



Youth Workshop

Part Three: Transparencies



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Workshop Agenda

A. Introduction	4 minutes
B. Media Reporting	5 minutes
C. Defining Women against Violence	6 minutes
D. Making Connections: Inequality and Violence	10 minutes
E. Portrayal of Violence against Women in Canada	15 minutes
F. Costs of Violence against Women	3 minutes
G. Making Change Happen	10 minutes
H. Get Involved: Become a Change Maker	2 minutes
I. Question and Answer and Wrap-Up	5 minutes

Total Time: 60 minutes

Workshop Objectives

This workshop is designed to:

- Encourage participants to examine issues of women's rights, gender equality and global social justice
- Raise awareness about violence against women, understand why violence against women occurs and address violence against women as a current global challenge
- Introduce participants to the 'We Can End All Violence against Women' campaign
- Demonstrate the importance of **attitudinal change** in ending violence against women
- Encourage participants to become actively involved with initiatives to end violence against women
- Inspire participants to become Change Makers

Newspaper Article

Domestic dispute ends in injury, serious charges

By Jessey Bird Vancouver Sun July 30, 2007 Can West News Service

Windsor, Ont.—Neighbours quietly watched as a Windsor woman was taken away on Sunday evening, after her boyfriend allegedly ran her over with a mini-van—twice.

The 47-year-old accused male was arrested at the scene.

Police were called to a housing complex on Sunday at about 3:30 p.m. for a domestic disturbance.

The couple were arguing over a cellphone when the male allegedly hit his girlfriend with a mini-van, said police.

The victim was standing next to the car and the vehicle was reversing, said Staff Sgt. Steven

Bodri, “As a result of him reversing he struck her and I guess she fell down.

“He then proceeded to drive, causing further injuries, said Bodri.

The 40-year-old victim was immediately transported to hospital with a suspected fractured leg and arm. While she is expected to make a full recovery, Bodri said police take this kind of offence very seriously. “Any domestic violence incidents are serious,” said Bodri. “This is an ongoing problem we have every day in the city and elsewhere in the province.”



Factual Statements

- Globally, one in three women has experienced physical or sexual violence or abuse by a male.
- Among women aged 15-44 years, gender-based violence accounts for more death and disability than the combined effects of cancer, malaria, traffic injuries and war.
- Women are more likely to be victimized by a friend, family member or intimate partner, than by a stranger.
- The economic costs of violence against women in British Columbia, including health care, policing, incarceration, court proceedings and transition houses, totals approximately one billion dollars per year.
- 101,019 women and children were admitted to shelters across Canada between April 1, 2007 and March 31, 2008.
- In Canada only 30 percent of women who have experienced physical violence and less than 10 percent of women who have experienced sexual violence report these offences to the police.
- Over a five year period between 1994 and 1999 in Canada half a million children heard or witnessed a parent being assaulted.

What are the Effects of Violence against Women?

- Violence against women is not only a violation of fundamental human rights but it is also an obstacle to the achievement of equality, development and peace. Globally, violence against women has eroded women's rights to life, health, security, autonomy, bodily integrity and political participation.
- Violence against women carries serious consequences for both women's physical and psychological health; these consequences extend beyond any immediate physical damage. Women who have experienced violence are susceptible to drug and alcohol abuse, depression, anxiety, psychosomatic symptoms and suicide. Women who have experienced sexual violence have often experienced early sexual initiation and are increasingly vulnerable to unprotected sex, unplanned pregnancies and the contraction of sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS. Women who have experienced violence may also suffer from social isolation and rejection, lowered self-esteem and economic dependence.
- Children who experience violence or witness marital violence within the home have a higher propensity to become violent with others or suffer from violence themselves. Children experiencing domestic or family violence might also suffer from: emotional trauma, difficulties in school, lack of concentration, social isolation, lowered self-esteem and self-confidence and unstable living conditions.
- Violence against women has enormous social, economic and political repercussions for society at large. Violence against women undermines a society's social framework for development, justice, peace and equality. The economic costs associated with violence against women are high, included in these costs are: health care, policing, incarceration, intervention, transition houses, diminished productive capacities, social services, child services, court proceedings and intergenerational effects.



What Can YOU Do?

JOIN THE CAMPAIGN & BECOME A CHANGE MAKER!

Help us to change the ATTITUDES, BELIEFS and PRACTICES that support violence against women.

Change Makers pledge to:

- Speak out publicly against VAW
- Encourage 5 other people to join the 'We Can' campaign
- Challenge, existing gender-biased attitudes, stereotypes and practices in their community
- Support all laws that eradicate violence
- Support victims of violence



BECOME a FACILITATOR

Facilitate workshops to raise awareness about violence against women in your school, place of work and community!

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer with your local 'We Can' partner and participate in campaign events!

LEARN MORE

Visit our website to learn more about violence against women and the 'We Can' campaign!

START a CHANGE MAKERS CLUB at YOUR SCHOOL

For more information and to register as a Change Maker visit

<http://www.wecanbc.ca>

Change Makers

Change Makers Believe: Pledge

- ❖ Violence against women is never acceptable
- ❖ Change in current gender perceptions and attitudes is essential and possible
- ❖ Violence against women is a public issue, not a private matter
- ❖ Each individual has the potential to change her or his own life
- ❖ Change must begin now

What Do Change Makers Do?

- ❖ Initiate and encourage discussion about gender inequality and violence against women
- ❖ Act as role models of alternative behaviours
- ❖ Encourage others to recognize the various forms of gender violence and discrimination
- ❖ Enlist the help of influential community members to create a positive environment and to reduce risks for women

How Can They Do This?

- ❖ Talk to friends, neighbours and colleagues to raise awareness about violence against women and encourage them to re-examine their own attitudes and practices
- ❖ Increase their own awareness about violence against women
- ❖ Disseminate campaign information
- ❖ Challenge existing gender biased attitudes, stereotypes and practices
- ❖ Take a public stand against violence against women
- ❖ Support women who are experiencing violence



Resources

- The British Columbia 'We Can' Website: www.wecanbc.ca
- The South Asia/International 'We Can' Website: www.wecanendvaw.org
- The United Nations 4th World Conference on Women:
<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing/platform/violence.htm>
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW): <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/>
- Status of Women Canada: <http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/>
- Women's Organizations in British Columbia:
<http://www.distel.ca/womlist/countries/canada/britishcolumbia.html>

Supporting Victims of Violence

- VictimLINK: 1 800-563-0808 (Toll free 24/7 helpline for victims of family and sexual violence)
- Youth Against Violence Line: 1 800 680-4264 (Toll free 24/7 helpline for youth)
- List of BC Transition Houses: <http://www.cd.gov.bc.ca/women/contacts/th.htm>
- VictimsINFO: <http://victimsinfo.ca> (For victims and witnesses of crime in BC)

Legal Tools

- Legal Aid: <http://www.lss.bc.ca>
- Guide to BC Court System: <http://www.courtsofbc.ca>
- Family Law: <http://www.familylaw.lss.bc.ca>
- Legal Resources Database: <http://www.clicklaw.bc.ca>