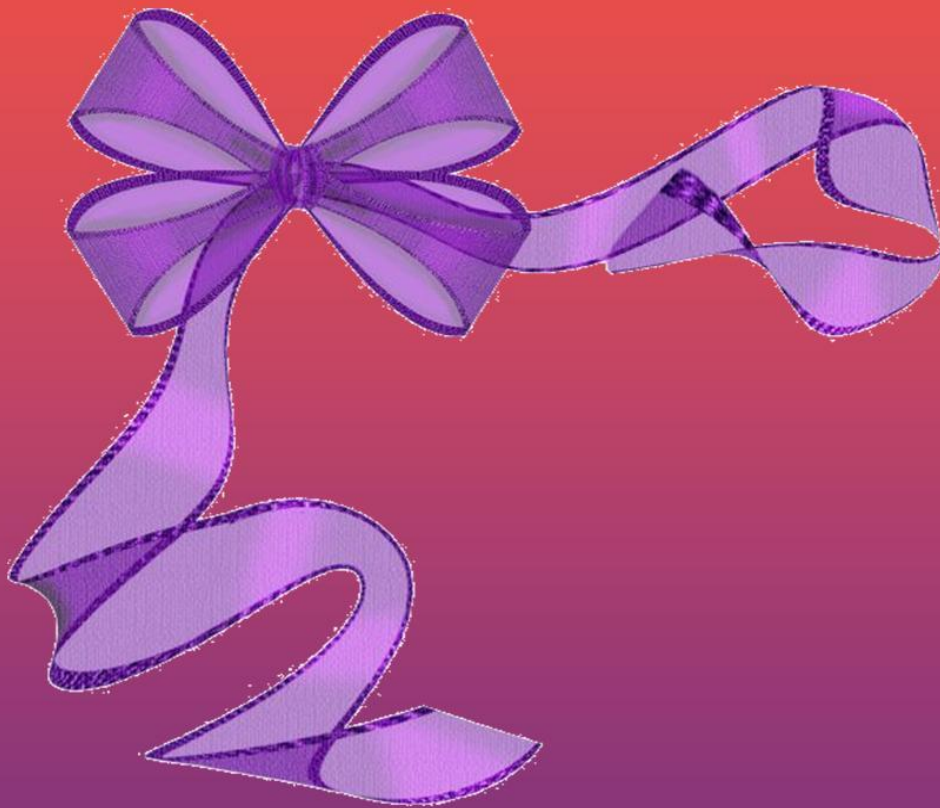


16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

against
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

November 25 - December 10, 2017



*“Leave No One Behind - End
Violence against Women and
Girls”*

16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence

*Theme: Leave No One Behind-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' Day 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 22nd 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 Plan of Action 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 now 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

- The Office of The Special Envoy for Women and Children invites businesses across the country to purchase **ORANGE Awareness Flags** showing support for those who have succumbed to Gender-Based Violence and to empower victims to free themselves from violence. (*Organizing Agency: The Office of The Special Envoy for Women and Children, Contact Person: Mackeva Westby-223-1941*)
- “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*)

BELIZE DISTRICT

- **“Gender-Based Violence Awareness/Empowerment Tee-Shirts** on sale \$35.00each (*Organizing Agency: The Office of The Special Envoy for Women and Children, Contact Person: Mackeva Westby 223-1941*)
- “Free Pap Smear and Breast check campaign” Crooked Tree, Double Head Cabbage, Burrell Boom, Gales Point, November 22- December 31, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agencies: The Belize Cancer Society Headquarters, The Ministry of Health, Contact person: Heather Reneau – 602-0065, 223-0922*)
- **“Life in Leggings Exhibition”** Mexican Cultural Institute, Belize City, Belize from 9:00 am -5:00 pm weekdays from December 8- 30, 2017(*Organizing Agency: The National Women’s Commission, Contact person: Ann-Marie Williams 227-4284*) **Open Event**

STANN CREEK DISTRICT

- “Free Visual Inspection Acetic Acid Screening campaign” Dangriga Town and surrounding villages, November 1-December 22, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agencies: The Belize Cancer Society, The Belize Family Life Association, Contact person: Nurse Desiree Casimiro – 636-0274*)

