

Below is a summary of our **WAVE members' 16 Days of Activism initiatives**.

Together, let's continue to raise our voices, strengthen our 2024 #WAVEofChange, and move closer to a future free from violence against women and girls.

AUSTRIA

- **AÖF - Association of Autonomous Austrian Women's Shelters:** Visit AÖFs 16-Days calendar of activities [HERE](#).
- **FEM.A – Association of Feminist Single Mothers.** Their campaign focuses on raising awareness about the violence faced by single parents, including both abuse from ex-partners and harmful institutional responses. For more info go [HERE](#).
- **Ni una Menos.** Their campaign celebrates the successful removal of a mural of sexual offender Helmut Kand in Vienna, via a [petition](#), and a series of activities, including a [lecture](#), a [discussion](#), and a demo on Monday the 25th.

AZERBAIJAN

- **Clean World AID to WOMEN Social Union.** Has shared an article that explores the intersection of climate change and gender-based violence, shedding light on an often-overlooked aspect of women's vulnerabilities in the region. Read the article [HERE](#). Additionally, check out this post from the UK in Azerbaijan highlighting their collaboration on tackling gender-based violence [HERE](#), and a post from FCDO Gender outlining their commitment to supporting women and girls affected by gender-based violence [HERE](#).

GEORGIA

- **Women's Fund "Sukhumi"** has published a brief titled "*Awareness of Support Services for Women Affected by Violence*," based on research conducted across 11 municipalities in Georgia from May to October 2024. The study reveals a positive trend, with uninformed women decreasing from 12% to 5%, but highlights ongoing challenges in raising awareness of available services, which impacts access and quality of support. The findings stress the importance of strategic, long-term efforts to improve awareness. Access the full brief [HERE](#).

GERMANY

- **PAPATYA - Crisis Facility for Young Migrant Women:** Their initiative includes interactive webinars for professionals and a special fundraising campaign in honour of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The funds raised will support an anonymous crisis facility. For more info go [HERE](#).

POLAND

- **JUNIPER FOUNDATION** is organising WenDo workshops, exploratory walks, and webinars focused on public safety and preventing gender-based violence. Activities are held in Warsaw, Krakow, and online, in collaboration with partners like WAVE and Plan International Poland. See the links to activities and resources:

*Meeting and exploratory walk "Safer Cities" for women***

25.12.2024, 17:00–19:30, Warsaw: [More information](#) | [Register here](#)

Webinar: "WAVE OF POWER for women's rights organisations"

5.12.2024, 12:00–13:30: [More information](#) | [Register here](#)

*Meeting and exploratory walk "Safer Cities" for women**

7.12.2024, 10:30–13:00, Warsaw: [More information](#) | [Register here](#)

*WenDo workshops: Self-defence and assertiveness for women**

7–8.12.2024, 10:00–16:00, Krakow: [More information](#) | [Register here](#)

Exhibition on the 140th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Women's Movement: This event celebrates the history and achievements of the Ukrainian women's movement, presented in Polish and Ukrainian. More details [HERE](#).

Ongoing Campaign: Safety Right Now! [Details here](#)

Share the spot: [Watch video](#)

Order stickers: [Order here](#)

Resources for Advocacy:

WAVE Campaigning Handbook for Young Activists: [Read here](#)

Research on girls' safety in cities: [View results](#)

Guide to organising exploratory walks: [Download here](#)

Additional materials: kampania16dni.pl

SLOVENIA

- **Association for Nonviolent Communication** hosted on Nov. 25th the third international conference for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, focusing on *The Effectiveness of Measures for Protecting Victims of Intimate Partner Violence*. The conference featured a lecture by Lundy Bancroft on working with perpetrators and the importance of protective measures, followed by two panel discussions on police and service responses to domestic violence and the assessment of circumstances and court decisions to protect victims.

UK

- **Scottish Women's Aid** launched the [#HerFreedomScotland](#) creative social media campaign on Women's Equality Day (26 August) 2024. The campaign invited the public to share what freedom from domestic abuse means to them, symbolised through images of shoes in meaningful locations, and featured contributions from SWA's Survivor Reference Group. This initiative sparked widespread engagement on social media, with women across Scotland sharing their pain and hopes for the future, highlighting the *collective power of shared experiences*. The campaign concluded with a [video summarising its key themes](#), underscoring the importance of freedom from domestic abuse.