

International day to End Violence Against Sex Workers



What is the 17 Days of Action campaign?

At Basis Yorkshire we run the 17 days of action campaign on the run up to the International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers which occurs every year on 17th December. Our 17 Days campaign is all about raising awareness about the violence that sex workers face, and showing respect and remembrance of the lives lost as a result of violence against sex workers.

Why is it important?

The International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers is sadly all too important. Women who sex work are disproportionately likely to be victims of violence, and due to the stigma surrounding sex work they are also less likely to report violence or not be believed if they do.

The International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers is a display of unity amongst Sex Worker Organizations and charities across the world to address the stigma that can so often lead to violence. It's also an important opportunity to remember the lives that have been lost due to violence towards sex workers and show solidarity and support to those who have been affected by violence. We run the 17 Days of Action in order to raise more awareness about the International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers and get as many people as possible to join us in pledging our support and solidarity for sex workers.

What can you do to get involved?

This year we're asking people to get involved with the 17 Days Campaign and show their support for the movement. There are several ways you can take part in the 17 Days of Action:

- Make a pledge using our pledge template and send it to us so we can feature it on our social media
- Post your pledge on your own social media
- Get some of our #IDEVASW stickers and get sticking to help spread awareness of the day even further

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Making Pledges



Why make a pledge...

We're asking people to make pledges this year to help combat the stigma surrounding sex work and raise the profile of the conversation around sex work and violence. By making a pledge you can demonstrate your solidarity with sex workers all around the world, and help challenge the stigma that can lead to violence against sex workers. We hope that by encouraging people to make pledges, we can get more people talking about sex work to help reduce the taboo around conversation.

Pledge Ideas

If you would like to, please feel free to come up with your own pledge. If you're not sure what you would like to pledge, but would still like to make a pledge and show your support, here are some ideas:

- I pledge to end violence against sex workers
- I pledge to stand against violence against sex workers
- I pledge to challenge stigma towards sex workers
- I pledge to help create a safer world for sex workers

Sharing your pledge

Once you've come up with your pledge, print out our pledge sheet and write your pledge (or use one of ours!). Next, take a picture with your pledge, if you don't want your face in the photo you could take a picture of the sign by itself or cover your face with the pledge - that's ok too!

Please send us this picture so that we can add it to our campaign, you'd like to you can also like to share this on your own social media to help spread the word about #IDEVASW

If you have any questions, or have pledge to send to us please get in touch on:

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projectassistant@basisyorkshire.org.uk



What Else is On...



Basis Yorkshire will be running a social media campaign, sharing pledges as well as other material such as information around stigma and violence. We will also host a number of events/activities ourselves (keep an eye on our website) as well as share and take part in other activities by sex workers or any other allies taking place in Leeds for the International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers.

You can follow us on:

- Twitter: @BasisYorkshire
- Instagram: @basisyorkshire
- Facebook: Basis Yorkshire (@BasisYorkshire1)

Details will be posted to our website once they are confirmed, please keep an eye on our campaign page and social media for updates. You can visit our campaign page by heading to the following web address:

<https://basisyorkshire.org.uk/2021-17dec-end-violence-sex-workers/>

We'll also be updating our linktree with useful links, you can visit our linktree by scanning the QR code or typing this web address into your browser: <https://linktr.ee/IDEVASW>



Thank you in advance for taking part in the 17 Days of Action, together we can end violence against sex workers.

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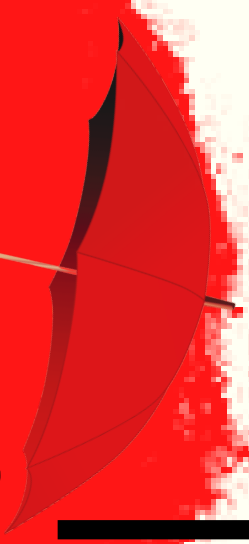


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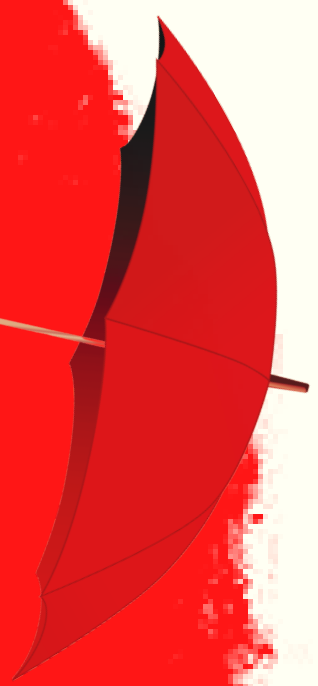
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