TOLEDO DISTRICT

- “Free Pap Smear and Breast check campaign” Big Falls, Laguna and surrounding villages from November 22- December 31, 2017, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agencies: The Belize Cancer Society Headquarter and Punta Gorda Branch, Ministry of Health, Contact person: Germinia Mendez 633-5841*)



MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

BELIZE DISTRICT

- Photo Competition for High Schools Girls- “**A Belize Free of Violence**” Deadline for submission November 10, 2017 (*Organizing Agency: The National Women’s Commission, Contact person: Eleanor Murillo 227-4284*)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

CAYO DISTRICT

- “Self-Defense for Women” The Gazebo, U.B., 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The University of Belize, Contact person: S. Renee Wentz 630-5571*) **Open Event**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “Self – Defense for Women” Room 137, Faculty of Education & Arts Campus, University of Belize, Belize City, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The University of Belize, Contact person: S. Renee Wentz –630-5571*) **Open Event**

STANN CREEK DISTRICT

- “Preventative Day, free Visual Inspection Acetic Acid, Pap Smear, Prostate Specific Antigen and Blood Drive” Old Health Clinic, Dangriga, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agencies: The Belize Cancer Society, The Belize Family Life Association & The Ministry of Health, Contact person: Lisa Cheng – 610-1858*) **Open Event**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “Women’s Breakfast Meeting” Best Western Biltmore Hotel, Belize City, Belize, 7:30 am - 9:00 am (*Organizing Agency: Promoting Empowerment Through Awareness for Les/Bi Women (PETAL), Contact person: Charrice Talbert- 607-8428*) **Closed Event**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “Sexual Violence and Parenting” The Youth Enhancement Service Center for Teenage Mothers, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Youth Enhancement Services, Contact person: Kairie Brown, 600-0594*) **Open Event**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

TOLEDO DISTRICT

- " Health Fair" – information booth, San Vicente Primary School Compound, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (*Organizing Agencies: Peace Corps, The Women's Department, Contact persons: Megan Gray & Lorraine Johnson 615- 9630/615-5213*) **Open Event**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

BELIZE DISTRICT

- "Official Launch - 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence" at the Radisson Fort George Hotel, Belize City, 2:30 pm (*Organizing Agencies: The office of The Special Envoy for Women and Children and the Women's Department, Contact Person: Mackeva Westby 223-1941*) **Open Event**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

BELIZE DISTRICT

- "Free Pap Smear and Breast check campaign" Caye Caulker 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agencies: The Belize Cancer Society Hq, The Ministry of Health, Contact person: Heather Reneau – 602-0065, 223-0922*) **Open Event**

COROZAL DISTRICT

- "Awareness Day Campaign against Gender-Based Violence" Central Park, Corozal Town, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (*Organizing Agencies: The Women's Department and The Corozal District Gender-Based Violence Committee, Consuelo Cowo- 615-7230*) **Open Event**

ORANGE WALK DISTRICT

- "Sensitization of Community Nursing Aides in area of Domestic Abuse/Violence" Belize Red Cross, Orange Walk Branch Building, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon (*Organizing Agencies: The Orange Walk District Gender-Based Violence Committee, The Belize Family Life Association, Health Education and Community Participation Bureau, Contact person: Emin Osorio - 629-1006*) **Closed Event**
- "(Orange Day Campaign) Creating Awareness on Gender- Based Violence through information sharing and networking" Queen Elizabeth Park, Orange Walk Town, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Women's Department, Contact person: Makesha Suazo 615-9658*) **Open Event**
- "Sensitization of high school students and staff on Gender- Based Violence", Belize High School of Agriculture, Orange Walk Technical High School, Bishop Martin High School, New Hope High School, The Institute for Technical and Vocational Educational Training and Muffles Junior College. All day event (*Organizing Agency: The Orange Walk District Gender- Based Violence Committee, Contact person: Joaquin Dominguez- 661-3601*) **Closed Event**

STANN CREEK DISTRICT

- “Orange Day Campaign to End Violence against Women and Girls” Saint Vincent Street (in front of Courts- Dangriga) 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Women’s Department, Contact person: Michele Irving – 622-8671, 615-5204*) **Open Event**

