

2017 International Anti-Street Harassment Week Report



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Overview Information:

What's the Problem?

Catcalls, sexist comments, gender-policing, leering, flashing, groping, stalking, and sexual assault: gender-based street harassment makes public places unfriendly and even scary for many girls, women, and LGBTQ folks. It limits their access to public spaces.

What is the Week?

Meet Us On the Street: International Anti-Street Harassment Week is an opportunity to collectively raise awareness that street harassment happens and that it's not okay. It began in 2011 as International Anti-Street Harassment Day and it expanded to a week in 2012. It is a program of Stop Street Harassment.

Why a Week?

Activists and individuals around the world work hard year-round to make public places safer but once a year we can amplify each other's voices.

Why Hold it in April?

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the USA and street harassment falls within the spectrum of gender-based violence. April is also springtime in the Northern Hemisphere While street harassment occurs year-round, spring is a time when there is an increase in the harassment because of the increased daylight hours and warmer weather that brings people outside.



International Anti-Street Harassment Week

April 2-8, 2017

Join us! #EndSHWeek www.meetusonthestreet.org



What Happened?

Across one week in April, groups, organizations, transit authorities, college campuses and people in at least 40 countries and on six continents spoke out against street harassment!

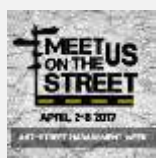


Who made it possible?

International Anti-Street Harassment Week is a community mobilization program of Stop Street Harassment (SSH) and it was spearheaded by SSH founder Holly Kearl, online media manager Britnae Purdy, and graphics and social media volunteer Elisa Melo.

They were helped by:

- The leaders of nearly 200 groups, organizations and campuses that took some form of action during the week.
- Stop Telling Women to Smile artist Tatyana Fazlalizadeh who organized an International Wheatpasting Night on April 7.
- National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) that helped advertise the week to their networks for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- SSH social media volunteers, board members, and blog correspondents who helped advertise the week and participated in tweet chats and events.



Highlights

- There were co-sponsoring groups from 40 countries and 20 U.S states (and Washington, D.C.).
- The Week received more than 40 major news hits in at least 12 countries.
- There were rallies, events, sidewalk chalking, flyering, street theater, wheatpasting, and lots of online engagement, including three twitter chats.

Since launching SSH Stop Street Harassment nine years ago, there is much more awareness globally about street harassment and more concrete actions to address it. Awareness campaigns like International Anti Street Harassment Week contribute to that evolving shift. If you participated, know that your voice matters, you're making a difference.



Media

- [Huffington Post](#) | [2](#)
- [The Nation](#)
- [Seccion Ciudad \(Argentina\)](#)
- [Pagina 12 \(Argentina\)](#)
- [Off Magazine \(Argentina\)](#)
- [The Concordian \(Canada\)](#)
- [TV station CDN 37 \(Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic\)](#)
- [L'Independant \(France\)](#)
- [La Depeche \(France\)](#)
- [Terra Femina \(France\)](#)
- [LCI \(France\)](#)
- [MadMoiZelle \(France\)](#)
- [el Periodico \(Guatemala\)](#)
- [el Salmon \(Guatemala\)](#)
- [Jakarta Journal \(Indonesia\)](#)
- [Het Parool \(the Netherlands\)](#)
- [Radyo Singko \(the Philippines\)](#)
- [Nation \(Sri Lanka\)](#)
- [Slugger O'Toole \(Belfast, Northern Ireland\)](#)
- [The Mead \(UK\)](#)
- [Heart West News \(UK\)](#)
- [ActionAid UK](#)
- [CBS News NYC](#)
- [CBS News Philadelphia](#)
- [Wear our Voice: Intersectional Feminist Media](#)
- [She & Her radio show](#)
- [Philly.com](#)
- [Minnesota Public Radio](#)
- [Billy Penn](#)
- [NBC4 News in Washington, D.C.](#)
- [WMATA press release](#)
- [Fox5 DC](#)
- [Patch.com](#)
- [Streets Dept.](#)
- [Joy of Resistance show on 99.5 FM in NYC \(the segment starts around minute 20 of the recording\)](#)
- [PreventConnect](#)
- [Huariou Commission](#)
- [The New Hampshire](#)
- [New Hampshire Union Leader](#)
- [Seacoast Online](#)
- [WLKY \(Louisville TV news station\)](#)
- [Fox19 NOW \(KY\)](#)
- [U.S. News & World Report](#)
- [The Daily Iowan](#)
- [The Hoya \(Georgetown University\)](#)

www.lindependant.fr/2017/04/03/des-actions-se-multiplient-pour-la-semaine

Des actions se multiplient pour la semaine de la lutte contre le harcèlement de rue

Du 3 au 9 avril, c'est la semaine internationale de la lutte contre le harcèlement de rue. Le moment de faire une piqûre de rappel pour sensibiliser à ce problème qui reste encore d'une grave banalité.

Propos sexistes ou homophobes. Qui n'a pas connu une situation désobligeante dans la rue ou dans les transports en commun ? Marcher à une heure tardive, porter une jupe ou des talons hauts, des détails qui pourtant ont leur importance en matière de sécurité.

Pour la 7^e année consécutive, de nombreux organismes à travers le monde se mobilisent pour sensibiliser au harcèlement de rue aussi bien les harceleurs que les victimes. La plupart n'a pas toujours conscience que ces comportements sont graves ou n'osent rien dire de peur des représailles.

La plate forme Tumblr Poye Ta Shrek, publie pour l'occasion une série d'affiches à imprimer ou utiliser à sur les réseaux sociaux. Des phrases chocs sur fond de couleur flashy. "Qu'est ce que tu ne saisis pas dans "non" ?", "Ma tenue n'est pas un appel", "Quelle que soit ma





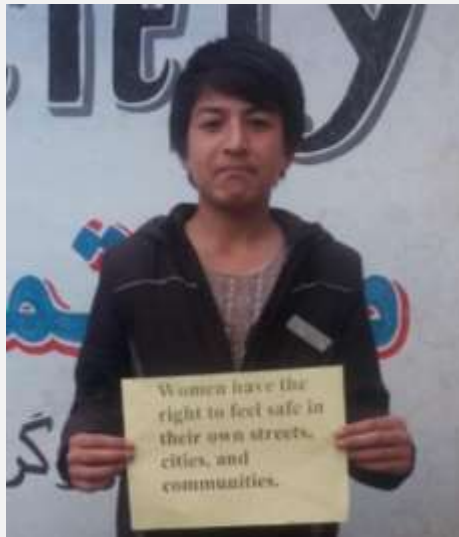
International Efforts!



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Afghanistan

Free Women Writers, an Afghan blog for social justice and gender equality, posted photos from people around the country with messages about the harassment of women and girls in public spaces. They also produced and released two videos about street harassment.



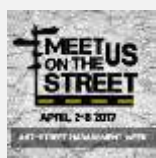
Argentina

Instituto de Género y Promoción de la Igualdad del Defensor del Pueblo de Córdoba undertook two main actions: 1) Conducting a survey about harassment at the bus stops and public transport. 2) Doing a visibility activity on the street in Córdoba and Huerta Grande addressed to men, inviting them to join efforts to stop street harassment. It included distributing informational materials and vehicle decals for those who expressly committed to join.



Argentina

With a goal to eliminate sexual harassment against women and generate a culture of non-tolerance to such actions, The Association of Defenders of the People of the Argentine Republic and the Ombudsman's staff posted photos and information on social networks Facebook, Twitter and Instagram with the hashtag #ParáLaMano to show their commitment to denaturalize macho culture.



Argentina

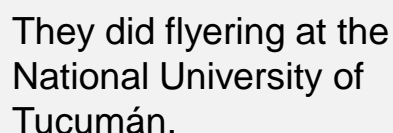
Cuerpas Libres gave out free pins in Buenos Aires for their campaign, Acción Colectiva “Pin contra el Acoso Callejero”. Participants wore their pin on April 7. Organizer Gabriela Barrera said, “We had fun being in public spaces using the pin. We could all see the reaction of people trying to understand why we were all wearing those anti-street harassment pins.”



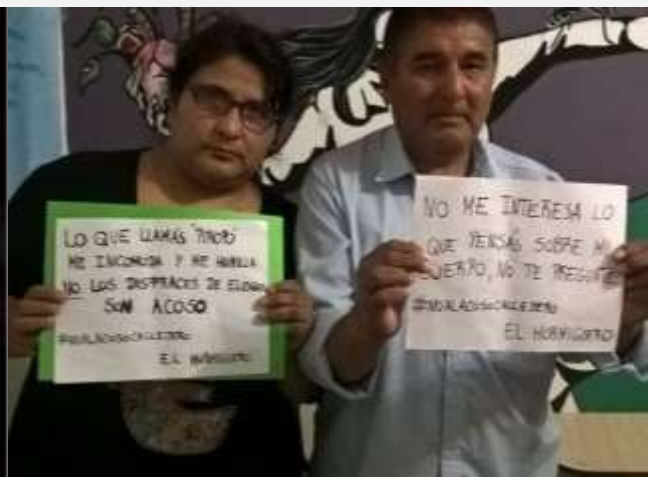
Argentina

Acción Respeto used the hashtag #CalladitasNoSomosMasBonitas to share live videos from Facebook and Instagram telling about harassment incidents. They held an event on April 8 in Parque Centenario. There was an open radio session attended by the National Deputy Carla Carrizo. They hosted a self-defense class. They lobbied for the implementation of the new law against street harassment in the City of Buenos Aires and the passage of a national law. They launched a campaign against harassment in clubs and bars named "Si hay acoso, no es levante". Lastly, they worked with a trans women collective to highlight the specific forms of harassment they endure on the streets.





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Australia

End Rape on Campus – Australia posted about street harassment on social media.



EROC Australia

3 hrs · 🌐

April 2nd to April 8th is International Anti-Street Harassment Week. Research conducted in 2015 found that a staggering nine in ten Australian women have experienced street harassment and modify their behaviour in response.

You can find out more information, including how to get involved in today's Tweetathon, here:

[#EndSH](#)



✅ - Meet Us On The Street: International Anti-Street Harassment Week



Bangladesh

The Development Action Program (PDAP) organized a campaign against street harassment. They organized a rally with their staff and young girls and had speakers talk about the issue from in front of the national monument.



Brazil

Women's Forum of the North Zone of the City of São Paulo, Sampapé, Clímax Brasil held a Gender Safety and Walkability Quality Audit Walk. They discussed the issue and audited at the same time the aspects that prevent women's walkability from the safety aspect but also from the urban planning aspect. In essence, they crossed the discussion about the use of the public space with the discussion about the planning and construction of the public space.



Brazil

Deixa Ela Em Paz pasted their street harassment posters in different areas of Rio de Janeiro.



Brazil

Think Olga/Chega de Fiu Fiu posted a series of articles about street harassment across the week and did a Facebook Live video.

Think Olga was live.
April 4 at 2:00pm · 🌐

#ChegadeFiuFiu: Contamos como a campanha contra assédio virou documentário utilizando elementos da cultura pop.

