

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM
against
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

November 25 - December 10, 2018



#HearMeToo - End Violence
against
Women and Girls

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*Theme: #HearMeToo-End Violence against Women and
Girls!*

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991 sponsored by the Centre for Women's Global Leadership. 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 violation of human rights. This 16-day period also highlights other significant dates including December 1, *World AIDS Day*.

The 16 Days Campaign has been used as an organizing strategy by individuals and groups around the world to galvanize support to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls by: raising awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue at the local, national, regional and international levels, strengthening local work around violence against women, establishing a clear link between local and international work to end gender-based violence; especially violence against women, providing a forum in which organizers can develop and share new and effective strategies, demonstrating the solidarity of women around the world organizing against violence against women and creating tools to pressure governments to implement promises made to eliminate violence against women.

The *UN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women* (1993) defines violence against women and girls as "Any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life".

Gender Based Violence (GBV) can also be defined as: Acts of physical, mental or social abuse (including sexual violence) that is attempted or threatened, with some type of force (such as violence, threats, coercion, manipulation, deception, cultural expectations, weapons or economic circumstances) and is directed against a person because of his or her gender roles and expectations in a society or culture..

With global estimates that up to six out of 10 women will experience physical or sexual violence in her lifetime. Violence against women remains one of the most widespread human rights violations yet, one of the least prosecuted crimes.

This year marks the 23rd anniversary of the *Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action*, the most progressive road map to gender equality. World leaders met in March 2015 at the United Nations 59th Commission on the Status of Women and a few months later in September at the 70th General Assembly to take stock of the progress made and recommitted themselves to take meaningful action to close the gaps that are holding women and girls back. A new Sustainable Development agenda, which scales up the Millennium Development Goals for the first time includes specific targets and indicators on ending violence against women and girls.

In Belize, government and several non-government agencies have strengthened the multisectoral approach to addressing Gender-Based Violence with new tools such as a *National Gender-Based Violence Action Plan 2017-2020*, which builds on the gains of the 2013 plan, along with functioning District Gender-Based Violence Committees countrywide which coordinate the response to GBV at the district level and report to a National Committee whose secretariat is the National Women's Commission (NWC), in the Ministry of Human Development, Social Transformation and Poverty Alleviation.

The National Women's Commission Secretariat

16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

Calendar of Events

ONGOING ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

COUNTRY-WIDE

- “Help Us Shine A Light On Domestic Violence” Purple your neighborhood by purchasing light bulbs for your businesses, homes, offices, streets starting November 25 - December 10 (*Organizing Agency: Haven House, Contact person: Mindy Pratt, 630-4839*)
- “Thursdays in Black – Council of Churches Campaign Towards a World without Rape and Violence” starting November 22 - December 10 (*Organizing Agency: The Young Women's Christian Association, Contact person: Deanna Peyrefitte, 223-4971*)
- Love FM Anti-Violence PSA Student Campaign-Throughout Belize starting November 22-December 10(*Organizing Agency: Galen University, Contact person: Judy Munoz, 824-3226*)

CAYO DISTRICT

- “Orange your Campus” Campaign- Central Farm Campus November 22 - December 10 (*Organizing Agency :Galen University, Contact person: Judy Munoz, 824-3226*)
 - “16 Days of Activism Campaign Campus Display- Central Farm Campus November 25 - December 10 (*Organizing Agency : Galen University, Contact person: Travis Lennan, 824-3226*)
 - “Survivors Testimonials Sessions”- Central Farm Campus, November 25 – November 30 (*Organizing Agency :Galen University, Contact person: Travis Lennan, 824-3226*) **By Invitation only**
 - “Primary School Gender-Based Violence Talks”- throughout Cayo Districts (*Organizing Agency :Galen University, Contact person: Travis Lennan, 824-3226*) **By Invitation only**
 - “Orange your World” Student Awareness Day- Central Farm Campus & District Centers (*Organizing Agency :Galen University, Contact person: Travis Lennan/Judy Munoz, 824-3226*)
 - ““Orange your World” and #HearMeToo Galen University Website Observance- Central Farm Campus(*Organizing Agency :Galen University, Contact person: Travis Lennan, 824-3226*)
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

COUNTRY-WIDE

- “Launch of the Gender-Based Violence Flag Competition”
(Organizing Agency: *The Belize Family Life Association*, Contact person: *Kylah Ciego-631-9834*)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