TOLEDO DISTRICT

- Awareness Day Campaign on Gender-Based Violence” Punta Gorda Central Park 9:00am- 2:00pm (*Organizing Agencies: The Women’s Department and The Toledo District Gender-Based Violence Committee, Contact person: Lorraine Johnson- 615-5219 & Fideliz Vairez*)**Open Event**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

International Day to Eliminate Violence against Women and Girls

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “**Don’t Call Me Baby!**” Anti-Street Harassment Campaign and Awareness Walk - starts at Faculty of Education and Arts, University of Belize, Belize City, 9:00 am - 11:00 am (*Organizing Agency: The University of Belize, Contact person: S. Renee Wentz, 630-5571*) **Open Event**
- “Lunch and Learn on Gender-Based Violence-Cancer Survivors” The Belize Cancer Society Conference Room, Belize City (*Organizing Agency :The Belize Cancer Society, Contact person: Deborah Alvarado, 621-1266, 223-0922*) **Closed Event**
- “A Conversation” for women only- The Institute for Technical and Vocational Education and Training, Belize City, Belize, 2:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: Promoting Empowerment Through Awareness for Les/Bi Women (PETAL), Contact person: Charrice Talbert, 607-8428*) **Open Event**

CAYO DISTRICT

- “Virtuous Women Gender-Based Violence Training”, Western Traders Imports Conference Room, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Women’s Department, Contact person: Elyne Serrano - 804-2098/615-7217*) **Open Event**

COROZAL DISTRICT

- “Corozal District Gender-Based Violence Committee Retreat ”, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Corozal District Gender-Based Violence Committee, Contact person: Nayely Moreno- 621-3109*) **Closed Event**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

COROZAL DISTRICT

- “Church Service” (*Organizing Agency: The Women’s Department and The Corozal District Gender-Based Violence Committee, Contact person: Consuelo Cowo – 615-7230*) **Open Event**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “Stay/ Talk/Go- Healthy Decision Making Activity”, Edward P. Yorke High School, 8:00 am - 9:30 am (*Organizing Agency: The Women’s Department, Contact person: Lodawn Jones 227-3888*) **Closed Event**
- “Talk on Violence against Women and Girls & Cyber Violence”, The Young Women Christian Association conference room, 9:00am – 12:00 noon (*Organizing Agency: The Young Women Christian Association, Contact person: Alicia Bent-223-4971*) **Open Event**

COROZAL DISTRICT

- “Radio Talk Show-Topic-16 Days Campaign & Gender-Based Violence response” Romantica FM 102.5, Corozal Town, 9:00 am - 10:00 am (*Organizing Agency: The Women’s Department and The Corozal District Gender-Based Violence Committee, Contact person Consuelo Cowo – 615-7230*)
- “Luncheon with the Elderly”- Casa Chan Kaán” San Joaquin Village, Corozal, 11:30 am - 12:00 noon (*Organizing Agency: The Corozal District Gender-Based Violence Committee, Contact person: Nayely Moreno-621-3109*) **Closed Event**
- “Drama Presentation on Domestic Violence” Corozal District High Schools, 9:00 am -3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Police Department Drama Group, Contact person: Marla Joseph-6 15-2514*) **Closed Event**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

ORANGE WALK DISTRICT

- “Drama Presentation on Domestic Violence” Orange Walk Town High Schools, 9:00 am -3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Police Department Drama Group, Contact person: Marla Joseph – 615-2514*) **Closed Event**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “Visit Barbershops & Beauty Salons”, HIV & AIDS Awareness, 9:00 am-2:00 pm (*Organizing Agencies: Young Women Christian Association, The Ministry of Health and The National AIDS Commission, Contact person: Jeovanne Collins-223-4971*)
- “Footsteps on the ground” Belize Rural High School, Double Head Cabbage, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agencies: The Women’s Department, The Belize Family Life Association, Contact person: De-Ann Buckley- 227-7397*) **Closed Event**
- “Church Service” St. John’s Cathedral, Belize City, 5:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Mothers’ Union of the Anglican Diocese of Belize, Contact person: Beverley Brown, 633-1934*) **Open Event**

