



## 2018 Calendar: 16 days of activism against gender-based violence in Midlothian and East Lothian

From 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10 December, Human Rights Day, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign is a time to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world. The international campaign originated from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute coordinated by the Center for Women's Global Leadership in 1991.

Here is our local calendar of events (all free) and events in Edinburgh. For more information or to register for an event please contact the event organiser below. For general information contact: [emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk) ...

Date	Event	Time	Where	Organised by	Who is it for...
28 November	<b>White Ribbon Campaign: Engaging men to stand up to violence against women and girls</b>	5.30-8.30pm	Brunton Hall, Ladywell Way, <b>Musselburgh</b>	White Ribbon Campaign Scotland and EMPPO. To register contact: <a href="mailto:emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk">emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk</a>	For men from all walks of life and women who have access to a male audience (services, business, communities, police, sixth year students, university students, staff)
29 November	<b>Working with adult survivors of rape and sexual assault - training</b>	9.30-4.30	Brunton Hall, Ladywell Way, <b>Musselburgh</b>	Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre and EMPPO. To register contact: <a href="mailto:emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk">emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk</a>	Interactive training for practitioners from a range of services/disciplines, which aims to increase understanding of rape and sexual assault, and explore effective ways of supporting survivors. For people who have completed Violence Against Women introduction.
3 December	<b>Helping and supporting survivors of Honour based violence - training</b>	1.30-5pm	Brunton Hall, <b>Musselburgh</b>	Bright Choices, SACRO and EMPPO. To register contact: <a href="mailto:emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk">emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk</a>	Practitioners from all sectors
5 December	<b>Continuous Professional Development Event: Coercive</b>	9.00-1pm	Ashleigh Gray Lecture Theatre,	Changing Lives Overview Group, Midlothian Council	Midlothian Social Work staff across all three service areas: Children's

	<b>Control</b>		Community High School, <b>Newbattle</b>		Services, Adult Services and Criminal Justice
<b>6 December</b>	<b>Helping and supporting survivors of Honour based violence - training</b>	9.30-1pm	Brunton Hall <b>Musselburgh</b>	Bright Choices, SACRO and EMPPO. To register contact: emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk	Inter-agency staff – all sectors
<b>7 December</b>	<b>Women’s Aid East and Midlothian Annual Event &amp; AGM: Featuring performance- ‘H is 4’ by Naomi Breeze ‘Our Christmas Show’ by Defy the Heard - young person’s drama group – and much more....</b>	2-4pm	St John’s & Kings Park Church, <b>Dalkeith</b>	WAEML To register contact: nancy@womensaideml.org	General public and WAEML members and service users
<b>All 16 days</b>	<b>Social media campaign</b>	-	Internet	WAEML Contact: info@womensaideml.org	The general public
<b>All 16 days</b>	<b>Multi-media campaign focusing on the White Ribbon Campaign</b>	-	Printed media, internet, events and Twitter	Public Protection Office / VAWG Coordinator Veronica Campanile. Contact: emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk	The general public and partners

**Events in Edinburgh and further afield ....**

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<b>22 November</b>	<b>Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre: 'Storytelling and Survival': 40 Years of Edinburgh Rape Crisis-</b> <i>held in Book Week Scotland, this events explores the power of storytelling in healing from sexual violence and campaigning for change</i>	6-8.30pm	Scottish Storytelling Centre, <b>Edinburgh</b>	Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre (includes the East and Midlothian Sexual Abuse Services)  To register contact: info@ercc.scot	General public; professionals and practitioners; survivors; activists.
<b>22 November</b>	<b>End Gender Based Violence Together!</b> <i>Share a drink with us and tell us why you want to join the fight against GBV, and what more we should be doing as individuals, as a community and as a society to create a world of equal opportunity for all.</i>	8-10pm	Sheraton Hotel and Spa, 1 Festival Square, <b>Edinburgh</b> EH3 9SR	16 Days Edinburgh Chapter Book at: <a href="https://goo.gl/eQq8M6">https://goo.gl/eQq8M6</a>	Anyone who wants to join the fight against GBV
<b>26 November</b>	<b>Gender, self-harm and suicide: some sociological contributions</b> <i>-Seminar and interactive discussion - drawing on over a decade of experience researching self-harm and suicide from a sociological perspective, Amy Chandler will summarise and trouble gendered assumptions about self-harm and suicide.</i>	2-3.30pm	Sacro Boardroom, 29 Albany Street, <b>Edinburgh</b> , EH1 3QN	16 Days Edinburgh; Sacro; the University of Edinburgh; Edinburgh Chapter of 16 Days  To register: <a href="https://goo.gl/q35rnp">https://goo.gl/q35rnp</a>	Service providers / practitioners and anyone with an interest in this topic

<b>27 November</b>	<b>My Big Beating Voice: Art, Suffrage and the Politics of being a Girl of Colour</b> <i>– showcasing the voices and views of young ethnic minority and/or Muslim women and girls, in response to the centenary of some women first gaining the right to vote in the UK.</i>	6-8pm	Sacro Boardroom, 29 Albany Street, <b>Edinburgh</b> , EH1 3QN	16 Days Edinburgh; Amina (MWRC); ERCC; Bright Choices; Sacro; Edinburgh Chapter of 16 Days	
<b>29 November</b>	<b>"Silence Marks"</b> <i>–Photography Exhibition raising awareness of the impact of sexual assault and gender based violence</i>	tbc	University of Edinburgh Chaplaincy Centre, 1 Bristo Place, <b>Edinburgh</b> , EH8 9AL	Edinburgh Chapter-16 Days of Activism; Artist and University of Edinburgh Student Allie Haddlesey	Anyone with an interest in this
<b>29 November</b>	<b>Defending Human Rights</b> - <i>Seminar - what a Human Rights Defender is, the challenges that this brings, advice that human rights defenders would give to others and discussing how we can strengthen the hand of Defenders in Scotland</i>	2-4pm	The Melting Pot, 4th Floor, 5 Rose Street, <b>Edinburgh</b> , EH2 2PR	Human Rights Consortium Scotland/ Amnesty International, Scottish Youth Parliament; the Edinburgh Tenants Federation  To register: hrcscotland@gmail.com	Anyone interested in this
<b>1 December</b>	<b>Seminar-workshop: Gender Based Violence in the LGBT Community</b>	1.30-4pm	Edinburgh Sheriff Court, 27 Chambers Street, <b>Edinburgh</b> , EH1 1LB	Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service; Scottish Trans Alliance; Police Scotland; Sacro  To register:	Anyone with an interest in this.

