

Women's Rights Center www.cpk.org.pl

On December 7, 2010, the Women's Rights' Center and Agreement beyond Borders Foundation are co-organizing a debate on the role of men in combating gender based violence. The debate will be followed by an award ceremony at which Polish men will be honored with a White Ribbon award in recognition for their contribution to the fight against violence against women. White Ribbon Campaign is the largest effort in the world of men working to end violence against women. It started in Canada in 1991 where a group of men decided they had a responsibility to urge men to speak out about violence against women. Wearing a white ribbon became a symbol of men's opposition to gender-based violence.

Venue: Teatr Kamienica, Al. Solidarnosci 93

Institute for Psychology of Health - Blue Line Emergency Line www.niebieskalinia.pl

On December 10, 2010, the Warsaw City Authorities and the Institute for Psychology of Health which operates Blue Line - a national hotline for victims of domestic violence are co-hosting a conference on combating violence against the elderly and disabled. According to the organizers, the topic is well suited to the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. The main conference goals include: raising public awareness about the scale and characteristics of the phenomenon; improving professional skills of social workers and experts who work on domestic violence issues. In addition, a special issue of the Blue Line periodical devoted to the issue of violence against the elderly and disabled will be published and distributed among professionals.

Venue: Ursynow Municipality Hall, ul. KEN 61, Warsaw

Feminoteka Foundation www.feminoteka.pl

On November 25, 2010, Feminoteka and the Polish Teachers' Union are co-hosting a conference entitled: Why teenage girls are aggressive? The main goal of the conference is to draw attention to the problem of violence against girls, which is a serious problem but it is often neglected and ignored. The conference agenda includes presentations on stereotypes in girl-boy relationship, sexual violence against girls, and good practices in combating the problem in Poland and the European Union.

Venue: Teacher's Union Office, ul. Smulikowskiego 6/8, Warsaw

Specialized Center for Victims of Domestic Violence in Kielce www.mopr.kielce.pl

Specialized Center for Victims of Domestic Violence in Kielce in cooperation with the Kielce City Authorities and Kielce University are organizing a White Ribbon campaign between November 25 and December 12, 2010 under the slogan "I love, like, respect and do not beat". The campaign will be devoted to the problems of violence against the elderly. It will start with a scientific conference on the elderly and forms of violence against them. Throughout the campaign, there will be numerous other initiatives, including "Super granddad" – workshops for preschool children, psychological workshops for men, classes on violence organized for the senior citizens' clubs. The campaign will officially end on December 12 with the handball match.

Network of East-West Women – NEWW Poland <http://www.neww.eu/en/baltic/index/0.html>

NEWW Poland is initiating a project under the title: "South Baltic area - Violence Free Zone"; the project is answering a need for cooperation and exchange of good practices on ways of opposing and preventing domestic violence against women between civil society organizations, local governments and institutions like police or crisis intervention centers. The main goal of the project is to declare and create "Violence against women free zone" in the South Baltic Region. Our main goal is to make our region friendlier and safer for women. The countries from this region have different historical, social or political background but there is the common problem, namely - Violence Against Women.

La Strada – Foundation against Human Trafficking and Slavery www.strada.org.pl