

## **16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence**

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### **December 6: Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**

Thank you for your interest in participating in Huron Domestic Assault Review Team's campaigns to unite our communities in the fight to end gender-based violence. November is recognized as Women Abuse Prevention Month, and we are pleased to provide several opportunities for you to take part in our community initiatives to showcase our united support to bring an end to gender-based violence in Huron County. The following is information on how to join our campaign to show your support for this important cause.

### **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**

Each year the United Nations declares November 25- December 10 the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. The 16 days span over several important dates for activism; November 25th is the International Day to End Gender-Based Violence, and the last day of the campaign December 10th is International Human Rights Day.

The 2021 global theme is "Orange the World: End violence against woman now". This year has been deeply impactful to all marginalized groups. Unfortunately women, girls and non-binary people continue to be a marginalized group on the basis of gender. The global pandemic has influenced a spike in gender-based violence issues in every corner of the world.

November 25th, the first day of this campaign is marked as the Orange Day by the United Nation's UNiTE to End Violence against Women Campaign. The colour orange represents a brighter future free from violence. As a show of solidarity, please consider wearing orange on November 25th. Agencies and individuals are encouraged to post pictures of themselves wearing orange on their social networking platforms including the hashtags #OrangeTheWorld, #EndGenderBasedViolence, and/or #EndViolenceAgainstWomen.

Huron DART has also created several social media posts available to your agency to share online. Head to Huron DART's Facebook page on November 23, 25, December 6, and 10th to share our posts (posts will go live at 10am on our Facebook page on the specified dates). Alternatively, you can refer to the social media information at the end of this document which includes captions to accompany the social media posts.

Huron DART will also be hosting awareness banners at various community spaces to encourage our community members to take part. Each banner is approximately 6' x 2' and has its own stand-alone frame. If you would like to discuss hosting a banner, please contact Huron DART's committee coordinator: [dart@huronwomensshelter.com](mailto:dart@huronwomensshelter.com)

For more information on the 16 Days of Activism, visit:

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism>

### **December 6th: National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**

December 6th falls within the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. In 1989 on December 6th, a horrific event of gender-based violence took the lives of 14 women. A mass shooting took place at L'École Polytechnique de Montréal; the shooter separated the men from the women for this incident of mass femicide. These women lost their lives because of gender.

Since that event, Canada recognizes December 6th as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. On this day each year we remember and honour all of those who have experienced gender-based violence and unite to take action to prevent a future with gender-based violence.

Buildings across Huron County lower their flags to half-mast on December 6th to show solidarity and honour all of the people who have been harmed by gender-based violence issues. If available, we encourage your organization to lower their flag to half-mast for this day.

Two years ago, Huron DART hosted a memorial service on December 6th to honour victims and survivors of gender-based violence. Due to the pandemic, we are unable to meet in person again this year. We are sharing a memorial video to be posted online instead. The video will be ready to be shared on December 4th. We will post this video on our Facebook page by 10am on December 4th; you are encouraged to share the video from our Facebook page.

Alternatively, please contact our committee coordinator to receive this memorial video on December 4th. You are encouraged to share this video with your social networks;  
[dart@huronwomensshelter.com](mailto:dart@huronwomensshelter.com)

For more information about these campaigns or about Huron DART, please reach out to our committee coordinator (see the above email address). We look forward to having your support

and involvement with these important projects to bring awareness towards our ultimate goal of ending gender-based violence!

### **Social Media Posts**

On the following pages are the social media posts for the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. Feel free to save each image file (left click, “save image”) and copy and paste the paragraph accompanying each post for your Facebook page, or, simply head to Huron DART’s Facebook to share each post directly from our page on the following dates. Don't forget to “like” our page while you’re there! Each post will go live on DART’s Facebook at 10am.

<https://www.facebook.com/hurondart>

16 Days Post 1: November 23



**NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 10**

## 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

**#ORANGETHeworld : FUND, RESPOND, PREVENT, COLLECT**

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence runs from November 25- December 10. The theme of this year's campaign is "Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect".

On November 25th, we invite you to wear orange to show your solidarity and collective action against gender-based violence. We wear orange on this day to hope for a bright future, free of violence.

Visit [hurondart.ca](http://hurondart.ca) for local resources.

16 Days Post 2: November 25



November 25 marks the International Day Against Gender-based Violence. This date was chosen to honour the three Mirabal sisters Patria, Minerva and María Teresa. The three women were political activists from the Dominican Republic who were murdered under the order of their country's dictator in 1960.

Today, we join in activism across the world to recognize the ongoing issues of gender-based violence. Today, we join hands across the world to support survivors and victims of gender-based violence. Together we are strong!