Esta live faz parte da programação da Semana Internacional Contra Assédio de Rua (Meet Us On The Street: Anti-#StreetHarassment Week), promovida pela ONG americana [Stop Street Harassment](#), a fim de jogar luz sobre o problema de maneira global, com eventos offline e online ao redor do mundo, entre os dias 3 e 7 de abril.

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Think Olga shared Olga Esporte Clube's photo.
April 4 at 11:00am · 🌐

A Olga Esporte Clube surgiu da nossa busca por abordar assuntos que interessam às mulheres, ainda que a sociedade lhes diga o contrário. E, em nossa jornada de um ano com este projeto de empoderando feminino por meio dos esportes, encontramos a violência de gênero como uma barreira também para a prática de atividade física. O assédio se faz presente para a mulher que usa a rua para correr, caminhar, movimentar seu corpo, que acaba sendo invadido com olhares e frases desrespeitosas. Para outras, é motivo para, até mesmo, deixar essas atividades.

Como parte da Think Olga, o combate ao assédio também é uma das missões da OEG, para assim alcançar o objetivo de reaproximar as mulheres na prática dos esportes. E, na Semana Internacional Contra Assédio de Rua (International Anti-#StreetHarassment Week), promovida pela ONG americana [Stop Street Harassment](#), não poderíamos deixar de incluir esta notícia à nossa participação.

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Think Olga
April 3 at 10:53am · 🌐

Desde o nascimento da campanha Chega de Fiu Fiu, temos presenciado muitos avanços na discussão sobre assédio sexual em locais públicos no Brasil e no Mundo. Mais mulheres têm tido forças para denunciar, como mostra o nosso mapa (<http://bit.ly/Mapa-CdFF>), leis vêm sendo pensadas e assim, a mídia de massa não mais pode se dar ao luxo de não pautar o tema.

Para continuar essa pauta com seriedade e sensibilidade necessárias, seguimos o nosso trabalho de educar para a questão cultural em torno da prática do assédio em locais públicos - o documentário Chega de Fiu Fiu - O Filme é mais uma ferramenta para comunicar este problema do ponto de vista feminino e continuar enriquecendo esta discussão (assista ao trailer: <https://youtu.be/q3S5kxMLa2s>).

Também como parte dessa missão, a Think Olga apoia e participa da Semana Internacional Contra Assédio de Rua (Meet Us On The Street: Anti-Street Harassment Week), promovida pela ONG americana [Stop Street Harassment](#), a fim de jogar luz sobre o problema de maneira global, com eventos offline e online ao redor do mundo, entre os dias 3 e 7 de abril.

Saiba mais sobre a nossa participação, do coletivo feminista [Deixa ela em paz](#), e de outros grupos, no link: <http://www.meetusonthestreet.org/action/>

Think Olga
April 5 at 2:03pm · 🌐

"Da cor do pecado", "mulata", "neguinha". Nenhum desses termos me definem. Mas porque ainda preciso abaixar a cabeça quando ouço estas palavras na rua?"

Na Semana Internacional Contra Assédio Sexual (Anti-#StreetHarassment Week), promovida pela ONG americana [Stop Street Harassment](#), a jornalista da Think Olga [Karoline Gomes](#) abre o coração sobre o seu [#PrimeiroAssedioRacista](#) e alerta para a urgência de se falar sobre este problema cultural do ponto de vista de mulheres negras, passivas de agressões ainda mais perigosas nos espaços públicos.

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Quando o assédio é somado ao racismo - Think Olga

Poucos momentos em minha vida gritaram tanto a minha identidade de mulher negra quanto o meu "primeiro assédio racista". Eu já havia passado muitos constrangimentos na rua como uma adolescente, mas, se for possível classificar...

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Cambodia

ActionAid's Safe Cities for Women Cambodia group held street action and a photo campaign at the Independence Monument, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. [Watch a video](#) of their actions.



Cambodia



Montreal, Canada

Women in Cities International launched a podcast series and released three episodes related to women's safety in public spaces and their right to the city.

 **Women in Cities Intl** @WICI_FVI Following

For [@NoStHarassWeek](#) we launched a podcast! The first is with [@hkearl](#) about [@StopStHarassmnt](#)! Thanks Holly! [#endsh](#)



Holly Kearn on Stopping Street Harassment

We got to talk with Holly Kearn about how she founded the organization Stop Street Harassment, how we can tackle street harassment globally while still responding to the nuanced need...

soundcloud

 **Women in Cities Intl** @WICI_FVI · 4h

Episode 2 w/ [@katrav7](#) and Ayesha Vemuri! is out!! [#Endsh](#) [#meetusonthestreet](#) anti [#streetharassment](#) week.

 Translate from Haitian Creole



Kathryn Travers & Ayesha Vemuri on Reclaiming Ur...

We spoke to Kathryn Travers, the director of Women in Cities International, and Ayesha Vemuri, a researcher on rape culture and the social media practices of feminist ...

soundcloud

 **Women in Cities Intl** @WICI_FVI · 6h

Our last episode of conversations about street harassment is out! [#Endsh](#) [#meetusonthestreet](#)



Caroline Alexander & Cynthia Hammond on "Safety ...

Our conversation with Montreal-based artists Caroline Alexander and Cynthia Hammond about their exhibit "Safety Strategies: Space, Gender and the City." The m...

soundcloud



Ottawa, Canada

Hollaback! Ottawa organized side walk chalking in the downtown area.



Vancouver, Canada

Hollaback! Vancouver and Good Night Out Vancouver hosted an exhibit that allowed strangers to offer messages of support and solidarity to survivors of sexual and gendered harassment and violence, which was delivered through a public space.



Chile

Observatorio Contra Acoso Callejero (OCAC) Chile did street action and engaged passersby and joined an online photo campaign with the hashtag #NoEsMiCultura.

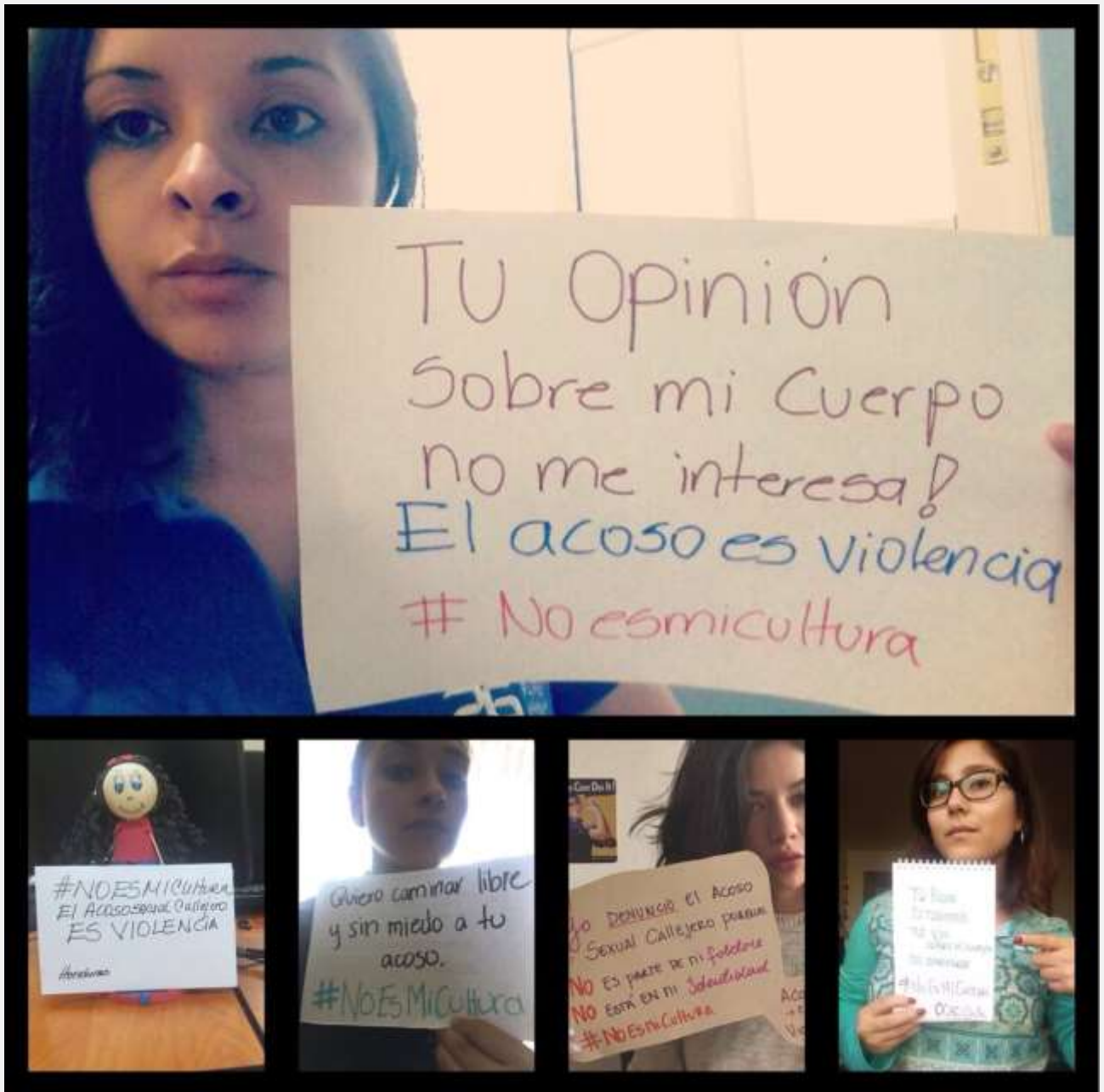


Chile



Costa Rica

OCAC Costa Rica joined an online photo campaign with the hashtag #NoEsMiCultura.

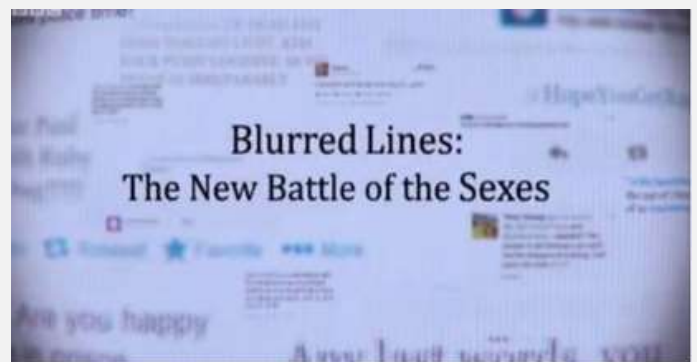


Croatia

Hollaback! Croatia hosted a number of events including an art exhibit, an educational panel with a discussion in the city library and street action.



They also organized a movie night at Mama Club. They showed “Blurred Lines: The New Battle of the Sexes” (2014), a BBC’s documentary about the increasing rise of misogyny in the media and culture in general.



Dominican Republic

The International Law Students Association Chapter PUCMM and other groups hosted a conversation on street harassment. They also did a poster/photo campaign and radio show interview.



Dominican Republic



Ecuador

Hollaback! Cuenca attended a meeting at the Bureau of the Eradication of Violence to discuss how to address sexual harassment on public transportation in the city.



Patronato San José, in Quito, Ecuador released a video about safe public transit.



Egypt

HarassMap held a seminar at the University of Cairo in Egypt.



