

Zonta Say No to Violence Against Women

For almost 100 years, Zonta International has contributed to help achieve a world free of violence against women and girls through service and advocacy.

Violence against women and girls is one of the most pervasive human rights violations and a global epidemic. It knows no national or cultural barriers; it takes place at home, in the workplace and in open spaces, and affects millions of women and girls in peacetime and conflict. It includes psychological, physical and sexual violence, and harmful practices such as rape, female genital cutting, child marriage and human trafficking. Violence against women and girls threatens countries, inhibits economic progress, and prevents women from contributing to their community and creating better lives for themselves and their families.

The advocacy campaign “**Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women**” was launched in 2012, to raise awareness of the global pandemic of women’s rights violations and has united Zonta clubs worldwide in conducting impactful advocacy actions to fight violence against women and gender inequality.

All Zonta clubs and districts are encouraged to take advocacy actions throughout the year:

- To promote the human rights of women
- To promote Sustainable Development Goal No. 5 “Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls”
- To end violence against women and girls

During the 16 Days of Activism, 25 November-10 December, all Zonta clubs and districts are encouraged to take part in the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign and to take local, national and international actions to influence the making and implementation of laws, as well as changing gender-based attitudes and behaviors to end violence against women.

For the 2018 – 2020 biennium, the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign will focus on child marriage, one of the worst obstacles girls are facing globally and a severe human right’s violation. Zonta clubs around the world are called upon to create awareness of this harmful practice among their members and the public.

D16 D16 Zonta Say No to Violence Against Women activities are coordinated by Liz Holsted who can assist with ideas and information sharing (see ZSN Newsletters).

If you need more details or if you have questions regarding the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign and how you and your club can get involved, refer below:

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3 actions you can take to prepare for the 16 Days of Activism

25 NOVEMBER - 10 DECEMBER

1

Follow Zonta International on social media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram - and **like, comment and share** the messages already being posted.

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Visit and bookmark www.ZontaSaysNO.com

3

Focus on **ending child marriage**, the 2018 campaign issue for Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women

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#EndChildMarriage
#16Days

