



Day 14 – A Day of Community

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

Take a day to focus on your community. Even with social distancing, there are ways to engage people around you. You could host a book club with a focus on gender-based violence or women's empowerment. The book club could meet via Zoom or another electronic platform. A few of the books suggested by DomesticShelters.org include:

Crazy Love, by Leslie Morgan Steiner

Girl Up: Kick Ass, Claim Your Woman Card, and Crush Everyday Sexism, by Laura Bates

Written on the Body, edited by Lexie Bean

No Visible Bruises: What We Don't Know About Domestic Violence Can Kill Us, by Rachel Louise Snyder

Another idea is to interview the local police chief or elected official, asking questions about gender-based violence issues in the community. Learn what policy makers and first responders think and what they need to help survivors. Find out what legislation is being proposed during the next year. Share the interview on social media.

Host a virtual panel discussion with community leaders. Invite members of the community to ask questions relating to gender-based violence and how the leaders are addressing the issue, especially during the Covid pandemic. Record the discussion and replay on social media.

By focusing on your community, you may discover new ways to assist survivors, law enforcement or policy makers. Follow through on your discoveries.