STANN CREEK DISTRICT

- “Tertiary Debate on Gender-Based Violence – Round 1” Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Dangriga Town, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (Organizing Agency: *The Belize Family Life Association*, Contact person: *Kylah Ciego –631-9834*) **Open Event**

TOLEDO DISTRICT

- “Tertiary Debate on Gender-Based Violence – Round 1” Fr. Marin Parish Hall, Punta Gorda Town, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (Organizing Agency: *The Belize Family Life Association*, Contact person: *Sheena Gentle –203-1018*) **Open Event**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “Self Defense for Women and Girls Workshop” UB-Faculty of Management and Social Sciences, Belize City, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (Organizing Agency: *The University of Belize*, Contact person: *Renee Wentz – 223-0256*) **Open Event**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “National Stakeholders’ Consultation” Biltmore Plaza, Belize City, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm (Organizing Agency: *The National Women’s Commission*, Contact person: *Eleanor Murillo–227-4284*) **By Invitation only**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “Free Water Safety Session for single mothers” Room 137, YWCA Auditorium, Belize City, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Young Women Christian Association, Contact person: Jovannie Collins/Lawnie Leslie –223-4971*) **Open Event**
- “Official Launch - 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence”, ITVET, Belize City, 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm, (*Organizing Agencies: The office of The Special Envoy for Women and Children, Contact Person: Mackeva Westby - 223-1941*) **Open Event**

COROZAL DISTRICT

- “Education Forum - #HearMeToo – End Violence against Women and Girls” Cornerstone Presbyterian High School, Louisville Village, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Women’s Department, Contact person: Consuelo Cowo, 615-7230*) **Closed Event**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “Color Run 2018 – 5k walk” BTL Park, Belize City, 5:00 am (*Organizing Agency: Haven House- Shelter for Battered Women, Contact person: Mindy Pratt –630-4839*) **Open Event**

CAYO DISTRICT

- “Self Defense for Women and Girls Workshop” UB-Palapa, Belmopan City, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The University of Belize, Contact person: Renee Wentz – 223-0256*) **Open Event**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “Ecumenical Church Service”, St. John’s Cathedral, Belize City, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm (*Organizing Agencies: The Anglican Mothers’ Union, The National Women’s Commission and Women’s Department, Contact person: Beverley Brown –633-1934*) **Open Event**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

CAYO DISTRICT

- “Drama – Gender-Based Violence” Cayo Christian Academy - Ontario Methodist High School, Belmopan City, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Police Department*), *Contact person: Marla Joseph – 615-2514* **Closed Event**

COROZAL DISTRICT

- “Radio Program” Romantica FM – Morning Talk Show, Corozal Town, 9:00 am – 10:30 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Women’s Department*, *Contact person: Consuelo Cowo, 615-7230*) **Open Event**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

CAYO DISTRICT

- “Beauty & Wellness Day” National Resources Center for Enterprise Development - YWCA, Belmopan City, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Young Women’s Christian Association, Belmopan Branch*, *Contact person: Yvette Gill – 822-0472*) **Closed Event**
- “Drama – Gender-Based Violence” Sacred Heart College & St. Ignatius High School, San Ignacio, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Police Department Drama Group*, *Contact person: Marla Joseph –615-2514*) **Closed Event**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “Human Rights Workshop for YWCA’s Preschool Parents ”YWCA Auditorium, Belize City, 8:30 am - 11:30 am (*Organizing Agency: The Young Women’s Christian Association*, *Contact person: Glenda Nunez, 223-4971*) **Closed Event**
- “Hospitality and Cosmetology Services to survivors of domestic violence by the YWCA’s Helping Early Leavers Program” Haven House, Belize City, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Young Women’s Christian Association*, *Contact person: Nerisi Lopez, 223-4971*) **Closed Event**
- “End Violence against Women – It Starts with Me!” BDF Auditorium, Ladyville, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Women’s Department*, *Contact person: Lodawn Jones, 227-3888*) **Closed Event**
- “#HearMeToo End Violence against Women and Girls Panel Discussion” UWI Auditorium, Belize City, 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm (*Organizing Agency: The University of the West Indies*, *Contact person: Dr. Jane Bennett, 223-5320*) **Closed Event**

CAYO DISTRICT

- “Drama – Gender-Based Violence” Nazarene High School & Mount Carmel High School, Benque Viejo del Carmen, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Police Department Drama Group, Contact person: Marla Joseph –615-2514*) **Closed Event**
- “Movie Show-In the time of the Butterflies” (*Organizing Agency: Galen University, Contact person: Gina Anderson, 824-3226*) **Closed Event**

