

# Prevention of Violence Against Women Week

April 17 to 23, 2011

## EVENTS CALENDAR

*All are encouraged to attend these events being held across B.C. during Prevention of Violence Against Women Week. These events provide great educational and networking opportunities. Join in these local efforts to help prevent violence against women!*

Monday,  
April 18 to  
Wednesday,  
April 20

### **100 Mile House Clothesline Project**

100 Mile House & District Womens Centre has created and exhibited its own community Clothesline Project as a part of the effort to raise awareness of this issue that effects women, children, friends and family as well as the community as a whole. The Clothesline Project is a visual display that bears witness to violence against women. Each shirt is decorated to represent a particular woman's experience and is created by the survivor herself or by someone who cares about her. Men who have been affected by violence against women are welcome to participate.

The Clothesline Project will be displayed at:

Canim Lake Band Eliza Archie Memorial School	April 18, 1:00 p.m - 2:00 p.m
100 Mile House and District Womens Centre	April 19, 11:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m
Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School Youth Zone	April 20, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m

Recycled t-shirts and paints will be available for creating t-shirts at the centre as well as during the display.

**Contact:** Ashleigh or Trish at 250 395-4093

**Tuesday,  
April 19 to  
Saturday,  
April 23**

**New Westminister**

The Community Action Committee for Women who have Experienced Violence in New Westminister is undertaking the “Purple Lights Project” this year during Prevention of Violence Against Women Week. The goal of the Purple Light Project is to have all residents/businesses shine a purple light on every front porch or hang a string of purple lights in every business window to send the message that “Domestic Violence Has NO Place In Our Community”. The outcome of Purple Light Nights™ is to increase the awareness of domestic violence issues and its effect on children and families. Several agencies and businesses in New Westminister including City Hall are participating and will be hanging up a string of purple lights. For those who wish to participate, we have lights available. A string of lights for \$20 or a single purple light bulb for \$1. For more information go to [www.purplelightnights.org](http://www.purplelightnights.org).

**Contact:** Lorrie or Roshni 604 521-1888 or Heather 604 525-9144

**Tuesday,  
April 19**

**Vancouver**

**Watch Your Drink: A free public film screening and forum on drug-facilitated sexual assault**

As part of Prevention of Violence Against Women Week (April 17 to 23), the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Justice Education Society, WeCan BC, and SFU Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies Department are hosting a film screening of Dissolve: A Documentary on Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault and panel discussion emceed by Bhinder Sajan (CTV). Panel members include Meghan Gardiner (writer and producer of Dissolve), Tracy Porteous (Ending Violence Association of BC), Jan Sippel (Vancouver School Board), Denise Foster (Vancouver Police Department), and Rick Craig (Justice Education Society). Please join us for this important event.

**Where:** SFU Harbour Centre, Labatt Hall 1700, 515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

**When:** Tuesday, April 19. Doors at 6:30 p.m. Event from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Contact:** [victimservices@gov.bc.ca](mailto:victimservices@gov.bc.ca)

**Wednesday,  
April 20**

**Vancouver**

Sahara Services Society, in partnership with the Vancouver Police Department, is hosting At Home, On the Streets, a presentation on the relationship between domestic violence and gang violence. The presentation is directed at students and parents in the local Vancouver community and surrounding areas. Seating is limited. Please reserve in advance.

**Where:** David Thompson Secondary School auditorium, 1755 East 55th Avenue, Vancouver

**When:** Wednesday, April 20, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Contact:** 778 686-0453, sahara.society@gmail.com

**Thursday,  
April 21**

**Golden**

The Clothesline Project is a visual display that bears witness to the survivors as well as the victims of violence against women, to help with the healing process, and to educate, document and raise society's awareness of the extent of the problem of violence against women. From April 11th to April 21st, the Golden Women's Resource Centre (GWRC) will have shirt decorating supplies available during hours of operation for women (or the men who love them) to come and create a shirt, or other article of clothing to hang on the line. We have clothes available to use or you can also bring your own article of clothing. You can take some supplies home to create your shirt at home as well. Support will be available for anyone who might need someone to talk to throughout the process.

On April 21st, from noon to 2:30 p.m. the GWRC will be displaying the shirts and hosting a BBQ at Kumsheen Park, across from the movie theatre (if it's raining the BBQ will be at the Overwaitea).

Everyone is welcome to join us for some yummy food and to see the Clothesline Project.

**Where:** Kumsheen Park

**When:** Thursday, April 21, noon to 2:30 p.m.

**Contact:** Linley McLean, 250 344-5317

## Ongoing

### **Comox Valley**

The Comox Valley Purple Ribbon Peace Begins at Home Campaign runs April 11 to 30, 2011. The event is sponsored by the Mayors of Courtenay, Comox, Cumberland, Comox Valley Regional District, RCMP, CFB Comox, and Comox Valley Transition Society. Daily radio spots on Jet FM (98.9 FM) and The Eagle (97.3 FM) and in depth coverage in the Comox Valley Record and the Comox Valley Echo newspapers, signs and banners on local businesses and public buildings, decals on municipal vehicles, purple ribbons and information cards available in many locations. Information tables are available in local malls and at North Island College. Supporting Our Sisters workshops will be offered for those who have friends or family members who are experiencing abuse in relationships. For more information go to the Comox Valley Transition Society website at [www.cvts.ca](http://www.cvts.ca).

**Contact:** 250 897-0511

### **Kelowna**

Central Okanagan Elizabeth Fry society is running a print, radio and online campaign entitled Beyond Crisis: Stories of Hope and Survival. More information can be found at [www.beyondcrisis.ca](http://www.beyondcrisis.ca).

**Contact:** 250 763-4613

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