- “Sexual Violence and Parenting” Youth Enhancement Services Center for Teenage Mothers, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: Youth Enhancement Services*
Contact person: Kairie Brown, 600-0594) **Open Event**

CAYO DISTRICT

- “Official Launch 2017-2019 Project -Timely, Transparent Response to Gender-Based Violence and Trafficking in Persons”, George Price Centre Belmopan, 10:30 am (*Organizing Agency: Relief & Resilience through Education in Transition (RET International)* *Contact person: Malenie Barnes-610-2977/223-1169*) **Open Event**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

CAYO DISTRICT

- “Drama Presentation on Domestic Violence” Our Lady of Guadalupe High School, Belmopan, 9:00 am -10:00 am (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Police Department Drama Group*
Contact person: Marla Joseph 615-2514) **Closed Event**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

World AIDS Day

CAYO DISTRICT

- “Drama Presentation on Domestic Violence” San Ignacio High Schools, 9:00 am -3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Police Department Drama Group* *Contact person: Marla Joseph 615-2514*) **Closed Event**

COROZAL DISTRICT

- “Gender-Based Violence Presentation” Patchakan Community Center, 1:30 pm- 4:00 pm, (*Organizing Agencies: The Women’s Department, The National AIDS Commission, and The Corozal District Gender-Based Violence Committee, Contact person: Consuelo Cowo – 615-7230*) **Open Event**

TOLEDO DISTRICT

- “Sexual Violence Session” Big Falls/Hicattee Villages, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (*Organizing Agencies: Peace Corps and The Women’s Department, Contact person: Anna Mahoney 670-1361*) **Open Event**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “A Day of Wellness and Pampering for marginalized women and victims of Domestic Violence” (*Organizing Agency: The Young Women’s Christian Association in partnership with Ms. Beverly Swasey, Contact Person: Yvette Gill, 822-0472*) **Closed Event**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

TOLEDO DISTRICT

- “Drama Presentation on Domestic Violence” High Schools, Punta Gorda, 9:00 am -3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Police Department Drama Group, Contact person: Marla Joseph 615-2514*) **Closed Event**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

STANN CREEK DISTRICT

- “Drama Presentation on Domestic Violence” Delille Academy, 9:00 am - 10:00 am and Stann Creek Ecumenical High School, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Police Department Drama Group, Contact person: Marla Joseph-615-2514*) **Closed Event**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “Sexual Violence and Parenting” Youth Enhancement Services Center for Teenage Mothers, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: Youth Enhancement Services, Contact person: Kairie Brown, 600-0594*) **Open Event**
- Lunch and Learn Seminar “Emotional Wellness” UWI auditorium, Belize City, 12:00 noon-1:00pm (*Organizing Agency: University of the West Indies, Contact person: Libby Martinez, 223-0484*) **RSVP by November 15, 2017**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

BELIZE DISTRICT

- Opening Night-“**Life in Leggings Exhibition**” Mexican Cultural Institute, Belize City, Belize, 7:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The National Women’s Commission, Contact person: Ann-Marie Williams 227-4284*) **Open Event**

CAYO DISTRICT

- “Drama Presentation on Domestic Violence”, Mopan Technical High School, 9:00 am -3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Police Department Drama Group, Contact person: Marla Joseph – 615-2514*) **Closed Event**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “Drama Presentation on Domestic Violence” Pallotti, Nazarene and Edward P.Yorke High Schools, 9:00 am -3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Police Department Drama Group, Contact person: Marla Joseph – 615-2514*) **Closed Event**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

International Human Rights Day

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

BELIZE DISTRICT

- “Drama Presentation on Domestic Violence” Maud Williams, Gwen Lizarraga High Schools and Wesley College, 9:00 am -3:00 pm (*Organizing Agency: The Belize Police Department Drama Group, Contact person: Marla Joseph 615-2514*) **Closed Event**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

TOLEDO DISTRICT

- “Satellite Table at Health Fair” Silver Creek R.C. School Complex, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (*Organizing Agencies: Peace Corps, The Women’s Department, Contact person: Anna Mahoney, Lorraine Johnson - 670-1361, 615-5219*) **Open Event**

The National Women's Commission takes this opportunity to thank the 16 Days Planning Committee and all our partners who contributed to this year's awareness-raising campaign.