TOLEDO DISTRICT

- “Presentation – Gender-Based Violence” Julian Cho Technical High School, 7:30 am – 12:00 pm (*Organizing Agencies: The Women’s Department*) *Contact person: Lorraine Johnson –615-5219*) **Closed Event**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “Drama – Gender-Based Violence” San Pedro High School, San Pedro, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Police Department Drama Group, Contact person: Marla Joseph –615-2514*) **Closed Event**

CAYO DISTRICT

- “End Violence against Women – It Starts with Me!” San Ignacio Town Hall, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Women’s Department, Contact person: Elyne Serrano, 615-7217*) **Open Event**

TOLEDO DISTRICT

- “Presentation – Gender-Based Violence” Punta Gorda Police Station, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (*Organizing Agencies: The Women’s Department & Belize Police Department*), *Contact person: Lorraine Johnson –615-5219*) **Open Event**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

World AIDS Day

TOLEDO DISTRICT

- “Self Defense for Women and Girls Workshop” UB, Punta Gorda Town, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The University of Belize, Contact person: Renee Wentz – 223-0256*) **Open Event**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

CAYO DISTRICT

- “Health Talks: Diabetes and Tuberculosis” NARCED-YWCA, Belmopan City, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Young Women’s Christian Association, Belmopan Branch, Contact Person: Yvette Gill, 822-0472*) **Closed Event**
- Day of Fasting for Belize Student Participation-Nationwide, (*Organizing Agency: Galen University, Contact person: Gina Anderson, 824-3226*).

STANN-CREEK DISTRICT

- “Drama – Gender-Based Violence” George Town Technical & Independence High Schools, George Town and Independence Villages, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Police Department Drama Group, Contact person: Marla Joseph –615-2514*) **Closed Event**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

TOLEDO DISTRICT

- “Drama – Gender-Based Violence” Toledo Community College & Julian Cho Technical High, Punta Gorda Town, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Police Department Drama Group, Contact person: Marla Joseph –615-2514*) **Closed Event**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

STANN CREEK DISTRICT

- “Drama – Gender-Based Violence” Delille Academy & Ecumenical High, Dangriga Town, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Police Department Drama Group, Contact person: Marla Joseph –615-2514*) **Closed Event**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “Building Self Esteem” Leo Bradley Library, Belize City 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: Leo Bradley Library, Contact Person: Elena Carballo, 626-8397*) **Open Event**

- “Anti-Violence against Women and Girls brochures distribution” Freetown and St. Thomas Streets, Belize City 11:00 am – 12:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Young Women’s Christian Association, Contact Person: Nerisi Lopez, 223-4971*) **Open Event**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “Barbershop Friday Drop in Discussion”-Belize City throughout the day (*Organizing Agency: The National Women’s Commission and The Women’s Department, Contact persons: Eleanor Murillo, 626-7306 & Taheerah Usher – 615-6401*)
- “Drama – Gender-Based Violence” Edward P. Yorke, Nazarene & Pallotti High Schools, Belize City, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Police Department Drama Group, Contact person: Marla Joseph –615-2514*) **Closed Event**
- “Survivors Lunch and Learn” Belize Cancer Society Facility, Belize City, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Cancer Society, Contact person: Deborah Alvarado-223-0922*) **Closed Event**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

STANN CREEK DISTRICT

- “Gala – Fundraiser to support survivors” Pelican Beach Resort, Dangriga 6:00 pm – 12:00 am (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Cancer Society- Dangriga, Contact person: Lisa Cheng- 610-1858*) **Open Event**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

International Human Rights Day

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “Movie on the Lawn Night” YWCA, Belize City, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Young Women’s Christian Association, Contact Person: Kiri Lizama, 223-4971*) **Open Event**

COROZAL DISTRICT

- “Drama – Gender-Based Violence” Cornerstone Presbyterian & Corozal Community College, Corozal Town, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Police Department Drama Group, Contact person: Marla Joseph –615-2514*) **Closed Event**

- “Women’s Right Training Session” Caledonia Village, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Women’s Department, Contact person: Consuelo Cowo –615-7230*) **Open Event**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

ORANGE WALK DISTRICT

- “Drama – Gender-Based Violence” ITVET & Muffles College, Orange Walk Town, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Police Department Drama Group, Contact person: Marla Joseph –615-2514*) **Closed Event**

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