

AWARENESS & ACTION



16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign 2019

Welcome to your LOCAL SPIN. (Social Policy in the News) from the FAITH & POLICY UNIT. At this time of the year, we think about the forthcoming 16 DAYS of ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE which takes place from 25th November to 12th December.

Last year we held a high profile event in Belfast City Hall which attracted a great amount of publicity for this Campaign, however this year we want every Branch to think about what Gender Based Violence means on a local basis.



" There is one universal truth, applicable to all communities, cultures and communities: violence against women is never acceptable, never excusable, never tolerable " - Ban Ki-Moon, UN Secretary General.

Five Facts about Domestic Abuse and Gender Based Violence

1. Every 17 minutes, PSNI officers respond to an incident of domestic abuse.
2. The number of domestic abuse cases in the 12 month period July 2018 – June 2019 reached 16 575 – the highest 12 month period recorded since 2004/2005
3. Domestic abuse can have a lasting impact on survivors' employment, prospects and earnings.
4. The lack of a functioning devolved Government in Stormont means that 11 domestic abuse laws designed to protect domestic abuse victims apply in every part of the U.K. APART FROM N.I.
5. Almost 60 cases of suspected modern slavery and/or human trafficking were investigated by the PSNI in the 2018/19 financial year.

What Can MU do?

What Can YOU do?

- ❖ Discuss these issues at your Branch Meeting, even if it is only briefly.
- ❖ Light a Candle at your Branch meeting in November and pray for those affected by domestic violence in your community.
- ❖ Make sure prayers for victims of domestic violence are included in your branch meeting and in church services.
- ❖ Raise these issues with your local Representatives, especially at election time.
- ❖ Support your local Women's Aid or Refuge.

Remember, Cathy Doig, Social Policy Contact for Connor Diocese is always happy to speak at Branch meetings or provide further information on any social policy issue. E-mail: cathyedoig@btopenworld.com

Resources:

Go to mothersunion.org : Click on Resources

How to find Resources likely to be of help to you -

Go to **Resource** type box - type in **Campaigns** - click on **Apply**.

Scroll down to find **Awareness & Action** Resources. You may find these are on separate pages.

Download the files you find helpful.

If you have any queries e-mail - cathyedoig@btopenworld.com

- 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign 2019
- Service Outline for 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence 2019
- 16 Days of Bible Verses and Prayers 2019
- Advocacy Suggestions during 16 Days 2019
- Different Forms of Gender-Based Violence 2019
- Gender-Based Violence: Facts & Figures 2019
- Support Available to Survivors of Gender-Based Violence 2019
- Advocacy Suggestions during 16 Days 2019 Survivor's Do's/Don'ts
- What is Gender-Based Violence?
- What is abuse?

Other Issues in the news -

Climate change - A Global issue

Climate change has been in the news a lot recently, and it seems like a huge issue which we, as individuals, cannot do much about. The truth is however, that we can do something: - PRACTICAL buy loose vegetables and fruit whenever possible, don't buy things you don't need and use a refillable water bottle! REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE St. John's MU Pop-Up shop in Crumlin helps the COMMUNITY and MU GLOBALLY. SPIRITUAL - Christian discipleship involves addressing injustice and working for the good of all. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35). Therefore the injustice that those most affected by climate change have contributed to least calls us to respond, and to work for the protection of our common home earth. We can all do something to make a DIFFERENCE!

Child Poverty in Northern Ireland