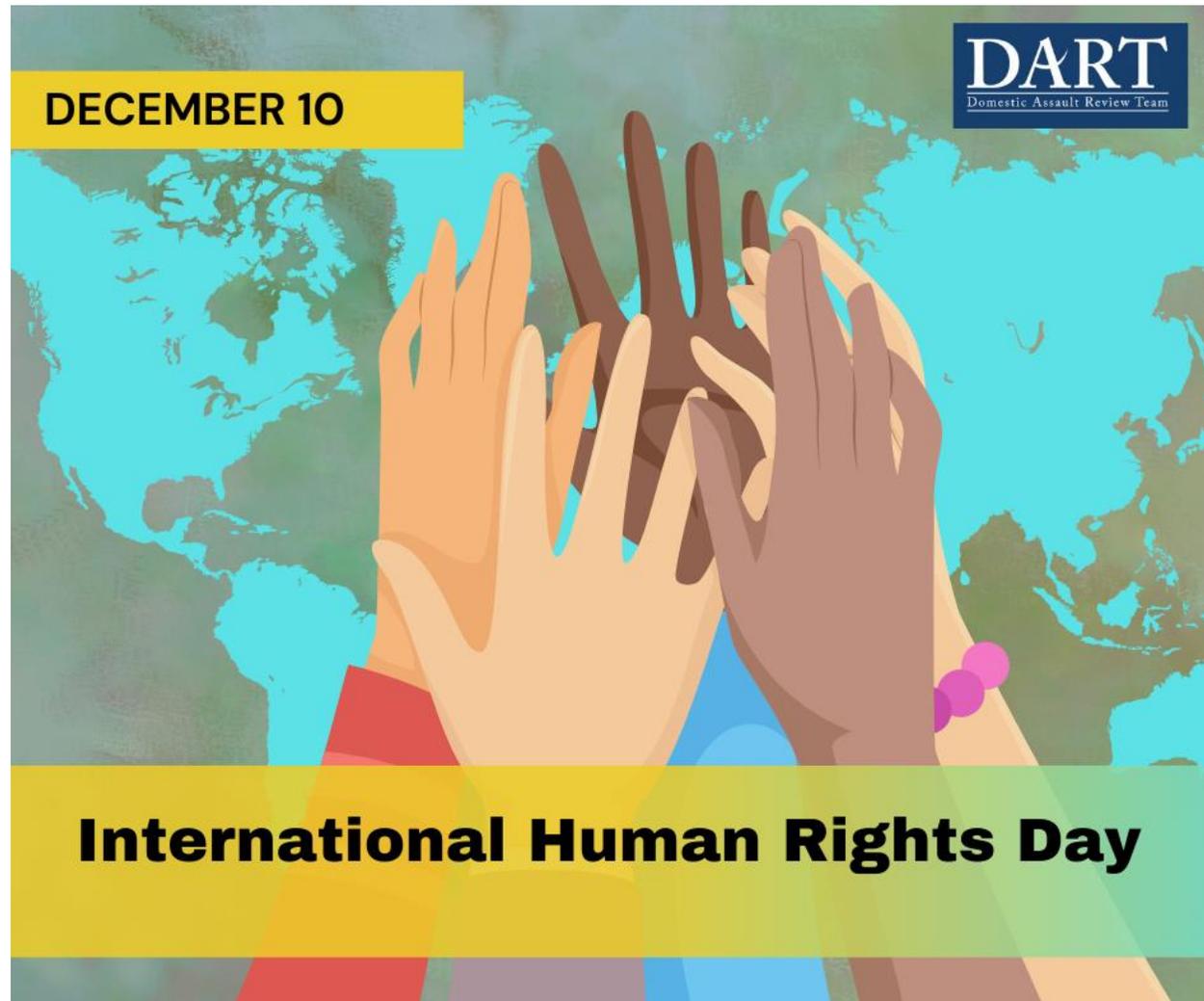
16 Days Post 3: December 6



Today marks the anniversary of the mass shooting at L'École Polytechnique de Montréal in 1989. Fourteen young women were murdered because they were women. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, we honour and remember everyone who has been impacted by or experienced gender-based violence.

Huron DART has created an awareness video to mark this tragic anniversary and to provide information on how to address gender-based violence. The video is available on the Huron DART Facebook page and website ([www.hurondart.ca](http://www.hurondart.ca)).

16 Days Post 4: December 10



This year's Human Rights Day theme reflects on how all parts of humanity have been impacted by COVID-19. "Recover Better: Stand Up for Human Rights" represents the need to build better recovery efforts with human rights at the centre. Everyone deserves equal opportunity and access to resources for their well-being.

Gender-based violence is a big issue in Canada. Individuals who identify as Indigenous, Black, LGBTQ2S+, or differently abled are at a greater risk for gender-based violence.

Together we can create communities where everyone has equal opportunity to flourish.