be hard to recognize the impact of your work and to feel part of a movement. The 16 Days Campaigns strives each year to reach out to new and diverse audiences, hoping that activists and organizations from all walks of life can come together to address violence against women.

If you are new to the 16 Days of Activism, we have some ideas to share about how you can create dynamic change as an individual:

Gather a group of friends to discuss violence against women in your area.

Volunteer with an organization working to help women who have suffered from violence.

Join a youth listserv and discuss the possibilities of holding a forum to raise awareness around the issue of violence against women.

Speak to your teacher/professor about conducting an information session on VAW.

Begin a personal 16 Days calendar and mark your own activities for each day.

Contact the local university student groups to discuss the possibility of hosting a 16 Days event.

Create 16 Days buttons/stickers/t-shirts for a fundraiser with proceeds going to survivors of violence.

Incorporate research on violence against women in your school or university projects and share your findings with friends.

If you have participated in the 16 Days Campaign previously or intend to this year - please email us and share your activities and also the experience of being part of the 16 Days Campaign as a youth activist - this will help us shape new and exciting resources for you in the future.

Please encourage other young people you know to become active and contact us if you would like any further guidance on how you can participate in the Campaign this year.