France

Across the week, STOP Harcèlement de Rue (HDR) coordinated a campaign throughout France. This included sidewalk chalking and street action events in Lyon, Paris, and Toulouse as well as a France-wide twitter chat that trended first in Paris – and then in the country! #EndSH #StopHDR

In Lyon, in addition to chalking, they also asked people on the street questions about street harassment, hosted a debate with another feminist organization. In Toulouse, in addition to chalking, they hosted a story- and strategy-sharing event.



France



France



**QUAND TU
M'INSULTES
QUAND TU ME MATES
QUAND TU ME SUIS
DANS LA RUE
C'EST DU
HARCELEMENT**

#StopAgressions
#StopHarcelementDeRue



STOP AU HARCÈLEMENT DE RUE

**MON CORPS
N'A PAS BESOIN
DE TON OPINION.**

#HarcèlementDeRue

France

The group Paye Ta Shnek shared images on social media.



« Il y a 15 ans, j'étais dans le métro à Paris et un gars s'est direct collé derrière moi. C'était bondé de monde, et je ne pouvais pas bien bouger pour me dégager. Un jeune en face de moi a vu la galère. Il m'a fait signe de la tête, m'a attrapée par les épaules et a échangé sa place avec la mienne en nous pivotant instantanément. Il était mort de rire de sentir le type essayer de se dégager derrière lui. Encore aujourd'hui, je pense à ce jeune qui m'a bien aidée... Encore MERCI! »

Virginie — 40 ans, Paris

COMMENT AIDER UNE PERSONNE EN SITUATION DE HARCÈLEMENT ?

Si vous êtes témoin, pour sortir la personne de là, vous pouvez vous adresser à l'agresseur avec une question qui n'a rien à voir et absolument pas agressive ou moqueuse : «Excusez-moi, pour aller à la mairie, c'est bien par là ?» ou «Auriez-vous l'heure s'il vous plaît ?» ou «Vous savez si on peut changer de ligne à la prochaine station ?» Ne pas hésiter à meubler pour laisser le temps à l'agressé.e de s'enfuir, sans agressivité.

« Debout dans le métro, un relou assis à côté de moi, sa main sur mon cul.

Moi, brandissant mon poing au dessus de sa tronche : "Touche à ton cul face de fond de chiottes !"

Silence et regard apeuré, joie dans mon cœur. »

Lou is — warrior de 24 ans, Rennes

PAYE TA SHNEK

NON AU HARCÈLEMENT DANS LES TRANSPORTS

COMPORTEMENT	DRAQUE OU HARCÈLEMENT ?
Exprimer poliment, dans un contexte adapté, son envie de connaître une personne ou de la revoir, et respecter son éventuel refus	DRAQUE
Siffler une personne, n'importe où : au Parlement, dans la rue, au travail, dans les transports...	HARCÈLEMENT
Faire un commentaire sur le physique ou la tenue d'une personne qui n'a rien demandé ou qu'on ne connaît pas	HARCÈLEMENT
Insister après un refus ou une absence de réponse	HARCÈLEMENT
Prendre le refus d'une personne pour de la timidité	HARCÈLEMENT
Suivre ou imposer sa présence à une personne qui ne répond pas ou exprime un refus d'échanger	HARCÈLEMENT
Envoyer des SMS sexuels à une personne qui n'a pas consenti à ce jeu	HARCÈLEMENT
User de sa position pour obtenir des faveurs	HARCÈLEMENT
Menacer une personne pour qu'elle accepte des avances	HARCÈLEMENT
Toucher/pincer les fesses/les seins en dehors d'un rapport mutuellement consenti	AGRESSION
Embrasser une personne par surprise ou contre son gré	AGRESSION
Plaquer une femme contre un mur par surprise ou contre son gré en dehors de tout rapport consenti et mutuel	AGRESSION



Germany

Across the Week, ProChange offered free downloadable materials and links to info in German. In Dortmund, ProChange members raised awareness by doing sidewalk chalking and posting messages on sanitary pads around town.



Guatemala

OCAC Guatemala launched a video about street harassment. They released a case study on public transportation and street harassment. They distributed an opinion survey and gave out information about street harassment.



Guatemala

The Municipal Office of Women of Villa Nueva oversaw a photo campaign for the week, including with the Municipal Police of Transit of Villa Nueva. More than 1,340 people took part!



Amritsar, India

Safecity's Director and COO, Supreet K Singh, conducted a workshop creating awareness about Child Sexual Abuse for 35 children and their parents in a Bengali community settled in Amritsar.

With daily survival so paramount in their minds, there are many who are unaware of the vulnerability of these children to sexual abuse. She took them through a conversation on understanding safety, recognising their private self and knowing the difference between a safe and unsafe touch and what they can do to get help.



Delhi, India

Jagori organized a safety audit walk and talked to police about their findings.



Delhi, India

Jagori and Safetipin conducted a safety audit and mapping of safe/unsafe spaces at JJ Colony Bawana in New Delhi.



Delhi, India

Safecity worked with 80 university students to talk to them about street harassment and encourage them to report incidents they see or experience. Renita, of Safecity, said, “The response of the students of Delhi University to all of our campaigns was really heart-warming. They readily participated and shared their thoughts and opinions both online and offline.

The photo booth was one of the highlights for us, both as organisers as well as the response it received. Students came forward to mark the safe and unsafe areas in their locality on a map and explained the types of street harassment they experienced and the need to counter it.

In one of the campaigns, chart papers were left around at different locations. At the end, it was unnerving and touching at the same time to see what they wrote.”

Watch a [video here](#).



Delhi, India



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Mumbai, India

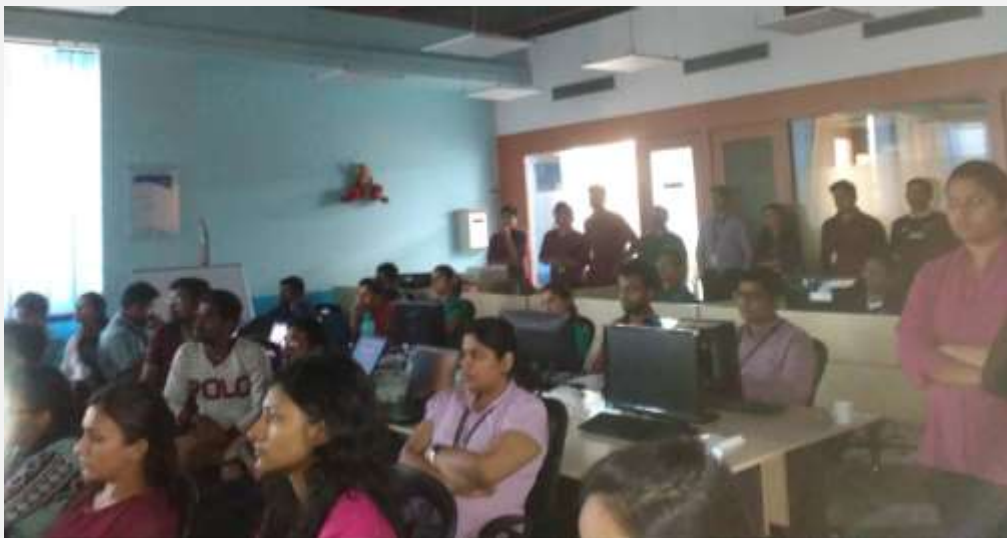
Safecity in Mumbai came together for a panel discussion and photo exhibit discussing the many challenges of using local transport, particularly in terms of safety and harassment. They also completed the safety audit of three railway stations. Dr. Shilpa Phadke, the author of Why Loiter? and Adv. Audrey D'mello of Majlis Legal Centre, were among the panelists. Thirty people attended.

Renita wrote, "Daily travellers were interviewed about their experiences and very honestly and simply the truth of the matter came out through beautiful and very meaningful pictures. The discussions at the panel discussion were intense and displayed the need for women to take back the streets and public spaces unafraid. The topic of sexual harassment is considered taboo and being a victim of it is considered shameful. Everybody we spoke to reiterated the importance of spreading awareness, breaking their silences to make it acceptable to talk about it and make the place safer. It was great listening to students' opinions about such issues and their ideas on what can be done to make streets safer. There is a lot of angst when it comes to rigid moral policing of society, its stereotypes and labelling of people and the sexism that is perpetuated due to some forms of media and entertainment. Numerous conversations were kick-started on how we can make public transport safer without continuously being subjected to stares, comments, touching and remarks."



Pune, India

Safecity created awareness about types of harassment, especially in the workplace, and urged people to take cognisance of it and not let it go ignored. More than 100 people attended the workshops.



India

Safecity also held a social media campaign, #mysafecity, and poster campaign, #itsnotokay.



Indonesia

Hollaback! Jakarta hosted a chalkwalk with Lumiere Project, Bersama Project, and Yayasan Lentera Sintas Indonesia.



Indonesia

Also, along with Indonesia Feminis and Cewekbanget, Hollaback! Jakarta held a talk show about street harassment at the U.S. Embassy's American cultural center. Nearly 100 people attended in person and it was livestreamed.



Iran

Feminism Everyday shared various images and messages on social media.



Italy

La Mala Femmina did an online photo campaign and produced an article about catcalling and why it's problematic.



LaMalaFemmina @LaMalaFemmina · 23m

Anche noi prendiamo parte alla settimana contro le molestie su strada e il #CatCalling.

#EndSH

#EndStreetHarassmentWeek pic.twitter.com/fnveaAIF8I



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Kenya

Flone Initiative held a social media campaign and wrote a guest blog post for SSH.

"The clothes we wear are not for you. Bare arms... and pretty dresses are not an invitation to make comments at me, or about me, or any other women you may see."

Liz Merino



#HerTravels

Making commuter space safe for you and your loved ones.

All public spaces are not safe for everyone on the same level.



#HerTravels

Making commuter space safe for you and your loved ones.

"I have heard men make remarks about women's bodies, some quite rude and unsavoury; and I have also seen men grab a woman's hand if cat-calling is not successful." Such behaviour "is a violation of a woman's privacy" and should not happen at all."

Ashford Kariuki, Kenya



#HerTravels

Making commuter space safe for you and your loved ones.

Women who have been harassed repeatedly report that their behaviour and confidence is affected, and they experience distress and anxiety.




#HerTravels

Making commuter space safe for you and your loved ones.



Malaysia

Pixel Project shared information online and joined the Global Tweetathon.



The Pixel Project - It's Time To Stop Violence Against Women. Together.

8 hrs · 🌐

IDEAS FOR ACTION: Anti-Street Harassment Week is happening across the world this week.

In solidarity with our partner [Stop Street Harassment](#) and in support of stopping street harassment - one of the more enduring forms of violence against women - we're sharing all the annual "16 For 16" articles contributed by Holly Kearl, founder of Stop Street Harassment, over the course of this week.

We hope Holly's articles provide you with some interesting and useful ideas for curbing street harassment in your community.

a man working up on the top of a building started shouting at her about her 'tits'. When she politely confronted him, he just escalated the situation, shouting more comments about her breasts. So she simply removed his ladder leaving him stuck on top of the building and casually walked away

✅ 16 Memorable Stories of Standing Up to Street Harassment 2015 | The Pixel Project's "16 For 16"



Maldives

Nufoshey released cards people can give to their harassers. They shared stories of harassment online, and they hosted two self-defense workshops.



