

# 16 Days of Activism to end

Violence Against Women and  
Girls

A Toolkit

Ending  
Gender-Based  
Violence



# When are the **16 Days** of Activism?

The 16 Days of Activism campaign starts on the:

**25<sup>th</sup> November** = International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

and ends on the

**10<sup>th</sup> December** = International Human Rights Day

Highlighting that violence against women is a fundamental violation of human rights.

# Why do we need the 16 Days of Activism?



## ONLY 1%

of reported rapes of women result in a conviction **AND 6 in 7** rapes are committed by someone the victim knows

## EVERY 3 DAYS

In the UK, a woman is killed by a partner or ex-partner **AND** an additional 3 women a week die through suicide due to domestic abuse

## 300 Years

Is how long it will take to end child marriage if we continue at this rate. Every minute 23 girls (under 18) are married. These girls are often married to adult men



# Examples of types of **VAWG?**



When someone hurts, scares, or controls a person they have a relationship with, like a partner or family member. It can be physical, emotional, controlling, or even about money.

## Domestic Abuse

## Street Harassment



Touching someone in a sexual way **without their consent**. You don't need to be physically injured for it to be assault.

## Sexual Assault

The partial or total removal of external female genitalia for non-medical reasons. Even though is a cultural rite of passage believed to preserve a girl's purity until marriage, **it is abuse**.

## Female genital mutilation

Unwanted attention that happens more than once and causes you fear, anxiety or distress.



Violence or control used by family or community members to protect their so-called 'family honour'.

## Stalking

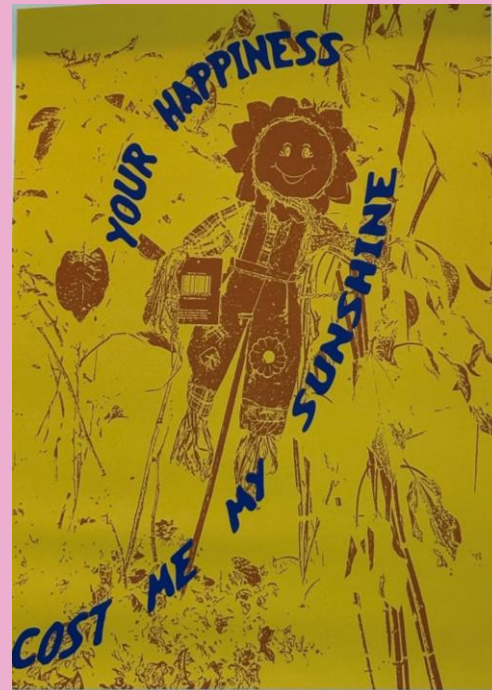
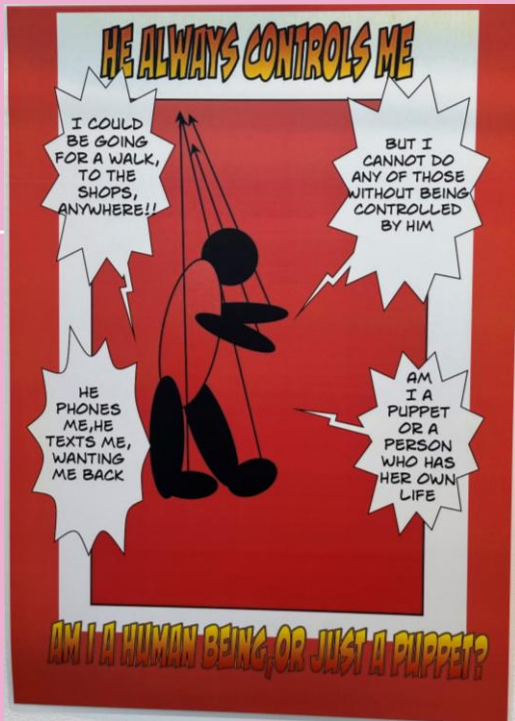
This can include persistent calls, messages, gifts, following someone, or tracking their activities online or in person.

**e.g.** Physical punishment for wearing makeup because her family think it makes her promiscuous.

## So-called 'Honour' based abuse

# ENTER IN OUR ART SHOWCASE!

Last year, we asked survivors of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) to create art about their experience. We created an art gallery of their work at the Curve!



# ENTER IN OUR ART SHOWCASE!

This year, we are invitng YOU to create VAWG related art!

We're inviting artists to showcase their creativity and activism in our **16 Days of Activism** themed **Art Gallery** in Slough! To participate:

Send your artwork to [bethanie.axtell@slough.gov.uk](mailto:bethanie.axtell@slough.gov.uk) with the subject: **16 DAYS ART SHOWCASE**

In your email, include your **full name, age, and school.**

If you'd like to create a 3D piece, such as a sculpture, please mention this in your email — we can arrange collection.

Deadline: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Let your art speak for change and be part of this inspiring community exhibition!