



## MENU OF EVENTS

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### DAY 1 Wednesday, November 25, 2015

#### Official 16 Days Canada - Campaign Launch Reception Ottawa 3:30pm to 5:30pm EST

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Canadian campaign is launched for 2015! Hosted by the campaign's Steering Committee WIIS Canada, OCTEVAW, UNHCR Canada, IWSO and SASC Ottawa, in partnership with The Well – La Source, join us as we collaborate to officially commence the campaign. The afternoon will include a keynote address by the Honourable Minister Patricia A. Hajdu, Minister of Status of Women, the 2015 campaign video premiere and original performances. Registration Required (contact@wiiscanada.org)

#### Sexual Violence and Social Media – What is Cyber Violence?

#### University of Lethbridge, First Choice Saving Centre, Room PE250 7:00pm to 9:00pm MST

The problem of cyber violence and online abuse is the greatest challenge the Internet faces today. Social media sites impact the ways in which this violence occurs and can impact the ways in which this violence is prevented. Learn what cyber violence is and isn't, how young women are becoming change-makers and why social media companies have a responsibility to intervene. Join the University of Alberta and the Southern Alberta Council on Public Affairs as they host OCTEVAW's Erin Leigh and Dillon Black to offer discussion and insight.

### DAY 2 Thursday, November 26, 2015

#### Immigrant Women's Services Ottawa (IWSO) hosts Roses & Candles Gala

You are invited to help change the lives of immigrant women in our community who have been victims/ survivors of violence and children who have witnessed violence. IWSO is a unique multi-service and charitable organization providing services to immigrant women and their children for the past twenty-seven years. In the recent year ending March 31, 2015, IWSO provided services to approximately 2,500 women, 400 of whom were victims/survivors of violence. The Roses and Candles Gala is one of the annual activities to honour these women, their supporters and community partners and raise additional funds to assist IWSO as it continues to serve this target group. [Click here for Tickets](#)

### DAY 3 Friday, November 27, 2015

#### Exploring the links of Economic Inequality and the Empowerment of Women

#### Online – Podcast Launch!

Join the Ottawa Sexual Assault Network in its launch of #lunchtimelistens podcast in support of #16DaysCanada with Oxfam Canada: Violence against women is a global problem rooted in unequal gender power relations. While all women face a risk of violence, we know that certain women are more at risk because of marginalizing factors like poverty, disability, racism, and age. But, does lessening their poverty impact their risk of violence? Oxfam Canada's Christine Hughes, co-author of "[Women's economic inequality and domestic violence: exploring the links and empowering women](#)," investigates this very question.

To tune in please visit [www.wiiscanada.org/16days](http://www.wiiscanada.org/16days) for the link.

### DAY 4 Saturday, November 28, 2015

#### Webinar – Mindfulness for Sexual Violence Trauma Healing

#### Online 1:00 p.m. EST

Join Danya Daccash MSW, RSW, a cross-cultural feminist therapist who weaves together ancient wisdom such as mindfulness, modern scientific discoveries, and a grassroots feminist approaches to optimize women's healing for her webinar from 1pm to 2pm EST. To Register: [www.telecounsellingforwomen.com/mindfulness-for-trauma-healing/](http://www.telecounsellingforwomen.com/mindfulness-for-trauma-healing/)

### DAY 5 Sunday, November 29, 2015

#### We Are Your Sisters (WAYS) Yogathon - Support the Fight Against Rape, Trafficking and Violence Against Women

#### Algonquin College - 1385 Woodroffe Ave, Ottawa, ON K2G 1V8, Canada

#### 9:00 AM EST

A Yogathon is a physical challenge, where participants will be asked to complete 108 sun salutations.

Register a team together and join the South Asian Women's Centre's WAYS Yogathon to raise money and awareness for our sisters around the world who have been abused. We use our bodies in this event to show solidarity as a community to stand up against this violation of human rights, but also to send positive energy and healing energy to women around the world who have suffered.

[Click here to Registration](#) (Required)

### DAY 6 Monday, November 30, 2015

#### #InMyLifetime - Tweetathon

#### Online -Across Canada all day - @WIISCanada

What does ending violence against women really entail? What are you doing to educate, engage and empower? Let's have a conversation! Join the discussion using #16Days and tweeting at our Steering Committee members @OCTEVAW, @SascOttawa, @UNHCRCanada, and @ImmigrantWomen





**DAY 7 Tuesday, December 1, 2015**

**Queens University Centre for International and Defense Policy (CIDP) Lunch  
Queens University, Sutherland Hall, Room 448 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. EST**

The CIDP, in partnership with the student group, Queens International Affairs Association (QIAA) will hold a mentorship lunch for students. During this event, CIDP will discuss the importance of women in policy and leadership roles in order to address gender-based violence and making education safe around the world.

