

25 November - 10 December

The International Young Christian Workers (IYCW) is commemorating the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women today, 25th November 2014, and encourages all YCW national movements worldwide to initiate and take part in actions to end violence against women.

The action commences each year on 25th November and concludes on 10th December - ***International Human Rights Day***

During these 16 days of action against gender violence, the IYCW encourages all national movements around the world to call for the elimination of all forms of violence against women.

The actions aim at:

1. Raising awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue at local, national, regional and international levels;

2. Strengthening local work addressing violence against women;
3. Establishing a clear link between local and international work to end violence against women;
4. Providing a forum in which organisers can develop and share new and effective strategies; and
5. Creating tools to pressure governments to implement promises made to eliminate violence against women.

Women **empowerment** and **participation** has been a central point of focus of the IYCW since its establishment up to now. It is most important to have a gender balance in all aspects of life and work. The IYCW believes that the elimination of violence against women should be reinforced to guarantee equality between both women and men.

We wish you strong action for a better and more egalitarian society.

In solidarity,

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