

November 2011

## Inside

### From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World:

16 quick and easy ways in which you can support and join in with the

### 16 Days of Activism

wherever you are....

### Twitter hashtags:

#16days

#IDEVAW

#reclaimthenight2011

#VAW

#WFWBigGive

#GBV

#16days2011



16 Days of Activism  
25.11.11-10.12.11

The Women's Networking Hub are launching :  
**16X16 ACTIVATE, ACTIVISM, ACTION**  
16 Days 16 Ways!

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an international campaign. Participants chose the dates November 25, International Day Against Violence Against Women, and December 10, International Human Rights Day, in order to symbolically link violence against women and human rights and to emphasize that such violence is a human rights violation.

#### 1. Hold a peace vigil:

Join **Million Women Rise** this Friday evening 19:00 - 20:30  
Location Outside National Gallery , Trafalgar Square - Central London

#### Actions you can take:

If you can't get to London, why don't you hold your own peace vigil in your local community or even at home, by lighting a candle in remembrance?

#### 2. Get Political

Put pressure on politicians, administrators, and other decision-makers to demand changes • Organise mass petition drives, letter-writing campaigns, sit-ins, boycotts, student strikes, silent protests, teach-ins • Write to local leaders and request that they issue a proclamation to officially recognize the **16 Days of Activism**

#### 3. Reclaim the Night

Reclaim the Night is an annual women's march against rape and male violence.

**RTN 2011 is on Saturday 26th November 2011**, assemble 6pm in Whitehall Place near Westminster.

#### 4. Start blogging!

If you can't be there on the night follow on twitter #reclaimthenight2011 and start your own virtual march of women. Or start a blog like Karen, who will be blogging everyday over the **16 days 16 Impacts of Sexual Assault** <http://16impacts.wordpress.com/2011/11/25/a-supportive-space/>

**5. Start a Flash mob!**

What is a Flash mob?

A flash mob (or flashmob) is a large group of people who assemble suddenly in a public place (usually organised online), perform an unusual action for a brief time then disperse or continue on their way as if nothing happened.

**6. Make some noise**

Plan public speeches, marches, rallies, protests, or vigils honouring survivors/victims of violence • Use drums and other instruments in your activism • Make appearances on radio and television broadcasts • Take out advertisements in visible, public spaces.

**7. Tell the UK government to match its rhetoric on violence against women**

Sign the petition now, and help call on equalities minister Lynne Featherstone to commit the UK to signing CAHVIO

Sign up here: <http://action.goingtowork.org.uk/page/s/tell-the-uk-government-to-match-its-rhetoric-on-violence-against-women>

**8. Five Minute Mini Action**

Sign petitions of relevance/interest on: 38Degrees (<http://www.38degrees.org.uk>), Avaaz (<http://www.avaaz.org>) All Out (<http://allout.org>)

**9. The Big Give for Women in Afghanistan 5.12.11**

Big Give Link  
<http://www.womenforwomen.org.uk/help-women/the-big-give.php>

**10. Be seen**

Be visible: Take over public spaces by chalking pavements and hanging colourful banners, posters, and flags.

**11. Join the tweetathon #16days**

Whether you're a social media novice or a pro, please join us in spreading the word about the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence (#16days).

**12. Follow us on twitter...**

@drivingequality  
@millionwomen  
@thegenderwire

**13. Let us hear your ideas** by submitting them in our Big Idea Box.

<http://www.ukbigfreeze.co.uk/?bigidea>

**14. Speak Out**

Raise awareness: Host a dinner, group discussion, or a film screening

**15. Write to your MP ask him what he/she is doing to eliminate violence against women**

Send an email to an elected representative using <http://www.writetothem.com/> (check MPs/Assembly members' voting record and interests at <http://www.theyworkforyou.com>)

**16. Get CONNECTED**

Share the 16 days with your community - **Document it! Share it! Get the word out onto the street!...** facebook it, post pics on flickr, post videos on Vimeo and YouTube.

