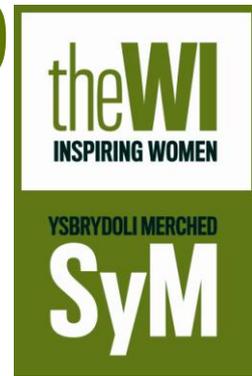


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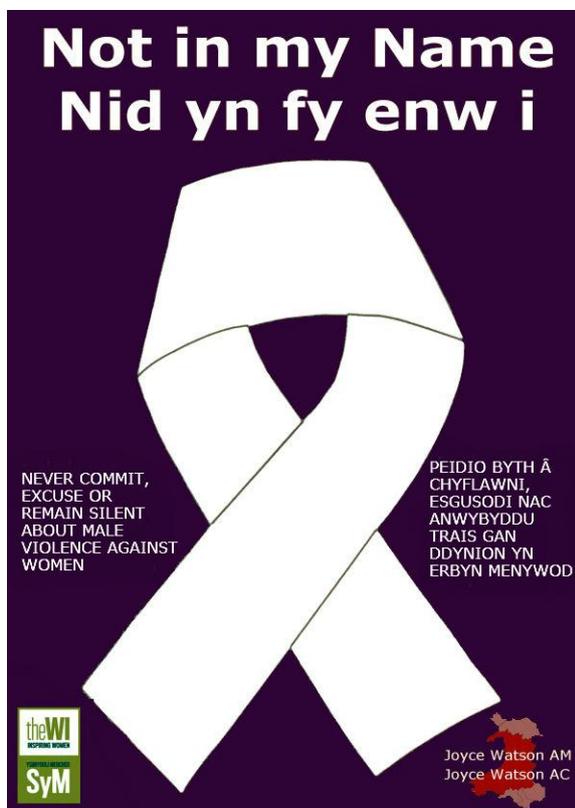
## A Campaign to End Violence Against Women



### Campaign overview

Violence Against Women (VAW) is a systematic abuse of women's essential human rights and a form of discrimination against women. It is both a cause and a consequence of inequality. Social attitudes towards both women and girls and VAW seek to excuse VAW and shift responsibility from perpetrators to the victims.

The NFWI has been campaigning for the elimination of VAW since 2008; raising awareness of the nature, extent and impact of all forms of VAW.



Since 2012, NFWI-Wales has worked with Joyce Watson AM, Assembly Member for Mid and West Wales to engage male ambassadors in speaking out against male violence against women during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (25 November to 10 December) and to spread the message that violence against women is unacceptable and will not to be tolerated. Engaging with boys and men is crucial in challenging the inequalities and attitudes that cause violence against women.

WIs across the country have taken part by recruiting local male groups and decision-makers to pledge their support to never commit, excuse or remain silent about male violence against women.

By signing the Not in my Name pledge and wearing a white ribbon, men across the country can send out a powerful message – that domestic abuse is never acceptable, should never be ignored and must never be excused.

### Prevalence of VAW

- It is estimated that, every year, around three million women across the UK experience VAW, which includes domestic violence but also rape, forced marriage, sexual exploitation and other forms of abuse and harassment.
- One in four women in Wales will experience domestic violence at the hands of a partner during their lives.
- Each year, 150,000 women in Wales will suffer some form of gender-based violence.
- Two women are murdered every week by their partner or ex partner.
- One incident of domestic violence is reported to the police every minute.
- Every year over 300,000 women are sexually assaulted and 60,000 women are raped.
- It is estimated that approximately 137,000 women and girls who have undergone FGM live in England and Wales.



The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an international campaign that starts on 25 November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and ends on 10 December, Human Rights Day. The campaign aims to raise awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue at local, national, regional and international level.

### White Ribbon Campaign

The White Ribbon Campaign is the largest effort in the world of men working to end men's violence against women. The white ribbon is a symbol of men's opposition to male violence against women. Wearing a white ribbon is a personal pledge never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women. Annually, men and boys are encouraged to wear a ribbon for one or two weeks, starting on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and International White Ribbon Day.

