



**WOMEN'S
COUNCIL**

FOR DOMESTIC & FAMILY
VIOLENCE SERVICES (WA)

**AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL**



16 Days of Activism Calendar of Events 2008

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 address the human rights challenges women experience around the globe in the 60th Anniversary of the **UN Declaration of Human Rights**.

The 16 Days of Activism begins on 25 November on International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and ends on December 10, International Human Rights Day. These two dates were chosen to highlight that violence against women is a human rights abuse. We invited community members and organisations to coordinate or participate in an event to unite in the struggle to end violence against women. During the 16 days, activists around the world use the campaign to further raise awareness

about the prevalence and devastating impacts of gender violence, to celebrate victories gained by the Women's Rights Movement, challenge policy and practices that allow women to be targeted for acts of violence, and demand that violence against women be recognised as an abuse of human rights.

The Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) and Amnesty International (WA) have co-ordinated and produced the

16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence Calendar of Events now for the sixth consecutive year. We encouraged groups to focus their planning for the 16 Days of Activism on events and activities that assist to end male violence against women and children and to support Women's Human Rights. The following pages outline some of the events registered for the 16 Days of Activism Calendar of Events 2008. **Make sure you register with us next year to get into our 2009 Calendar!**

NOVEMBER 2008

1 & 8 November

Journey Towards Hope Dance Projects in association with Reclaiming Voices Inc, WA School of Yoga & Kulture Multicultural Arts WA will be holding Men's White Ribbon Bollywood Dance Workshops. The aim of this event is to invite men and boys to pledge support to the U.N White Ribbon Campaign against violence on women and children. Time: 11am–12 noon. **Venue: WA School of Yoga, 159 Onslow Rd, Shenton Park.** FREE for men and boys. **Contact Valli 0432 082 459.**

24 November

The **Domestic Violence Agencies Network – East Metro (DVAN)** will be hosting an invitational lunch with guest speaker Ian Lillico and prominent men connected with the East Metro region taking a pledge 'not to remain silent on violence against women'. This function is sponsored by the City of Swan. Facilitation AND co-ordination by DVAN-East Metro one of the Regional Coordinated Responses to family and domestic violence. A state government initiative funded by the Department for Communities Family and Domestic Violence Unit. **Venue: 7th Ave Bar and Restaurant.** Time: 12 noon. **Contact Charlene Green 9374 0433.**

NOVEMBER 2008

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. Time: 12 noon. **Venue: City West Lotteries House. Contact Media Spokesperson, Angela Hartwig 9420 7264.**

25 November

Armadale Domestic Violence Intervention Project and the **Armadale Family Violence Court** are partnering in a White Ribbon Day afternoon with several guest speakers and lots of Domestic and family violence workers in the sector. The event is being coordinated and facilitated by Tori Cooke, Armadale Family Violence Court Coordinator.

25 November

Peel Regional Family Violence Committee hosting a White Ribbon Day event including the distribution of white ribbons. **Contact Mim 9535 6911.**

25 November

The **Australian Services Union (WA)** will be hosting a morning tea to commemorate White Ribbon Day and raise awareness on domestic and family violence. Time: 10.30am. **Contact Wayne Wood, ASU Branch 9427 7733.**

25 November

Relationships Australia (WA) will be hosting morning tea for all corporate staff. All metropolitan and regional branches of Relationships Australia will be encouraged to support White Ribbon Day with a morning tea for staff. Time: 10am-11am. **Venue: 15 Cambridge St West Leederville. Contact 9489 6300.**

25 November

KinWay will be displaying an information stall outside their family relationships centre in Broome with information about family and domestic violence services in town. **Contact 9194 2400.**

25 November

The **Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA)** will be launching their media statement on the 24 November and seek support from other non-government works in peak bodies and organisations by distributing white ribbons and stickers to all 20 agencies in City West Lotteries House in West Perth. Time: 9.30am. **Venue: City West Lotteries House. Contact Sarah Faulk 9420 7264.**

25 November

The **Office for Women's Policy** will be handing out white ribbons to workers in Dumas House on the morning of White Ribbon Day. **Venue: Dumas House, West Perth.**

25 November

Centrecare will generate a display board and distribute white ribbons. **Contact fowen@centrecare.com.au.**

25 November

The **Department for Child Protection** will be hosting a morning tea for White Ribbon Day. **Contact Stacey Collins 9222 2641.**

25 November – 10 December

The **Mundaring Library – Albert Facey Memorial Library**, will be displaying information on Amnesty International's 'Stop Violence Against Women' campaign. The campaign highlights that violence against women is a human rights abuse throughout the 16 Days. **Venue: Nichol Street (Library). Contact Amnesty (West Perth) on 9476 4800 or email waaia@amnesty.org.au.**

25 November – 10 December

Amnesty International will host stalls throughout the 16 Days of Activism at 11 hospitals throughout the metro area to raise awareness about Amnesty International's six year global 'Stop Violence Against Women' campaign and distribute white ribbons and wrist bands. **Contact Amnesty (West Perth) on 9476 4800 or email waaia@amnesty.org.au.**