**DAY 9 Thursday, December 3, 2015**

**University of Ottawa Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC) Human Rights Film Festival Presents:  
Film Screening: Silence in the Courts  
7:00 p.m. EST**

**Alumni Auditorium - Jacques Turcot University Centre - University of Ottawa**

Two women from rural Sri Lanka, sexually abused by a judge nearly two decades ago, try in vain to seek justice. Noted journalist Victor Ivan begins to write in-depth stories highlighting their plight, the state of the justice system and its lack of commitment to the downtrodden-to no avail. Free Admission! [Click here for more information.](#)

**DAY 10 Friday, December 4, 2015**

**University of Ottawa Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC) Human Rights Film Festival Presents:**

**Film Screening: The Hunting Ground  
4:00 pm**

**Fauteux Hall - FTX570 – University of Ottawa**

An exposé of rape crimes on U.S. college campuses, their institutional cover-ups, and the devastating toll they take on students and their families.

**Film Screening: Finding Dawn  
7:00 pm Alumni Auditorium - Jacques Turcot University Centre**

Acclaimed Métis filmmaker Christine Welsh presents a compelling documentary that puts a human face on a national tragedy: the murders and disappearances of an estimated 500 Aboriginal women in Canada over the past 30 years [Click here for more information.](#)

**DAY 11 Saturday, December 5, 2015**

**University of Ottawa Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC) Human Rights Film Festival Presents:**

**Workshop: Using Films for Human Rights Advocacy  
1:00 pm EST**

**Fauteux Hall | FTX570 University of Ottawa**

**Film Screening: Fighting the Silence  
4:00 pm EST Alumni Auditorium - Jacques Turcot University Centre, University Of Ottawa**

During the Democratic Republic of the Congo’s seven year war, more then 80.000 women and girls were raped. “Fighting the Silence” tells the story of ordinary women and men struggling to change their society.

**Film Screening: Weapon of War  
7:00 pm Alumni Auditorium - Jacques Turcot University Centre . University of Ottawa**

Military perpetrators unveil what lies behind their brutal behavior and the strategies of rape as a war crime in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

[Click here for more information](#)

<https://cdp-hrc.uottawa.ca/en/3rd-uOttawa-Human-Rights-Film-Festival>

**DAY 12 Sunday, December 6, 2015**

**Montreal Massacre Vigil – Women’s Event Network  
Minto Park, Golden Triangle Ottawa  
6:00pm to 7:00pm EST**

Standing in solidarity as a tribute to the 14 women murdered at the Ecole Polytechnique in 1989 and to show intolerance for violence against women. Join the Women’s Event Network in the annual vigil to commemorate the Montreal Massacre





**University of Ottawa Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC) Human Rights Film Festival Presents:  
Film Screening: Statut Quo? Le combat inachevé du féminisme au Canada**

**4:00 pm EST Alumni Auditorium - Jacques Turcot University Centre . University of Ottawa**

Feminism shaped our society. Where has it led us and how is it relevant today? Status Quo? Explores major challenges such as violence towards women, access to abortion, universal daycare services, etc.

**Film Screening: Malala : A Girl From Paradise**

**7:00 pm EST Alumni Auditorium - Jacques Turcot University Centre . University of Ottawa**

Sixteen-year-old Malala Yousafzai was shot in the head by the Taliban for being outspoken about her country's education system. The Pakistani government spends seven times more on its military than on education. Malala survived and is now the youngest person to ever be awarded the Nobel peace Prize for her activism for female education. This is the story of Malala's fight for a right to education and freedom.

[Click here for more information](#)

**DAY 13 Monday, December 7, 2015**

**TWEETATHON - WEAR PURPLE DAY!**

**All Day - Online**

Tweet your #16DaysSelfie wearing your best purple attire to help educate, engage, and empower others to #endGBVcda! Don't forget to also #16DaysCanada @wiiscanada. We will feature the top 16 selfies on the website after the campaign.

**DAY 14 Tuesday, December 8, 2015**

**Department of Global Affairs, Canada**

**Ottawa 10:30 – 13:30 EST**

A panel of experts exploring violence against women in Canada and the various service areas required to address the issues. Registration Required (contact@wiiscanada.org)

**DAY 15 Wednesday, December 9, 2015**

**Women in Security and Peacekeeping: Panel Discussion**

**Ryerson University and NATO Association of Canada ENG 103, Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario**

**6:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.**

What is the role of women during peace negotiations, peace building, and diplomacy? How does this intersect with issues of sexual and gender-based violence? Join the discussion!

**DAY 16 Thursday, December 10, 2015**

**International Human Rights Day – TAKE ACTION against Violence Against Women Event**

**Amnesty International Canada**

**Online**

Join Amnesty International Canada in taking action to demand that women's rights are respected! Read the cases of children and young women in Burkina Faso who are forced into marriage. Learn more about the case of Yecenia Armenta, who was arrested and tortured in Mexico and is one of the many women in Mexico who have experienced sexual torture. Then take action—sign our online petitions, write handwritten letters, and send solidarity messages. And share! Spread the word through your networks and encourage others to take action. Visit [www.writeathon.ca](http://www.writeathon.ca)

**Arts Workshop With Survivors**

**219 Argyle Avenue Ottawa 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (EST)**

Join the Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC) Ottawa, meet with survivors and spend the afternoon collaborating on a work of art to be featured on the official 16 Days Canada website.

