

# 16 Days of Action against Gender-Based Violence Launch Event

“From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Make Education Safe for All”

25<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (9.00am-2.00pm)

The 16 days of Activism against Gender Based Violence Campaign is an annual campaign which runs from 25<sup>th</sup> November (International Day against Violence against Women) to 10<sup>th</sup> December (International Human Rights Day).

Each year the campaign has a theme. This year, the theme is **education** with a focus on the relationship between gender based violence and education from a local, national and international perspective including:

- The right to education in situations of violent conflict
- The right to education in relative peace
- The right to education in a variety of educational settings

The NCSPVA is pleased to invite you to the launch of the 16 days of Activism against Gender Based Violence with an event in which key speakers will talk about the link between education and gender based violence locally, nationally and internationally.



Delegates are invited to bring a Christmas present suitable for a child of any age. Christmas presents collected will be donated to children in refuges. All presents should be unwrapped. Donations are also welcome for a variety of chosen charities and projects nominated by our speakers.



## Bookings

This event is free of charge and open to all, but booking is essential.

To book a place, please go to:

<https://16daysofaction-ncspva.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

## Event Outline

09.00am **Registration**

09.30am **Welcome**

**Dr Ruth Jones OBE**

*Director & Principal Lecturer, NCSPVA*

09.45am **School-related gender-based violence is preventing the achievement of quality education for all**

**Dr Catherine Jere**

*School of International Development, University of East Anglia*

School related gender-based violence - an obstacle to the achievement of quality education for all.

10.15am **Children – the forgotten victims and survivors of war**

**Aneeta Williams**

*Head of Programme Quality, War Child*

In 2014 UNHCR reported that more than 50 million people were displaced throughout the world as a result of war and natural disasters, the highest number since World War II, War Child continued to grow the reach and impact of our work with children in conflict-affected countries. Our projects reached over 98,000 children, young people and adults, and of this total more than 72,000 were children. In these emergency settings War Child's response has focussed on short term measures to provide safe spaces where children can regain some sense of a normal, structured life, continue their formal and informal learning. This presentation will outline some of the emerging themes of abuse and violence committed against children and how we have been supporting them to overcome trauma and build on their resilience.

10.45am **A Girl's Right to Learn without Fear: working to end gender-based violence at school**

**Lucy Russell**

*UK Girls Rights Campaign Manager, PLAN UK*

Gender based violence in and around schools is a global phenomenon effecting girls from Lima to Lagos to London and preventing them from fulfilling their potential. This International Day to End Violence against Women, focusses on the right of girls to #Learnwithoutfear.

11.15am **Healthy Relationships; Gender Based Violence and Education in Worcestershire**

**Beverley Gilbert**

*Senior Lecturer, NCSPVA*

**Martin Lakeman**

*Strategic Co-ordinator, Worcestershire Forum against Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence*

11.45pm **BREAK**



12.15pm **Education for change: Tackling gender based violence in university communities**

**Dr Sundari Anitha**

*Senior Lecturer in Criminology, University of Lincoln*

(Ana Jordan, Zowie Davy, Jill Jameson, Aylwyn Walsh and Claire Markham)  
*University of Lincoln*

This presentation is based on the experience of setting up 'Stand Together', one of the first bystander education programmes to address the issue of GBV in a UK university. Some of the issues that will be explored include perceptions about particular manifestations of GBV in student communities, young people's resistances to violence-tolerant norms and expressions.

**Dr Ruth Lewis**

*Senior Lecturer in Sociology, Northumbria University*

We've heard a lot recently about some of the worst aspects of masculinity at universities. But women are fighting back, challenging so-called 'lad culture' and working to make their universities safe places to study, live and grow. This talk will explore how young women use feminism and features of the university environment to challenge oppressive cultures and to envision their feminist futures.

1.15pm **Panel**

1.35pm **Award Ceremony – Worcestershire White Ribbon Status**

2.00pm **End**

***\*In any given year the availability of Conferences, Events and Study Days will depend on delegate numbers. If the minimum number of required delegates is not reached, the event may be cancelled.***



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