25 November – 10 December

The **Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA)** will be displaying information regarding White Ribbon Day and this year's Calendar of Events. **Venue: City West Lotteries House.**

25 November

The **Swan Bell Tower** will ring its bells to commemorate White Ribbon Day and also acknowledge all who have been victims of domestic and family violence. **Venue: Swan Bell Tower. Time: 12 noon-1pm. Contact Richard Offen 0423 473 697.**

25 November

The **Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA)** and WBMC will be launching the Hurt Project, an interactive website that allows viewers to navigate through a house and click on different objects to reveal different stories from men, women and children who have experienced or perpetrated domestic violence. The website address will be www.hurt.net.au. **Contact Nicole Leggett 9420 7264.**

NOVEMBER 2008

25 November

The **King's Park Lights** will shine blue and white to commemorate White Ribbon Day 2008.

25 November

Amnesty International will hold a Stop Violence Against Women info stall at the White Ribbon Day luncheon. White Ribbon Day invites men to not commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women. **Contact Amnesty (West Perth) on 9476 4800 or email waaia@amnesty.org.au. www.un.org/depts/dhl/violence/index.html**

25 November

The **Community Advisory Committee** and **Department for Communities** will be hosting a White Ribbon Day picnic lunch with Tim Gossage as MC and a number of guest speakers – Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan, Amnesty Vice President Jim Sharp, Angela Hartwig Executive Officer at the Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) and Samuel Pilot Kickett will launch HURT a community education resource that provides insight into the experience of domestic and family violence. **Venue: Constitutional Centre Gardens, cnr Havelock Street and Parliament Place, West Perth. Contact Nicole Leggett 6217 8310 or Nicole.Leggett@communities.wa.gov.au.**

25 November

Project Five-0 Partners will be hosting a Celebratory Breakfast on White Ribbon Day with celebrity guest speaker, Dixie Marshall. **Project Five-0** partners include – The International Federation of Business and Professional Women, The International Council of Women, The International Federation of University Women, Soroptimist International and Zonta International. **Project Five-0** welcomes sponsorship of school children Year 11/12 or people on low income. Cost: \$30. **Venue: Burswood on Swan Function Centre. Time: 7am-9am. Contact Arlene Quinn 9291 3665 or 0402 272 868.**

25 November

The **Family and Domestic Violence Alliance – Fremantle (FADVA)** will be hosting a silent memorial for all victims of domestic violence. A circle of pairs of shoes from baby booties to high heels will be displayed to represent a person killed through domestic violence. Time: 10am-4pm **Venue: Kings Square Fremantle. Contact Dianne Sims 9432 9294.**

25 November

Damara House (Pat Giles Centre) will be holding a community awareness morning on White Ribbon Day. The morning will include local Members of Parliament, handing out of white ribbons, information, pamphlets and white ribbons will be distributed through the local community including police, schools and other services. Time: 9am-12pm. **Contact 9304 3832.**

November 25

Murdoch University is organising a White Ribbon Day Survey to get an understanding about how the general community reflects on issues about domestic violence, as White Ribbon Day is dedicated to the idea of increasing public awareness. It is a short survey which includes questions related to people's awareness about White Ribbon Day and violence against women in particular, as well as questions related to people's willingness or reluctance to intervene in domestic violence incidents. Murdoch seeks to find out whether members of the public (most of whom would be expected to oppose domestic violence) show patterns of conflicted or compromised attitudes that they expect to be present to varying degrees. **Contact Evelina Nikolova 9360 6474.**

26 November

The **Domestic Violence Legal Unit, Family Law Division** and **Legal Aid WA** will be holding a 'Did you know that...' afternoon tea for LAWA staff and will include Angela Hartwig from the Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Service (WA) as guest speaker. **Venue: 7th Floor Lunch Room. Time: 3pm-4pm. Contact Nawdy Roussety 9261 6320.**

28 November

The **Multicultural Women's Health Service** will be hosting a morning tea for women and service agencies to celebrate the women who have said no to violence. Time: 10am. **Venue: TBA. Contact Vivienne Pillay 9328 1200.**

28 November

Dept Corrective Services, Offender Management & Professional Development's community-based programs are hosting a lunch time forum for those who work with domestic violence; specifically those who work with the perpetrators of such violence – 'Honouring Stories of Survival'. This forum will provide an opportunity for workers to regain a sense of focus, purpose and passion in their work with perpetrators through making the invisible and heard. **Venue: Warminda, 4 Welshpool Road, East Victoria Park. Time: 12 noon. Contact Beth Castieau or Maggie Woodhead 6250 9200.**

25 November

Amnesty International and the Curtin Centre for Human Rights Education will be hosting a Café Conversation evening featuring guest speakers Heidi Stewart, coordinator of the Human Rights Film Festival in Perth and a member of the ROAR feminist collective and Dr Suma Kaare the Edmund Rice Institute for Social Justice Education Coordinator who has over 20 years experience in women's development issues from working all around the world. **Venue: Loka Café, 199 Brisbane St, Northbridge. Time: 6pm-7:30pm. Contact Laura 9266 1678 or laura.valli@student.curtin.edu.au.**

