



November WISE Newsletter

November is “Woman Abuse Prevention Month.” It is every woman's fundamental right to live in safety and security in her home and community – free from the threat of violence.

To learn more: <http://www.women.gov.on.ca/english/ending-violence/wapm.shtml>

As a member of the local Coalition to End Violence Against Women (OCTEVAW), WISE is supporting the month-long Shine The Light Campaign. A number of events have been planned from the launch on November 1st, to Wear Purple day on November 15th, to Survivor Voices on November 30th. Many other events are being carried out during November.

Click the following link for a list of OCTEVAW events:

<https://www.facebook.com/OCTEVAW/events/>

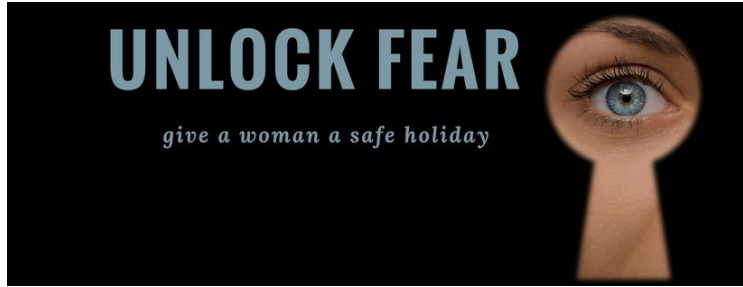
November also encompasses the 16 Days of Activism on Gender Violence. **16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence** begins on November 25th which is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and ends on December 10th, the International Human Rights Day. They also include the **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women** on December 6th. The 16 Days of Activism is a time to both reflect on violence against women and to take action to end it.

Read more: www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/commemoration/vaw-vff/days-jours-en.html

Unlock Fear – Give a Woman a Safe Holiday

UNLOCK FEAR is our 16 Day Holiday Campaign where 100% of donations will go towards the purchase of new door locks and keys for Ottawa female victims of violence. Our Building Women Up! Workshops have posed invaluable in serving the need for teaching safety and security. Women deserve to feel safe and secure in their homes. Your donation will help ensure vulnerable women a new door lock and key this Christmas.

Check out the campaign at: <http://bit.ly/2fsj2uR>



Have you heard about our program for engaging boys on violence against women? The workshop is called "Heroes For Tomorrow." We're excited by this new initiative to help shape attitudes and outlooks of young boys 8 – 12 Years of age. Call us to book this interactive session. See here the boys from Banff Community who took the first workshop. Great group!



Join us for Safe-TEA our fund raiser on November 29th. You can buy a hot cup of tea, have some goodies, purchase some Christmas gifts and support WISE at the same time. We'll see you there between 4 – 8 PM at the Tea Store on York St. in the Market.

A colorful poster for a "Safe-Tea" fundraiser. The background features a stylized illustration of hands holding a teacup and saucer, with floral patterns. The text is as follows:

Safe-Tea
a fundraiser tea party
with the theme of
promoting women's safety

Tues. Nov. 29th 4 – 8 p.m
teastore
53 York Street, Ottawa

Drop by to purchase a hot drink, enjoy snacks
and learn about WISE Ottawa programs.

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Visit www.wiseottawa.ca

Check out the facebook event here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1362055047138569/>

WISE is taking last-minute registrations for the few spots left for our Legal Education Workshop “VAW – Know Your Rights” on November 30th.

Check the Facebook event at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1721901031365832/>

It's a busy shopping season heading toward the Christmas holidays. How have you felt about your safety while patronizing Ottawa businesses? WISE is looking to hear about your experiences for the Businesses of Ottawa for Safer Spaces (BOSS) Program. WISE wants to recognize exemplary businesses and map those areas where incidents of violence and harassment has been reported by the public. We'll work with Ottawa businesses by providing training and Safety Audits. The goal is to encourage these businesses to value and participate in making their spaces safer for staff and clients. #beaWISEBOSS

And help make Ottawa safer!

Complete the link for the survey and make your voice heard:

<https://wiseottawa.typeform.com/to/BJyiP2>

December 6th Vigil



Make plans to join the Women's Events Network and WISE at the Community Vigil at 6 PM on December 6th. In memory of women who have died as a result of male violence, we'll gather for a beautiful candlelight vigil to remember and honour these women as well as the women from the École Polytechnique of Montreal from 1989. Join us to hear the speakers who will share their experiences and the impact that violence has had on them and their community. Join in the tribute by laying a flower on the Women's Monument. Just a reminder to dress warm as it is an outdoor vigil.

Coming Soon: WISE production on relationship violence. Learn more about how to recognize an unhealthy relationship. What you should know and how you can step in and help a friend! Watch for the announcement that it will be ready on the WISE website www.wiseottawa.ca

WISE is always looking for volunteers! There are many opportunities such as website maintenance, social media updates, translation, development of interactive tools and organizing events. Contact us at info@wiseottawa.ca for more info!



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