

Flag Raising for the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence

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There will be a flag raising ceremony on **Nov. 25 at 11am** at the Niagara Region Headquarters in the International Plaza. All are welcome to attend.

The Government of Canada's theme for this year is **Come Together, Act Now**. It emphasizes on involving everyone in Canada, particularly men and boys in changing social norms, attitudes and behaviors that contribute to gender-based violence. It is a call to action urging all of us to recognize the signs of gender-based violence and to reach out for support, for ourselves or loved ones.

Become an ally by adopting these actions all year long:

- **Listen:** be open to learning from the experiences of others
- **Believe:** support survivors and those affected by violence
- **Educate (yourself and others):** learn the facts about GBV and participate in an event
- **Speak out:** add your voice to call out violence
- **Act:** give your time or donate to organizations working to end gender-based violence

If you or anyone you know are experiencing gender-based violence, please reach out to some of these local resources in Niagara:

- [Gillian's Place](#)
- [YWCA Niagara Region](#)
- [Victim Services Niagara](#)
- [Women's Place of South Niagara](#)
- [The Coalition to End Violence Against Women](#)
- [Niagara Sexual Assault Centre](#)

Social Media:

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