25 November

Marnja Jarndu Outreach Service & the local **Men's Outreach Services Broome** will be organising a White Ribbon Day event. The Men's Outreach will hold a barbeque. Marnja Jarndu will be displaying Promotional/educational materials, is in the process of organising a local singer to perform, hold fun children's activities, and are in the process of recruiting some local White Ribbon ambassadors. **Venue: Broome/TBA. Contact Jannah Lott outreach@tpg.com.au.**

2 December

Women's Healthworks is holding a morning tea with everyone being asked to bring a plate to share. The morning tea will have a one minute silence in remembrance of those affected by domestic violence. Pam O'Connor (WHW Psychologist) will be address issues concerning Family Court shared care arrangements. The Women's Healthworks will also be selling white ribbons for \$2 on the day. Time: 11 am. **Venue: Suite 6, Joondalup Lotteries House, 70 Davidson Tce, Joondalup. Contact Women's Healthworks 9300 1566 or info@womenshealthworks.org.au.**

3 December

The **Patricia Giles Centre** and **Women's Healthworks** will be holding a small forum/meeting involving key agencies in the Joondalup region who provide services to women, youth and families. Discussion will centre on the result of the 'It all Starts at Home' project implemented in Victoria addressing the experience of violence by adolescent boys against their sole-parent mothers. The attendees of this meeting will have the opportunity to voice their opinions on this topic and discuss issues or experiences they have had with this issue as part of their line of work. **Venue: Women's Healthworks (Conference Room) 70 Davidson Tce, Joondalup.** Time: 2pm-4.30pm. **Contact Pat Giles Centre 9300 0340 or northerndv@iinet.net.au.**

3 December

The **Lucy Saw Centre** and the **South Metropolitan Integrated Family Abuse Service (SMIFAS)** will be hosting an interagency morning tea. Time: 10.30am-12 noon. **Venue: St Nicholas Community Centre, Rockingham. Contact Joska 0412 511 313.**

5 December

Journey Towards Hope Dance Projects in association with **Kulture Multicultural Arts WA, City of Melville, Reclaiming Voices Inc, WA School of Yoga** and **World Council of Churches** introduces 'Cleansing our Temples 2. The aim of this event is to support the UN White Ribbon Campaign to create safer and sacred places for Western Australians of diverse culture, religion, gender and ages to celebrate lives free from violence. Includes ethnic dances and live drumming, pledges led by nominated male White Ribbon event ambassadors, Indian finger foods, sponsored by XXX, and screening of an award winning movie. **Venue: Nexus Theatre Murdoch University.** Cost \$12. Time: 6:30pm-10pm. **Contact Valli 0432 082 459.**

6 December

The **Students Without Borders Action Group** will be holding an awareness raising event titled 'I Will Not Fall' with a focus on domestic violence in WA. The event will feature live music from local artists and several speakers from women's health services. All proceeds to be donated to Zonta House Women's Refuge. This is an over 18 event. Time: 7pm-midnight. **Venue: Ginger's Garage Northbridge. Contact Kate Ricks iwillnotfall11@gmail.com.**

8 December

The **United Nations Association (WA)** and **Amnesty International (WA)** are holding a 'Declaration Dinner' to mark Human Rights Day and celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration. Keynote speaker is Geoffrey Robertson with MC Mary Kostakidis. Tickets can be purchased from BOCS ticketing 9484 1133 or go to www.bocsticketing.com.au. Dress: Semi-formal. Time: 7pm.

9 December

The **South West Refuge** is hosting a remembrance service with a traditional welcome by a Noongar Elder. Guest of Honour will be the Hon Christian Porter, Attorney General WA, who is also the Ambassador for White Ribbon Day in WA. White doves will be released in memory of those who have lost their life through domestic violence, followed by one minute silence. Refreshments will be served. Time: 12 noon. **Venue: Big Swamp Park. Contact Barbara 9791 2894 mgr@swrefuge.com.au.**

10 December

The **Equal Opportunity Commission (WA)** will be hosting a breakfast forum celebrating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights' 60th Anniversary. Guest speakers will include June Oscar, a prominent Indigenous leader from Fitzroy Crossing and the Right Reverend Kay Goldsworthy who was ordained as one of Australia's first female priests. Time: 7.30am-9am. Cost: \$40 per person. **Venue: The Grand River Ballroom, Sheraton Hotel, 207 Adelaide Tce, Perth. Contact Pauline or Debra 9216 3955 or eoc@eoc.wa.gov.au.**

10 December

Amnesty International and the **Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA)** will be hosting a public event to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on Human Rights Day and to honour women human rights defenders. Light refreshments will be served so please RSVP to assist with catering. Time: 5pm-7pm. **Contact Amnesty (West Perth) on 9476 4800 or email waaia@amnesty.org.au.**