

3.3 ENGAGING IN COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

There are many excellent community initiatives that are committed to preventing and reducing violence against women. Faith communities can take advantage of the good work that these initiatives have been doing and use them in their own settings.

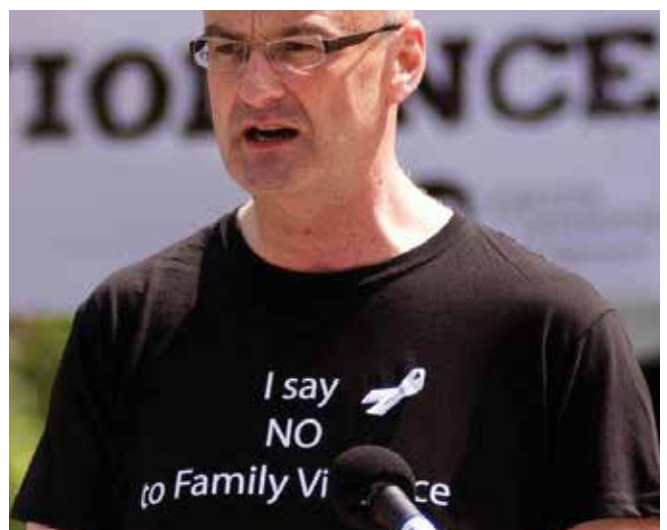
This section gives details of some initiatives and campaigns that your community can be involved in including:

- Our Watch
- HeForShe campaign
- YWCA Week Without Violence
- 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence
- International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- White Ribbon
- White Ribbon Ambassador Program

Example from the community:

City of Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network - Involvement in Walk Against Family Violence

Members of the City of Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network have participated in Walk Against Family Violence held by City of Greater Dandenong. The purpose of the Walk Against Family Violence is to show that our community is united in opposing violence against women and children, and in supporting those who have experienced violence.



PROMOTING EQUALITY AND RESPECT

Our Watch

www.ourwatch.org.au

Our Watch is a national initiative to change the culture, behaviours and attitudes that underpin and create violence against women and children.

HeForShe campaign

www.heforshe.org

HeForShe is a campaign by United Nations Women to encourage men to speak out against the inequalities faced by women and girls.

YWCA Week Without Violence

www.ywca.org

Week Without Violence is held in the third week in October. It is an initiative created by YWCA United States of America nearly 20 years ago to mobilise people in communities to take action against all forms of violence.

16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence

The international campaign, 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence, begins on November 25. It seeks to raise awareness about gender violence as a human rights issue.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

The United Nations General Assembly has dedicated November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The purpose of the day is to raise awareness about violence against women across the world.

White Ribbon

www.whiteribbon.org.au

White Ribbon is a national, male-led movement to end violence against women. It engages in primary prevention activities involving raising awareness and education and programs with young people, schools, workplaces and across the community.

White Ribbon Ambassador program

www.whiteribbon.org.au/ambassadors

White Ribbon Ambassadors are men who take a leadership role in preventing men's violence against women. They are representatives of White Ribbon Australia who have the knowledge, skills and determination to influence men to think about their attitudes and behaviours toward women.