Nufoshey

Too often we receive stories where the victims of harassment were unable to talk back to their harasser and let the perpetrators know how they feel; stories where they wished they said something, or reacted in a certain way. So, for Meet Us On The Street: International Anti-Street Harassment Week, we are launching our [#Nufoshey](#) cards. It is our hope that you use these cards to inform your harasser of his actions and how you feel about it, especially in situations where you don't feel safe or comfortable talking back.



Maldives



SIGN UP NOW. IT'S FREE!

SELF DEFENSE CLASS

The classes will run on the 30-4th of April from 7:30-9:30pm. Fill in the table form with your details and let us know what day you want to attend. We will get back to you with more information.

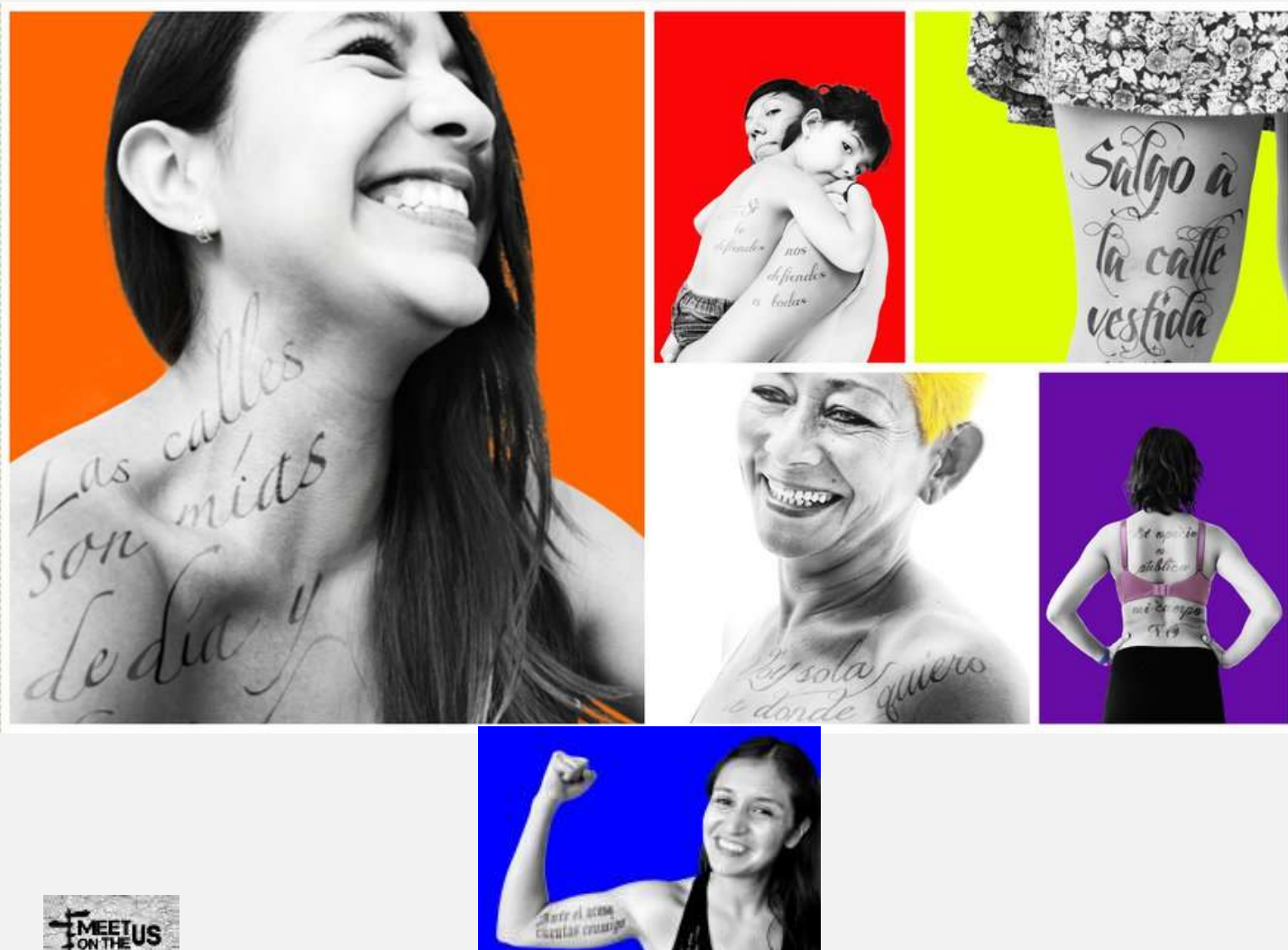
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Mexico

2R Red Reapropiaciones shared images on social media from the visual campaign that was a result of a workshop titled “Reappropriation of public space in face of sexual harassment in public transportation” hosted by Habitajes AC and CoHabita DF in 2015. These organizations invited visual artist Cerrucha to guide the participants in creating a collaborative art project. Twenty women living in Mexico City from different ages, occupations and backgrounds worked together towards the development of a campaign. The artwork consists of a series of photographs inviting other women to reflect upon the importance of being empowered and reappropriating public spaces and public transportation with a sense of safety and freedom.



Mexico

2R Red Reapropiaciones also held a dialogue in Mexico City between several organizations dedicated to fighting street harassment, including East LA's Ovarian Psycos, who were in town because their documentary was shown in a film festival.



Mexico

La Ciudad es Nuestra held street action and chalking in Mexico City.



Mexico

Biblioteca Vasconcelos hosted an event where Lilián de Paz, Tamara de Anda & Ana Gabriela Robles talked about being harassed in Mexico City.



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Taller:
**¿Qué es el
acoso
callejero?**

Imparte:
Tamara de Anda
y Lilián de Paz



Morocco

Fraternité created and shared images on social media to raise awareness.



Nepal

“Youth Demonstration against street Harassment” was organized by Youth Advocacy Nepal in partnership with various like-minded organizations, including ActionAid Nepal, Campaign for People-Led sustainable Development, NDYN, Dalit Youth Alliance, and others. It took place at Maitighar Mandala.

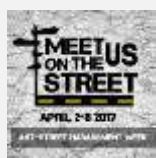


Nepal



Nepal

Youth Advocacy Nepal also held a consultation meeting on street harassment.



The Netherlands

Stop Straatintimidat participated in a march in Amsterdam to protest the abuse and harassment of LGBTQ-identified people.



They gave Mieke Martelhoff the Women Friendly City Plaque for making her bar a safe place.



The Netherlands


Stop Straatintimidatie also released six videos across the Week.

Stop Straatintimidatie

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Gert Jan Segers zegt Stop Straatintimidatie

1:24




Ahmed Marcouch zegt Stop Straatintimidatie

1:19




Renate van der Zee zegt Stop Straatintimidatie

1:00




Holly Kearl zegt Stop Straatintimidatie

0:44



Irene Hemelaar zegt Stop Straatintimidatie

1:09



Joost Eerdman spreekt zich uit tijdens de Anti-Straatintimidatie...

0:58

The Netherlands

The City of Amsterdam created a webpage for the Week and released a video.

✖
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✖ Gemeente Amsterdam @AmsterdamNL · Apr 4

Deze week is het de internationale week tegen #straatintimidatie. Wij tolereren dit in geen enkele vorm. Kijk op   [amsterdam.nl/straatintimida....](https://amsterdam.nl/straatintimida...)

Translated from Dutch by  bing

[Wrong translation?](#)

This week is international week against #straatintimidatie. We tolerate this in any form. Look on [amsterdam.nl/straatintimida....](https://amsterdam.nl/straatintimida...)



The Netherlands

Hollaback! Nederland held a brainstorm meeting to strategize actions to take in the city. Another day, they and the Imagine Project of Emancipator and Volta held an interactive workshop with school-aged boys to encourage critical thinking about street harassment and to take a pledge against street harassment as the first cohort of Young Ambassadors for Safe Streets.



They also joined artist Chloë Matanja and other performers and artists in hosting “Over the Shoulder: Let’s Talk About Street Harassment,” an inspirational evening of art, performance and community-building, including a silent auction of Chloe’s photo series, a film screening by Tamara Shogaolu, live performance by spoken word artist, Cissy, a bazaar, and an interactive street harassment map.




Nicaragua

OCAC Nicaragua was part of the joint social media campaign in Latin America called #NoEsMiCultura (#NotMyCulture) and they also did street action/awareness-raising.



Northern Ireland

SSH Blog Correspondent Elaine wrote an article for a local outlet in Belfast.



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Belfast City Council sexism row/anti-street harassment

Elaine Coyle on 4 April 2017 · 7:36 pm 0 | 2,509 views

This week is anti-street harassment week, a week of action by activists worldwide to draw attention to the problem of street harassment (1). Notice I don't use the word "cat-calling". Too cutesy and toothless. It is seen as mildly naughty but basically harmless, a bit of a laugh. A bit like a Councillor commenting on the pleasure he derives from the sight of the Council's CEO cycling about the city she basically manages. All in good fun, right?


Certainly that is the reaction from a large part of the media and the general public; can't you take a joke? And that's also the crux of the problem; Councillor Craig would undoubtedly claim that he was not being sexist, merely raising a smile. And I don't doubt that he believes he is right. But the constant commentary women endure on our appearance – not always "positive", we are often told how unappealing we are, too – accompanies us everywhere we go in public like the soundtrack to an especially grim film. It even follows competent professionals, like Ms. Wylie, into our workplaces. It takes a sheltered perspective to insist it's not sexist when it is so very obviously gendered.

Some illuminating statistics on street harassment; 64% of UK women have experienced sexual harassment in public, 35% sexual touching or groping. Those figures go up to 85% and 45% for young women under 25 and – most telling of all – it starts young, too, typically around puberty (2). Before girls are even women we are subjected to a barrage of comments, from the sleazy to the rudely insulting, telling us in no uncertain terms that now our bodies are the subject of public scrutiny. We learn early to alter our behaviour to deal with this. Travel in groups, carry keys between our fingers, wear headphones to block out the words. We expect it in the street and we expect it everywhere else. We learn a fixed smile lest we say the wrong thing. Talk shows wonder about the best way to reject unwanted advances in order to avoid being brutally beaten, while tabloids compare the Prime Minister's legs to the First Minister's and the Italian Prime Minister calls the German Chancellor an "unf" "kable land arse". They all exist in a continuum.

In this context, we cannot shrug off Councillor Craig's comments about Ms. Wylie. He should absolutely apologise to Ms. Wylie, of course, but he should use this as a learning opportunity. The Lord Mayor asked that he think before he speak, and this is sound advice in life, but he ought also examine his thoughts while he's at it, as should everyone who scoffs at this story. This kind of thinking is one of the most pervasive parts of the everyday sexism that seeps into all of our lives and thoughts, and the best way to challenge it is through education. Hollaback (3) and others are active in tackling the negative effects of this, and more can be done to work with young people round this too. Every year in Belfast activists from Belfast Feminist Network and Hollaback Belfast organise a Reclaim the Night (4) march to protest street harassment and assault. It goes largely unnoticed by the bulk of the media and by the City Council, now perhaps it is time for that to change.