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<b>2 December</b>	<b>Thelma and Louise – Film screening</b>	tbc	Filmhouse Cinema, Edinburgh	YWCA, Filmhouse Book tickets at the Filmhouse Cinema or see: <a href="http://www.filmhousecinema.com/">http://www.filmhousecinema.com/</a> - Cost dependant on ticket type	Open to anyone
<b>5 December</b>	<b>Conference: What Honour Means to Me</b> <i>-a day of motivation, inspiration and wisdom-sharing. We will be dispelling myths and promoting good practice around dealing with cases of 'honour'-based abuse. Speakers include Nazir Afzal, OBE; former Crown Prosecutor and well-known campaigner against forced marriage, FGM and 'honour' killings.</i>	10-4pm	Police Scotland College, <b>Tullialan</b>	Shakti Women's Aid; Police Scotland  To register: Evenbrite <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-honour-means-to-me-tickets-50480140459?invite=&amp;err=29&amp;referrer=&amp;discount=&amp;affiliate=&amp;eventpassword=">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-honour-means-to-me-tickets-50480140459?invite=&amp;err=29&amp;referrer=&amp;discount=&amp;affiliate=&amp;eventpassword=</a>	
<b>6 December</b>	<b>Seminar: Childhood Attachment Wounds and the making of an abusive male: led by Dr. Tim McConville</b>	5-7pm	Sacro Boardroom, 29 Albany Street, <b>Edinburgh</b> , EH1 3QN	16 Days Edinburgh Chapter; SAPC- the Scottish Association for Psychodynamic Counselling; Sacro Cost £25 / contact <a href="mailto:sapc.communications@yahoo.com">sapc.communications@yahoo.com</a>	
	<b>Edinburgh Women's Aid AGM</b>	6-7.30pm	Edinburgh	Edinburgh Women's Aid	Anyone with an interest in the work

	<i>-Focus on housing and in our 45<sup>th</sup> year remembering the first refuge set up in Edinburgh December 1973 ...</i>		Women's Aid	To book please contact info@edinwomensaid.co.uk , by Friday 30th November 2018	of Women's Aid
<b>7 December</b>	<b><i>Conflict and Compassion Workshop</i></b> <i>- led by Githa Overton, the Bright Choices mediation and conflict resolution support team.</i>	10-1pm	Edinburgh and Lothians Regional Equality Council (ELREC): 14 Forth Street, <b>Edinburgh</b> , EH1 3LH	Bright Choices; Edinburgh and Lothians Regional Equality Council (ELREC)  To register: <a href="https://goo.gl/KSDPbv">https://goo.gl/KSDPbv</a>	<b>Experiential Workshop with group participation</b> - open to anyone
<b>8 December</b>	<b>Seminar: 'My Marriage, My Rights'</b>	1-4pm	Edinburgh Sheriff Court, 27 Chambers Street, <b>Edinburgh</b> , EH1 1LB	Bright Choices; Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service; Police Scotland; Shakti Women's Aid To register: <a href="https://goo.gl/wTsS8m">https://goo.gl/wTsS8m</a>	For professionals and the public, particularly anyone with an interest in finding out more about their marriage rights, and forced marriage in particular.
<b>9 December</b>	<b>"Dreamcatcher" a film by Kim Longinotto</b> <i>'Film Screening and Panel / discussion with representatives from Police Scotland; Trafficking Awareness Raising Alliance; the City of Edinburgh Council; and the Another Way Service (Sacro)</i>	3-6pm	Edinburgh Filmhouse Cinema, 88 Lothian Road, <b>Edinburgh</b> , EH3 9BZ	16 Days Edinburgh Chapter; Filmhouse Cinema; Sacro  Book tickets at the Filmhouse Cinema or see: <a href="http://www.filmhousecinema.com/">http://www.filmhousecinema.com/</a> - cost dependant on ticket type	Anyone with an interest
<b>13 December</b>	<b>Fearless Edinburgh- Challenging Gender Based Violence</b> <i>The event will consider: -Preventing sexual violence at Edinburgh's universities; -Raising awareness about sexual</i>	9am to 1pm	Upper Hall, Pleasance Courtyard, 60 The Pleasance, <b>Edinburgh</b> , EH8 9TJ	Fearless Edinburgh- Partnership of higher education institutions, Police Scotland, NHS, Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre	Staff at Edinburgh's universities and public sector/third sector practitioners who work with people affected by gender-based violence.  <i>Speakers include:</i>

	<i>violence and consent; -Effective support students and staff affected by sexual violence; -Responding to complaints made by staff and students.</i>			To register please visit: <a href="https://fearlessedinburghvent.eventbrite.co.uk">https://fearlessedinburghvent.eventbrite.co.uk</a>	<i>-Fiona Drouet, mother of Emily Drouet -Professor Jane Norman, University of Edinburgh -Graham Goulden, Director of Cultivating Minds UK</i>
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