### Ideas for actions

#### Take part in the Not in my Name Competition

As part of the 2019 Not in My Name campaign, NFWI-Wales has set up a competition for members to create a 'Calligraphy or Word Art Picture in any medium'.

The deadline for entries is 13 September 2019. Competition guidelines are available to download here: <https://www.thewi.org.uk/s/competitionguidelines>



### Attend events at the Senedd, Cardiff Bay on 25 November 2019

NFWI-Wales and Joyce Watson AM will be organising an afternoon of events and activities in the Senedd to mark White Ribbon Day including a Candlelight Vigil outside the Senedd. WI members are encouraged to join us to show solidarity with victims of VAW across the world and to spread the message that VAW is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Further information will be published on social media and the website:- <https://www.thewi.org.uk/s/notinmyname/>



*2018 Candlelight Vigil*



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## **Organise your own Candlelight Vigil or another awareness-raising event**

Why not **establish links** with local authorities (a number have or are working towards gaining White Ribbon accreditation) and other women's groups in your area such as Women's Aid and Hafan Cymru to organise joint awareness-raising activities?

### **Recruit male ambassadors**

- **Approach potential male ambassadors and groups** to get involved in Not in my Name and arrange to meet with them to speak about the Campaign. Contact individuals and groups in your community such as:-
  - Local young farmers' clubs and farming unions;
  - male voice choirs, rotary and lions clubs;
  - rugby, football and others local sports clubs; and
  - Businesses and other employers in your area.

Do you have a celebrity in your area who could add their voice to the campaign and help raise awareness of this important issue?

- **Make white ribbons** to donate to the groups / ambassadors you have recruited.
- Organise a **photo opportunity** of male ambassadors holding / signing the poster.

### **Promote your activities**

- Issue a **press release** and use **social media** to promote your activities. Tweet @NFWIWales and use the hashtag #VAWNotinmyName
- **Keep NFWI-Wales updated** on any local action that you will be taking part.

### **2018 Case Studies**

**Ceredigion Federation** held a Not in my Name meeting followed by a Candlelight Vigil in Aberystwyth on 7 December. At the meeting, members were joined by representatives from the police, fire service, a refuge and from the Girl Guides. Speakers included Joyce Watson AM, Elin Jones, AM for Ceredigion, Elize Freeman from the Ageing Abuse & Neglect Unit at Aberystwyth University and Ann Jones, NFWI Vice-Chair.

On the same day, **Aberporth WI** organised a day time awareness raising event outside the Guildhall in Cardigan.

**Gwent Federation** held their Light a Candle Service at St Johns Church, Rogerstone on 23 November. Reverend Christopher Stone officiated, delivering a hard hitting sermon, and Rachel Munday of Hafan Cymru gave a short talk on the work of the charity in helping women and families, as well as men, who suffer domestic abuse. The Singing for Pleasure Choir from the Wentloog Group performed an anthem, and there were readings and prayers, the Lord's Prayer being read in Welsh and Arabic as well as English.

### 2018 White Ribbon Keyring Competition Winner

Congratulations to competition winner Jennifer Poole, Freystrop and District WI, Pembrokeshire Federation. The 2 runners-up were Marian Martin, Panteg WI, Gwent Federation and Margaret Gould, Stepney WI, Sir Gâr/Carmarthenshire Federation.



*Winning entry by Jennifer Poole*



*Runner-up entry by Margaret Gould*



*Runner-up entry by Marian Martin*

## Resources for members

- Not in my Name Poster.
- Not in my Name digital story.
- Powerpoint presentation.
- Template letter.
- Information flyer.
- Support services for victims of violence and abuse - <http://livefearfree.gov.wales/how-to-get-help/i-need-help/domestic-abuse-and-sexual-violence/?lang=en>

These resources can be downloaded from My WI and the website:-

<https://www.thewi.org.uk/s/notinmyname/>

Additional resources such as posters and white ribbons are available from the White Ribbon Campaign at <http://www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk/>

## Further information

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