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Pakistan

UN Women Pakistan shared various messages on social media. This included tweeting out the winning video (on street harassment) from the Izhar by Film Fellowship (IBFF), an initiative of Morango Films, with support from UN Women. A screening ceremony of the top 25 short films produced by trainees from across Pakistan who participated in the first-ever fellowship program on the social and political rights of women was held the week prior.



UN Women Pakistan

April 2-8, is Int Anti-Street Harassment Week.

Street harassment includes unwanted whistling, leering, sexist, homophobic or transphobic slurs, persistent requests for someone's name, number or destination after they've said no, sexual names, comments and demands, following, flashing, public masturbation, groping, sexual assault, and rape.

People are also harassed because of their race, nationality, religion, disability, or class.

No form of harassment is ever okay; everyone should be treated with respect, dignity, and empathy.



UN Women Pakistan @unwomen_pak · 12h
'Shukriya' [Thank You] by Rafay Latif

STOP harassing your sister, daughter, wife, mother.... #VAW #endsh

More: bit.ly/2opYkEJ



"No sister should fear street harassment. I am doing my part in making safe spaces for females"- a brother

Philippines



Katherine Belen of the UN Safe Cities programme in Metro Manila did an interview on Radyo Singko about their #SafeCities campaign.



She also met with the local government official in the barangay (the village head) to outline what support they need to implement Quezon City's anti-sexual harassment in public spaces law.

The Safe Cities programme led a social media campaign for the Week.

4 Rs to Stop Street Harassment

- Realize**
Know your rights, why harassment is wrong, and what to do.
- Respond**
Only if you feel safe enough, call for help, or report the incident.
- Report**
Share experiences with friends, family, colleagues, and in social media. Provide the incident to police or barangay hall. Report to GAD Office and call up anti-street harassment hotline.
- Reform**
Change the culture that tolerates harassment. Speak out against street harassment.

MEET US ON THE STREET

STOP STREET HARASSMENT & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN PUBLIC SPACES

INTERNATIONAL ANTI-STREET HARASSMENT WEEK: APRIL 2 - 8, 2017

Safe Cities Metro Manila Programme
21 hrs

Walking #FreeFromFear is a basic right for women and girls — any time of the day.

Have you ever experienced being harassed on the street, as you go by your daily routine?
Lining up for a jeep, FX, or taxi?
Going to work or to school?
Walking to the park, sari-sari store, or anywhere?

The UN Women's Safe Cities Metro Manila Programme joins the worldwide celebration of Anti-Street Harassment Week. Yes, it's time we talked about these things that happen in our streets — because they shouldn't happen in the first place.

Share with us your stories of courage on how you handled the situation. Post your story! Use the End Street Harassment hashtag #endSH and our hashtag #FreeFromFear and tag us! We will share your stories over the weekend to encourage the building of #SafeCities all over Metro Manila, and hopefully, the Philippines.

Have a good morning, #SafeCities believers and supporters. Walk bravely!



Philippines

UN Women Safe Cities Metro Manila also conducted focus group discussions and follow-up/refresher workshops with tricycle drivers in Bagong Silangan, Quezon City. One of the leaders of the tricycle operators and drivers association (TODA) said, "A lot of our drivers understand why we need this law, we have daughters, too," and another said, "Since the orientation on the law last year, we the drivers are now more conscious of how not to offend women so they won't feel harassed."



Poland

Hollaback! Poland invited people to share their stories using the hashtag #STOPmolection.



Romania

Hollaback! Romania founder Simona-Marie (a SSH Blog Correspondent) wrote about their actions:

“We organized a flash-mob in the center of the city of Bucharest. It was an example of intersectionality because the participants have different identities and personal experiences: 13 persons of different genders, different ethnicities, different sexual orientations. It was a good opportunity to get in touch with people interested in taking action and change something when it comes to the street harassment nightmare in Romania. Moreover, people stopped and gave us a nice feedback – “Good job, folks!”, “Yes, you are right, street harassment is a problem”!, “Congrats!” – while others wanted to take a photo with our signs.”



Romania

“A nice moment was when we crossed a street and on our right side we saw a working site with four workers, so we all laughed because this was a well timed encounter (many site workers harass women). We had a little chat with them about street harassment and they assured us they respect women and they never harass them....



For 2-8 April we had a great time in Bucharest sharing ideas and hopes for the future regarding our fight against this type of violence. I was surprised to receive lots of support! We – the Hollaback! Romania team – are so grateful for it! For example, regarding the online campaign, National Agency for Equal Opportunities between Women and Men – ANES (subordinated to the Ministry of Labor and Social Justice) shared our campaign. It's a rare thing to have authorities involved in feminist activism in Romania!

A really cool metal music band – Trooper – made a video where a member of it spoke to his fans about the harm that street harassment produces to society and to women. Also, two martial arts schools from Bucharest shared Hollaback! Romania's message announcing the International Anti-Street Harassment Week and spread information about how important is to speak up and react to street harassment. Finally, a member of the Ecologist Romanian Party conducted an interview with me about street harassment in Romania and their media press release had 8.000 people read it!"



South Korea

K.H. Angela Kang, president of SEOUL Foundation Women and Family, talked in [this video](#) about what limits women's safety in public places in Seoul and what projects are underway to fix the problem.



Spain

Levanta La Voz! Madrid hosted a chalk walk around a metro stop within Madrid's Complutense University. They also organized a workshop for cis, trans, and non-binary women to learn about street harassment and discuss ways to safely respond.



Spain

Off Magazine published an article on street harassment along with a companion video of women sharing their stories (in Spanish with English subtitles).



Sweden

Global Utmaning, the Swedish think tank, co-led a tweetchat with Safecity on creating safer public spaces. Both organizations found it interesting that the issues cross cultures, countries and continents.



A promotional poster for a Global Utmaning tweetchat. The background is a green-tinted photo of three young women in a public space. The text is white and centered. At the top, it says 'GLOBAL UTMANING'. Below that, it says 'Join @globalut tweetchat this Friday at @pinthecreep:'. The main headline is '"Safe public space - key to sustainable development"'. Below the headline, it says 'Friday 7 April 2017' and '9 pm IST/ 10.30 am EDT/ 5.30 pm CET'. At the bottom, it says '#UrbanGirlsMovement #EndSH'. On the right side, there is a small vertical text: 'Photo: Emma Jönvall/Global Utmaning'.

GLOBAL
UTMANING

Join @globalut tweetchat this Friday at @pinthecreep:

"Safe public space - key to sustainable development"

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Trinidad & Tobago

Safecity held a workshop for 40 girls at St. George's school on the topic of sexual harassment in public spaces and how to report it.



Trinidad & Tobago

Safecity also held a Safety Walk and discussed street harassment with women and men in Nelson Mandela Park.



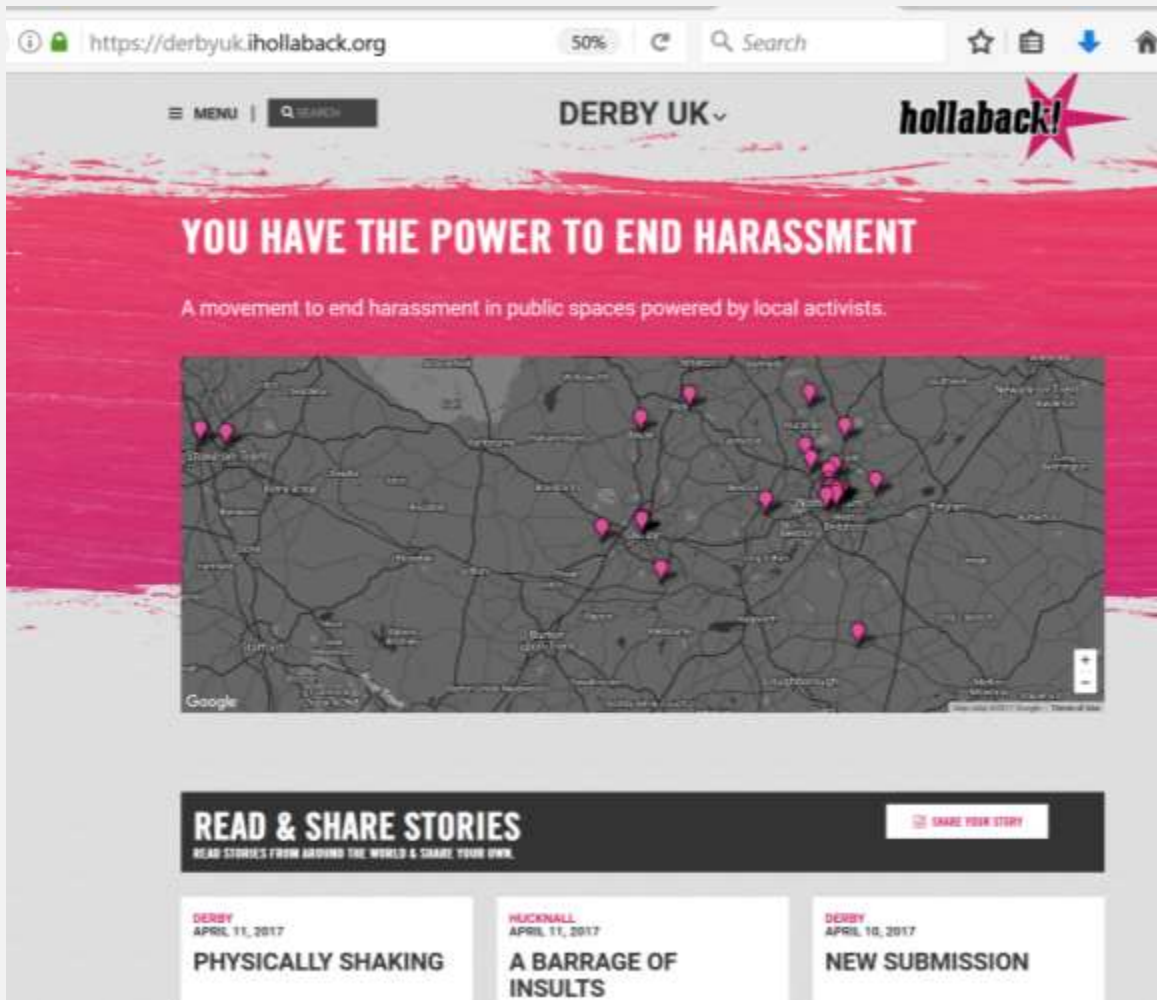
Bristol, United Kingdom

People posted Stop Telling Women to Smile posters in Bristol and distributed Call Out Cards.



Derby, United Kingdom

Hollaback! Derby launched their new website and shared info on social media.



Hollaback Derby UK shared Meet Us On The Street: International Anti-Street Harassment Week's photo.

2 hrs · 🌐

Today is International Anti-Street Harassment Week, what will you be doing to [#endstreetharassment](#)? Perhaps you could write the below messages on some sticky notes and leave them around your place of work or school? Or chalk them on the wall/pavement? [#endshweek](#)



London, United Kingdom

Proactive Dance launched the Cat-Call Counter Attack! It is a site responsive dance piece that was meant to playfully agitate and reclaim the streets around the Royal Festival Hall and Southbank Centre in London.



London, United Kingdom

People put up the Stop Telling Women to Smile posters for Wheatpasting night..



