



Anglican men speak out!

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence

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The Video: Anglican men speak out!

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This is what they say:

Boys are not born to be violent men and most men are not violent towards women.

But many of us are silent about violence against women and girls or see it as something that doesn't have anything to do with us.

We must speak out and act against violence now.

We can stand in solidarity with women

by making sure our churches are promoting and modelling safe, equal, respectful relationships between women, men, girls and boys

by providing safe space for victims and survivors of violence

by paying attention to biblical texts that encourage empowerment and participation of women

by finding the points of harmony between the values of our Christian faith and the best of our cultural heritage.

We can teach our boys and girls, young women and young men to honour themselves and each other as human beings cherished equally by God.

We cannot pretend that we are not aware of the reality of violence against women and girls.

As men of faith, we can take responsibility to speak out and end it.

Anglicans ending gender based violence!

Preventing and ending gender based violence is the work of men, women, girls and boys.

We know that men and boys can be victims and survivors of gender based violence too.

For the 16 Days, the focus is on ending violence against women and girls but any activism that promotes equal and respectful relationship will be good news, all year round, whoever and wherever we are.

For more resources for the 16 Days, see:

<http://bit.ly/Lt4VGF>

www.wewillspeakout.org

<http://anglicanalliance.org/pages/11041>

www.mothersunion.org/content/16-days-activism-pack

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“Gender-based violence is one of the greatest injustices in our world today. Every time an act of violence is committed, the inherent dignity of the women or girl affected is degraded ... The Church is already supporting and caring for those affected; it must continue in that work and must condemn the notion that such violence is ever acceptable. The Church must be an advocate for restored relationships of mutual respect and love, modelling the reconciling love shown by Christ to all people.”

Archbishop Justin Welby, see www.restoredrelationships.org

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence begin on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and end on 10 December, Human Rights Day.

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