Nottingham, United Kingdom

Nottingham Women's Center launched a poster campaign in their community because misogyny is a hate crime in Nottingham.

It's not OK to be harassed because you're a woman

GROPING ME IN A CLUB

CALLING ME A BITCH

ABUSING ME ONLINE

THREATENING TO RAPE ME

FOLLOWING ME HOME

REPORT IT. STOP IT.

Nottinghamshire Police take misogyny hate crime seriously

You can report it:

Emergencies - call 999
Non-emergencies - call 101
Report online - www.report-it.org.uk
(You do not have to give your details)

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE

Nottingham Women's Centre
come on in

Nottingham Women's Centre is a registered charity, no. 1108637



Oxford, United Kingdom

Hollaback! Oxford did a chalk walk and BBC South interview about their work.



Hello Oxford,

Sunday 2nd April marks the start of International Anti-Street Harassment Week. Here at Hollaback! Oxford we have been working to end street harassment in the local area. Whether you are a local business, an individual, a student, or just passing through, we'd like you to get involved.

Who are Hollaback! Oxford?

We are a team of three local volunteers who are part of a global network of activists working to make the streets safer for ALL who use them.

What do we do?

1. We run the Hollaback! Oxford site (oxford.hollaback.org) where both victims and bystanders of street harassment can share their story and pin the location of an incident on our interactive map
2. We campaign locally on behalf of the people who share their stories
3. We shine a spotlight on the issue of street harassment in the national sphere to influence policy makers

What can you do?

If you run, or work in, a local business you can print out this letter and post it in your premises. You can also share the digital copy of this letter on social media with your followers.

If you are an individual you can share our letter on social media and spread the word to your friends and colleagues. You can also share your story of street harassment with us.

Why is it important?

We believe all individuals should have equal access to public spaces and that no one should feel unsafe in their local area

With love and revolution,

The Hollaback! Oxford team

Share your story with us: oxford.hollaback.org
@hollabackoxford
www.facebook.com/hollabackoxford



Uruguay

OCAC Uruguay did an online photo campaign.



Efforts in the U.S.A.



Arizona

Hey Baby – Art Against Sexual Violence launched an art/poster exhibit at Tucson's main library in Arizona.



California

Cal State LA and Cal State University Bakersfield shared content online for the Week and joined the Global Tweetathon.



California

The California Coalition Against Sexual Assault released [a podcast](#) on street harassment as well as published a [blog post](#) on the topic.

International Anti- Street Harassment Week: Inclusive and Intersectional Social Justice Lens to Prevent Sexual Violence

Anti-sexual harassment transit campaign



PreventConnect Podcast

Preventing and Ending the Cycle of Street Harassment and Sexual Violence

Being born and raised in India, I assumed only young girls and women in my city experienced and witnessed multiple forms of sexual harassment in our country, especially on the streets and in public transit. Until I arrived in the U.S. in 2004 and continued to read about sexual violence, especially the [blogs](#) at [Stop Street Harassment](#), I realized that street harassment is unfortunately prevalent all around the world in shared public spaces. Street harassment, often a troubling factor attributing to sexual violence and physical harassment, is often trivialized and normalized due to being a part of our everyday lives. Being catcalled, groped and grabbed, physically and sexually assaulted, stalked or exposed to flashings and lewd gestures are all types of street harassment. We often overlook the most troubling fact — most of us experience it everyday in our commutes, parks, walks, drives, bike rides and many more avenues. Imagine the trauma, the impact, and future implications on the lives of those affected and victimized.

**YOU DESERVE TO BE
TREATED WITH RESPECT**

Report sexual harassment

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San Francisco, CA 94111
415.398.1234
www.wamta.org

WAMTA campaign addressing sexual harassment and
transphobia. Photo Credit: Holly Kearl

Street harassment is also intersectional in nature as it often connects with sexual and domestic violence, racism, homophobia, sexism, ableism, transphobia, reproductive injustice, Islamophobia, and other forms of oppressions.



California

ka·nei·see | collective is a San Francisco-based company that put on a professional dance “Please Don’t” that addresses gender-based harassment. Choreographer Tanya Chianese was inspired by Tatyana Falalizadeh’s street art movement Stop Telling Women to Smile. [A review](#) of the dance reads:

“...An ensemble work for five, Mallory Markham, Madeline Matuska, Amy McMurchie, Rebecca Morris and Emma Salmon, Please Don’t delves into weighty and vital subject matter - sexual aggression towards women and imposed, oppressive gender constructs. Lit dimly, the quintet opened with a slow, protective phrase, in which they seemed to be claiming their own agency. But quickly, a switch flipped (in the movement and in the lights) to fully reveal arresting imagery of violating touch. Expressed through abrupt level changes, staccato isolations, extreme extensions, directional pivots and challenging gestures, an array of trios, duets, unison and quartets continued to expose and provoke. While indeed a heavy work, Chianese also cleverly injected moments of humor, like the Dance Theater-inspired smiling sequences. And moments of hope.

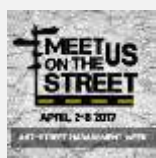
The most significant observation for me in Please Don’t was the eye towards sisterhood and shared understanding. There were certainly moments when the cast might have been standing still by themselves, but every time they were moving or dancing, it was always in a group formation, whether two, three, four or all five. No one moved alone and that was a potent part of the message.”



#EndSHWeek 2017

Connecticut

The Center for Family Justice, Inc. organized a photo campaign.



#EndSHWeek 2017

Florida

SSH supporters held signs and engaged passersby in conversation about street harassment in Key West, FL



Georgia

Slutwalk Atlanta/Alright, Rebel hosted a street event in Atlanta to raise awareness. Here is a video of it.



#EndSHWeek 2017

Georgia



Illinois

People joined Stop Telling Women to Smile's night of wheatpasting.



Illinois

Working Bikes' WTF! Night (Women Trans Femme) presented, "Breaking the Cycle of Street Harassment," a screening of the *Ovarian Psycos* documentary and a discussion on harassment in public spaces.



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WTF! Night Presents: Breaking the Cycle of Street Harassment

Public · Hosted by [Jean Khut](#) and [5 others](#)



Iowa

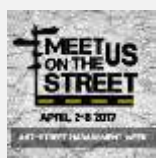
The University of Iowa's Rape Victim Advocacy Program and LEAP programs distributed information about street harassment on campus.



Kentucky

The University of Louisville's Women 4 Women Student Board invited students to write all the unspoken messages they've wanted to say to harassers and any inappropriate comments that have been said to them. Students could also show their support to victims by signing a pledge to combat street harassment.

#CardsAgainstCatcalling. The groups also hosted a speaker who talked about street harassment. A few students spoke about their experience with street harassment and how race, gender, religion, gender identity, and sexual orientation intersect into their individual experiences.



Louisiana

Hollaback! New Orleans did wheatpasting.



Michigan

NOW (National Organization for Women) Washtenaw Chapter organized performance-based art about street harassment. The performance was a pop-up runway where an announcer announced each volunteer and they walked through the public bus transit area as a way to reclaim this space. As each lady walked through, the announcer described details of a time this person was harassed, including what the person was wearing, what activity they were doing, and what type of harassment.



This was meant to show that it doesn't matter what you're wearing or what activity you are doing. After each volunteer walked down the runway, the announcer gave a fact about street harassment. As the performance happened, volunteers handed out zines with information about street harassment.



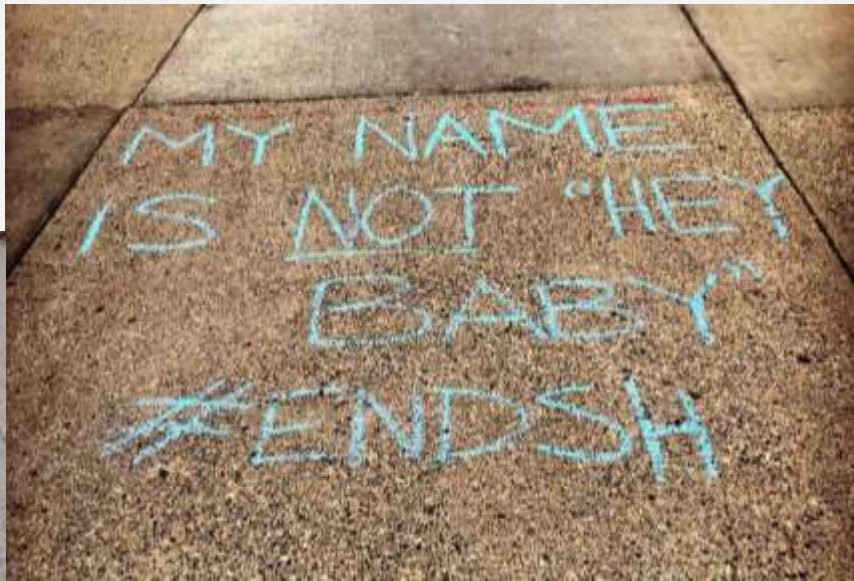
Michigan

Hollaback! Detroit organized a sidewalk spray chalking.



Minnesota

Chalking took place at the University of Minnesota's campus as well as at a location organized by Minnesota NOW.



People in Duluth joined the Stop Telling Women to Smile wheatpasting night.



Minnesota

One night SSH board member Lindsay went out late and chalked all over downtown Minneapolis. Many commuters took and posted photos the next morning expressing their gratitude for the messages she wrote.



added 5 new photos.

Walking to catch my bus in downtown Minneapolis this morning I was pleasantly surprised by these simple messages written in chalk for blocks! Thanks for making my day 😊 #endsh



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2 Comments

Like Comment Share

10 mins

Whoever covered the Hennepin Ave sidewalks with anti street harassment chalk art, thank you.

#endsh

Like Comment Share

Meghann @onejellyroll

Follow

Saw this on my walk to work, reclaiming a space where I sometimes feel unsafe. Awesome! #EndSH



Lindsey @CardsAgainstMe

Good morning! If you find yourself on Hennepin Ave in Minneapolis, use #EndSH and share thoughts on the chalkwalk I worked on overnight. ❤️

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To the people that covered the sidewalks on Hennepin in chalk messages against catcalling and hitting on strangers, thank you! That is definitely a message needed to be spread, especially in that area. What a unique way to spread awareness. Made my morning! 😊

Like Share

45



Nevada

Hollaback! Las Vegas shared messages on social media.

 **Hollaback Vegas** added 2 new photos.
April 4 at 7:13pm · 🌐

April is a big month for us because it is Sexual Assault Awareness Month AND Anti-Street Harassment Week. Follow us this month for great information about BOTH movements! #SAAM2017 #IAHW2017



 **Hollaback Vegas**
April 7 at 7:00pm · 🌐

While keeping your safety in mind, remember that it is your RIGHT to challenge people who are harassing you on the street. There are lots of ways that you can fight back against harassment while still staying safe. #IAHW2017



 **Hollaback Vegas**
April 5 at 7:00pm · 🌐

This week, we think we all need a refresher on what street harassment is. It is ANYTHING that makes a person feel ashamed, frightened, humiliated or uncomfortable. #IAHW2017

STREET HARASSMENT IS...

Unwelcome interactions in public spaces between strangers that are motivated by gender/sexism and cause someone to feel harassed, intimidated, embarrassed, humiliated, objectified, angry or unsafe.

It includes: unwanted staring and whistling, "catcalls," sexually explicit comments, demands for a date, persistent demands for a date or phone number after you've said no, calling someone a bitch, dyke, or fag, and it can escalate into following, groping, indecent exposure, and even sexual assault.

IT'S A GLOBAL PROBLEM...

At least 80% of women worldwide and many men, especially men in the LGBTQ+ community, experience street harassment. Street harassment—or the threat of it—may make them feel unsafe in public spaces and may limit the places they feel they can go. Thus, it is a human rights violation. It needs to stop!

WHAT WE CAN DO...

- 1) Set a good example: be respectful.
- 2) Share our stories. Help make visible the experiences that are too often invisible and normalized.
- 3) Call out harassers. "Hey man, that's not cool." "Cut it out," and, "Stop, that's harassment." Ask them, "Can you please repeat yourself?" or "Would you want your mother to see you saying that?" We can also report indirect exposure or physical harassment to the police - note what the person looks like or take a photo to submit with the report.
- 4) Stand up for others when we see them being harassed: we can ask them if they're okay and need help and offer it. We can directly call out the harassers. We can also cause a distraction, interruption, or pretend to know the person being harassed and lead them out of the situation.



New Hampshire

University of New Hampshire Wildcats STOP Street Harassment [released a video](#) with students talking about their street harassment stories and what students can do about it. They were also active on social media.



New Mexico

People joined the Stop Telling Women to Smile wheatpasting night in Albuquerque and Santa Fe.



New York

In Brooklyn, “Art in Ad Places” put up a Stop Telling Women to Smile poster.



Various people joined the STWTS wheatpasting night.



New York

Brooklyn Movement Center's anti-street harassment working group No Disrespect, The Safe OUTside the System Collective of the Audre Lorde Project, and Culture Push hosted street action. There was screen printing, de-escalation skills sharing and opportunities to plug in to local organizing.



New York

200 people convened for Hollaback's fifth annual Anti-Street Harassment Week rally in Tompkins Square Park, which featured New York City First Lady Chirlane McCray. Co-sponsored by 23 organizations and New York City Council Members Rafael Espinal, Andrew Cohen, and Daniel Garodnick, the gathering featured 22 performers and speakers, including New York City Council Member Brad Lander.

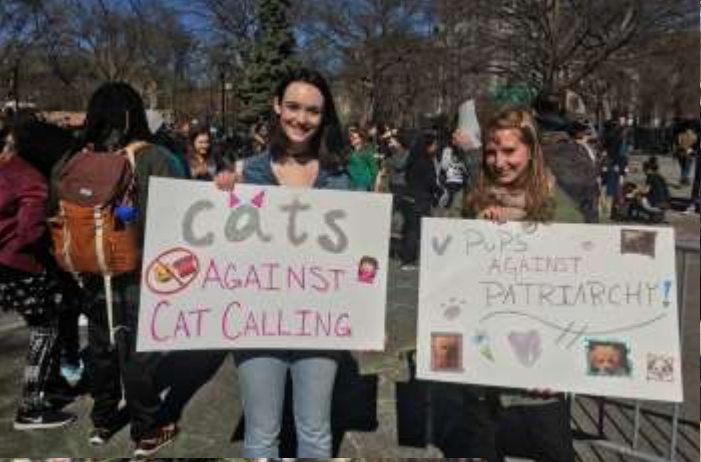
Their press release states: "We believe in a world where all people have the freedom to move through public space, participate in civic life, and reach their full potential," said Emily May, co-founder and executive director of Hollaback!. "The current political climate has set that world further from our reach, but we're as determined as ever to bring about change."

"Women of all ethnicities, immigrants, and people who were enslaved played a crucial role in building NYC, and we deserve to feel safe as we walk our streets and ride our subways," said First Lady Chirlane McCray, who co-chairs the Commission on Gender Equity. "Ending street harassment is important for me and this administration, so our work with Hollaback! is just beginning. I urge every New Yorker to speak out the next time you see or experience street harassment – the louder we holler, the sooner we will see change."

Co-sponsoring organizations included the Anti-Violence Project, Arab American Association of New York, Breakthrough, Brooklyn-Queens NOW, Center for Anti-Violence Education, Day One, Feminist Self Defense, Get Women Cycling, Kanokwan Self Defense, Let Your Voice Be Heard! Radio, The Movement Theatre Company, Mount Sinai SAVI Program, Occupy Kensington, #PaceUEndRape, Sakhi for South Asian Women, SoapBox Speakers, Inc., Sydnie Mosley Dances, Trans Women of Color Collective, Voices of Women Organizing, WITNESS, WORD at 4F, Young Feminists & Allies: NOW's Inaugural Virtual Chapter, & YWCA Brooklyn.



New York



New York

In co-sponsorship with The Women Worldwide Initiative, Wordat4F hosted an open discussion and open mic to advocate for the safety of women and girls in public spaces by educating bystanders and empowering women through storytelling and poetry.

The poster features a white background with a faint diamond pattern. In the top left corner is the 'WORD AT 4F' logo in blue and purple. In the top right corner is the logo for 'The Women Worldwide Initiative' which includes a globe icon and the tagline 'Connect. Inspire. Educate.' The main title 'Open Mic Against Street Harassment' is written in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. Below the title is a large yellow rectangular brushstroke containing the text 'MY NAME IS NOT BABY!' in a black, hand-drawn, all-caps font. To the left of the event details is a black and white sketch of a woman with long hair, wearing a jacket and holding a book. To the right of the sketch, the text 'Facilitated by Paula Ramirez' is in a pink, italicized font. Below this, the date 'Sunday, April 23, 2017' and time '3:00-5:30PM' are in a black, handwritten-style font. A thick black horizontal line separates the date/time from the location. The location 'Word Up Community Bookshop' and address '2113 Amsterdam Ave., 164th Street, NYC, NY' are in a pink, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, the word 'WOMEN' is in a large, bold, black font, with the phrase 'DO NOT OWE YOU THEIR TIME OR CONVERSATION' in a smaller, black, all-caps font below it. At the bottom right is the 'WORD UP' logo with the tagline 'Community Bookshop. Literate Community.'

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New York

Female athletes at Clarkson University took a stand against street harassment.



North Carolina

Sandra & Anita host a southern feminist podcast and radio show out of North Carolina, and they released an episode about harassment to coincide with the Week.

“You may find yourself wondering, is he touching me on purpose? Or does he really have to spread his legs so wide? Or even, can I possibly make myself any smaller to avoid him?”

-Meghan Modafferi on the internal monologue she and other women have when dealing with unwanted touch in public spaces.



She & Her @sheandherradio · 8h

Women internally bargain every time they're catcalled & the specter of violence looms: bit.ly/2o2gtqY #EndSH #streetharassment

“Most of the time I just keep walking and pretend it's not happening. I am silent not because it doesn't bother me, but because I am afraid of the violence that might ensue if I respond any other way.”

-Jamila Reddy on the internal bargaining she does when deciding how to respond to catcalling.



Oberlin, Ohio

Oberlin College dance students performed a short version of The Window Sex Project, as a part of their “Spring Back” concert. The work was originally devised by Sydnie L. Mosley, her Harlem-based dance company, and Harlem community members and it was re-staged for the first time on students.

The performance was part of a larger event and it ran for two nights during the Week.



Cleveland, Ohio

Sidewalk chalking in Cleveland.



#EndSHWeek 2017

Haverford, Pennsylvania

The Haverford College Women*s Center set up chalking stations in front of the DC and McGill so people could answer the question, “How do you respond to street harassment?”

The Center also posted on Facebook and Instagram multiple articles, photos, songs, videos, etc. all about street harassment and what we can do to combat rape culture!



Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Pussy Division put up crime scene tape with anti-street harassment messages on it around Philadelphia. Their actions were covered by local media outlets.



Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Rainbow Alternative posted these messages in various public space locations.



Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania

Susquehanna University's Women's Studies department hosted their annual chalking on campus, despite the rain!



Virginia

Chalking in Reston, VA.



Washington, DC

Collective Action for Safe Spaces hosted a chalking and rally at Farragut Square.



Washington, DC

In the Washington, D.C.-area, SSH partnered with Collective Action for Safe Spaces & WMATA for a 5th year to hand out flyers and materials about how to report sexual harassment that occurs on the Metro system. We were at five stations spanning Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. SSH's newest board member Daljit Soni was at one of the stations and did an interview for NBC4 News!



Online Activism

Some of the online activism has already been featured in the above sections, but this section covers more, including the Tweet Chats and SSH Guest Blog Posts published for the Week.



Tweet Chats

There were three tweet chats and a Global Tweetathon.

View the Storify summaries of: the [Tweetathon](#) | [April 5 chat](#) | [April 7 chat](#)



Signs of Safe Streets During #SAAM

In the USA, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center oversees Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in April. On April 2, they encouraged people to talk about indicators or signs of safe streets and use #EndSH.

Here are 2 examples of people's responses:



#HoundsAgainstHarassment

Steps to End Family Violence posted images of their #HoundsAgainstHarassment!



“I’ve Gotten Used To the Harassment”

By Araceli Cruz, Guest Blogger for SSH

I remember the heat. I, a 9-year-old child, played alone on the beach...I was on vacation... in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. As I sat on the shore covering myself with sand, a wave pulled me into the ocean. I quickly got myself up but felt disoriented because the salty seawater blurred my vision. I then realized I couldn't walk. I felt a strong hold on my leg. I looked down to see what was preventing me from moving — it was a man. I remember looking down at him as the small waves came over him. He continued to grasp at my legs and I remained motionless. The next thing I see is my mother running over to me. She began to smack him on his head and arms until he let go of me. In retrospect I think this man could have been drunk, but this would become the first time a man not only harassed me but also touched me without consent.

Growing up, I viewed getting catcalled as a way of life. “Latinas get harassed, and there’s nothing you can do about it,” was like a slogan that my parents ingrained in my head without having to say it. I understood very quickly that I could not wear anything too revealing because that meant “I was asking for it.”

My older sister... fought back. I remember one day, in particular, we were walking down the street in San Francisco near the Mission District, and a man passed us and whispered to us in Spanish, “Oh my god.” My sister turned around and yelled at him (so loud that others on the street turned out), “Yes, it is god that I pray would make you more attractive!!!” I realize this comeback is humorous and sort of ridiculous, but it’s rare to not only fire back at a call, but say something that makes you feel better.

My boiling point came years later when I lived in NYC...I walked down a snow-covered street in Astoria wearing a huge puffy jacket that basically covered me from head to toe. Two men in a truck stuck their heads out the window and began hurling catcalls at me, and I remember thinking, “How can they tell I am even a woman?” I realized then that it didn't matter if I wore a strapless top, a puffy jacket, or even take the long way home to avoid men on street corners — there'll always be some men that cannot help but make unwarranted comments.

It's an ongoing issue that won't go away regardless of if I say “f**k you” to their face or even call the police after getting hit in the head. I wish there were precaution I could take to prevent harassment, but mostly I will remain vigilant.



“Street Harassment and Violence are NOT about Clothes”

By Mary Mwangi , Guest Blogger for SSH

A few weeks ago, I conducted interviews on sexual harassment in public spaces and it was frightening to note that almost all of the interviewees believe that it is a woman's way of dressing that influences street harassment and violence.

Women have been harassed while wearing skirts, hijabs, dresses and trousers: street harassment and violence is NOT about dressing. It is important for us to call a spade a spade and not lay blame on dressing, but instead we should strongly condemn those who perpetrate such violence on our streets.

Today, some may think that since we have not heard the news of stripping of women and girls in public spaces that the vice is dead. Sadly, this is not the case as many women continue to face harassment every single day but due to fear of victimization by the perpetrators opt to be silent.

I sturdily feel that the root cause of all form of violence and prejudice between men and women stems from a patriarchal mind-set. Some individuals have expressed concerns that the media and westernization fosters a society that devalues women. But again, don't you think this is misplaced blame? The media only represents women as the society sees them.

Unless we realize that patriarchal attitudes and beliefs cause more harm than good, then a culture of fear will continue. We all need work together to fight the vice of street harassment and violence. It is important to note that it isn't only men who perpetuate patriarchy, women do it too. It is high time that we all worked as a team, as family and as a community since we now know better.

It is high time that we all encouraged sensitization and behavior change initiatives that allow and emphasize discussion on sexual harassment, patriarchy and the need to respect all genders. At Flone Initiative, we believe we are all human beings and respecting and celebrating our uniqueness is our goal. All we need to do is learn to respect each other. It is only then that our women and girls will walk along the streets without fear of being harassed, violated, raped or assaulted but with the assurance of safety, security and freedom.

Join our social media campaign as we advocate for safer streets.
#EndStreetHarassmentWeek | #EndSH | #MyDressMyChoice



“Building Solidarity in a Fragmented Country”

By Sofia DiPasquale , Guest Blogger for SSH

Hollaback! is a global network of grassroots activists working to end all forms of harassment. We believe that everyone has the right to exist in public space without fear, and that bystander intervention and story-sharing are key to creating a harassment-free world. We’re hosting regular bystander intervention trainings to give people the tools and knowledge to act up and fight back against harassment when they see it happen. You can share stories of harassment or bystander intervention on our [website](#).

Since the 2016 presidential election in the U.S., we’ve seen a spike in the amount of stories we’ve been receiving – particularly racist, anti-Muslim, and anti-immigrant harassment. Harassment disproportionately affects marginalized communities, especially people who face intersecting oppression. We recognize that not everyone feels safe intervening in every harassment situation, especially when you belong to the community that is being targeted. Our bystander intervention training outlines five options of ways to intervene, ranging from directly confronting the harasser to documenting the situation, so you always have a choice when you’re deciding the best way to respond.

Overwhelmingly, people sharing stories of harassment say that they wish someone had stepped in during the harassment or checked in with them after to let them know that someone has their back. We’re trying to get as many people trained up on bystander intervention as possible so we can begin to create communities where people affirm and protect each other in public space, and no one has to feel uncomfortable or unsafe. You can find out more bystander intervention resources [here](#).



“What’s in a Name?”

By Blythe Tyrone, Guest Blogger for SSH

“...Because street harassment is so common, it seemed like an area that would be ripe for academic research, but when I started digging into the literature, I was surprised at how little I could find, especially compared to similar topics like sexual harassment. I thought street harassment was such an obvious problem and was surprised that no one seemed to care about it. I could find peer-reviewed research on what pick-up lines worked better at a bar, but little about something so common it’s been the subject of a viral video, comedy sketches, webcomics, think pieces, a Tumblr project, disturbing headlines, and initiatives.

The problem, I soon learned, was a simple matter of definition. What’s in a name? Well, quite a lot, apparently. Eventually I discovered that I was far from the only one interested in researching street harassment, but I was one of the few actually using that term. Street harassment research is scattered across disciplines under a variety of names such as stranger harassment (Fairchild & Rudman, 2008), public harassment (Gardner, 1995), catcalling (Wesellmann & Kelly, 2010), girl watching (Quinn, 2002), sexual terrorism (Nielson, 2002), street remarks (Kissling, 1991), and street hassling (West, 1987)....Research is an important tradition that helps us understand problems and leads us to solutions. If we are not using the same words when identifying our problems, how can we expect to share what we have learned about them so that others may take our experience into consideration for their own work or build on it?

For my graduate thesis at NC State University, I have made a point to explore the many names street harassment research might be disguised under in past research. However, as more and more people – especially beyond the hallowed halls of academia – start using the term street harassment, not only might it spur researchers to start using the same name, but it may help spread awareness to the general public as well. To recognize and call out street harassment when we see it, we need to all be on the same page as to what we’re calling it to begin with. This isn’t to say that there are not many different layers that shape street harassment (it is certainly enmeshed in issues of race, power, gender, sexuality, etc.), but if we have a common place to start, we will be more unified and effective in the overall effort to stop street harassment.”



“Safety First: Street Harassment and Women’s Educational Choices in India”

By Girija Borker, Guest Blogger for SSH

Why do women in India choose to attend lower ranked colleges?

Is it because women have lower high school test scores? **No.**

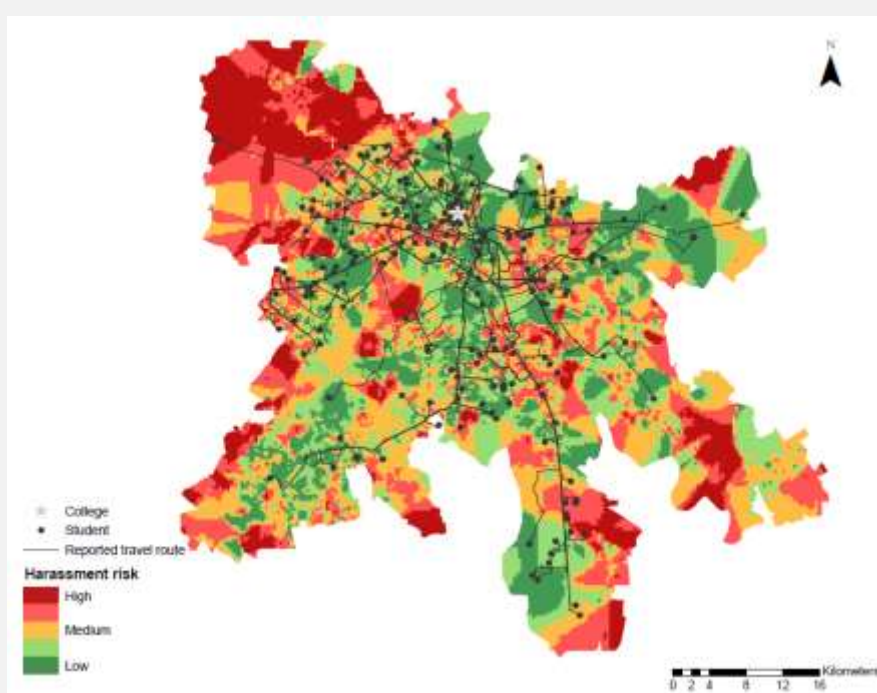
Is it because of street harassment? **YES.**

Women studying in Delhi University (DU), one of the top universities in India, choose lower ranked colleges than men with the same high school test scores. This is despite the fact that women score higher on national high school exams than men. And this is true even for the smartest and the most ambitious women. My research aims to understand why women are making these choices and whether it is because women trade-off quality of education for safety from harassment.

DU is composed of 77 colleges and the colleges are spread across Delhi. The colleges vary in quality, with each college having its own campus, staff and classes. Undergraduate admissions in DU are centralized and primarily based on students’ high school test scores. I surveyed over 4,000 students at DU to collect information on students’ daily travel route, travel mode, their high school scores and exposure to street harassment. At DU, most students live with their parents and travel to college every day, predominantly by public transport. In my sample, over 70% of students live at home and of these around 80% use public transport to travel to college every day. Most women I surveyed have experienced some form of street harassment – 63% of women have experienced unwanted staring, 50% have received inappropriate comments, 27% have been touched inappropriately and 25% have been followed.

To determine how the risk of harassment during travel affects college choice, I combine safety data with information on students’ chosen travel route and alternative travel routes available. Safety data comes from [SafetiPin](#), a map-based mobile application that allows users to characterize the safety of an area. Information on harassment by travel mode comes from [Safecity](#), a mobile application that lets women share their stories of harassment in urban public spaces. I used Google Maps to map the route options available to each student for their travel to college every day.





Harassment risk and students' chosen travel routes to a college in DU.

My analysis indicates that avoidance behavior in response to street harassment can largely explain women's choices. I found that women are willing to attend a college that is 6 ranks lower for a route that is 1 standard deviation safer. This means that if a woman must choose to travel daily to the number 1 ranked college but face a high probability of harassment, or commute to the 6th ranked college that incurs on average 1 standard deviation less of harassment, she will choose the 6th ranked college. Compared to men, women are willing to give up 4 more ranks for an additional standard deviation of safety. Even among individuals who chose the best college in their set of available choices, women spend Rs. 15,500 (\$250) more than men in annual travel costs to take safer, but more expensive travel routes to college. This amount is equivalent to 6% of the average per capita annual income in Delhi.

This is the first study to assess the effects of street harassment on women's college choice. The study highlights the degree to which the threat of street harassment holds back promising young women, even at a prestigious university in a modern city. The findings speak to the long-term consequences of everyday harassment – perpetuating gender inequality in education. Policy makers must realize that affirmative action for women is not enough unless we transform public spaces into enabling environments that are accessible to all.

“Street Harassment Stops Here”

This article was cross-posted from Kaligraphy Magazine.

I started this webzine because I believe in the power of story sharing; in raising awareness, in connecting people, in promoting empathy, story sharing is one of the most powerful tools at humanity's disposal for effecting change.

This is understood by Hollaback, a global network founded in 2005 of activists committed to ending street harassment largely via story sharing and mapping on their app and website.

Last year, I helped found one of these networks in Madrid, Spain, after I met an expat like me who was appalled by the pervasiveness of street harassment worldwide. With myself and five other strong, committed women, we founded Levanta La Voz! Madrid to help women in Spain's capital find the support they need through sharing their stories.

Here are our stories [due to space constraints, only 1 story is included here]:

Jen

I moved to Madrid 2 years ago and I immediately began to notice that men would comment as I walked past. At first I wasn't sure if I was imagining things. Then when it became more common I didn't always understand what was being said and I certainly didn't have the level of Spanish to retort. I felt frustrated and angry. I stopped making eye contact. I started listening to music all of the time when I was out and about so that my earphones would block out any harassment. I have since acquired a level of Spanish to tell my harassers off. Sometimes I just explain that I don't like their behaviour and would like their respect. Sometimes I ask them if they think I am as insignificant to them as a dog. Thankfully I have never felt unsafe or threatened, but I panic if I leave my house without earphones, avoid certain streets and don't make eye contact. I am also always mentally prepared with a comment. It affects how I feel at times depending on what I'm wearing. I am thankful the weather is cold again so that I don't have any skin on display. The reason I got involved in Hollaback is because I don't want to feel oppressed anymore and I envisage a future where no one feels like I do – regardless of sex, race, religion, sexual orientation, body type, ability, or age. We all have the power to try and make a change.



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