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The Zonta Says NO 2026 Campaign Toolkit

with Key Dates and Links
on Zonta Canada Website

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an international campaign held annually from November 25 to December 10 to end violence against women, girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ communities.
2026 Theme: "UNiTE to End Violence Against Women and Girls: Ensure justice, protect survivors, end impunity".
Core Goals: Promoting accessible justice, survivor protection, institutional accountability, and safety in physical and digital spaces.
Symbol: The colour orange is worn globally to symbolize a future free from violence.

Gender-based violence remains a critical issue; Women and Gender Equality Canada notes significant societal and economic impacts, including 148 femicides recorded in Canada in 2025. Globally, UN Women reports that roughly one in three women experience violence, urging collective action to support survivors and dismantle harmful norms.



2026 Zonta Says NO Summit

Information
Registration Open

$25 US, supporting Zonta Foundation for Women and future access to the entire day's recordings. Consider hosting a club or community watch party before or after with one ticket!

The Summit will explore how conflict, war and political instability affect women and girls in distinct and often disproportionate ways.

Interested Zonta Canada Members Welcome

Join other Canadian members on the second Tuesday of each month to hear and discuss advocacy in Canada. **Contact Nita**

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Charities and Non-Profit Law Bulletin

Published by Fasken – Charities and Non-profit Group – Nov 4, 2026

The Department of Finance and the Canada Revenue Agency (the "CRA") launched a public consultation on modernizing the federal tax framework for registered charities.
Consultations are being taken across the sector on a broad range of items that could affect how we handle our taxes and charitable status going forward.

The full Fasken bulletin can be read at:
https://www.fasken.com/en/knowledge/2026/11/change-for-good?utm_source

White Ribbon & Armagh House Presentation

Featuring David Garson of White Ribbon and Cynthis Gonzales of Armagh House.
White Ribbon has been working with men and boys for over 30 years to help end gender base violence.
Chrysalis is a pilot project at Armagh House that works with families to head off violence before it starts.
Two different programs working for the same result.
*Please use **this link** to view the recording.*

Federal Menstrual Equity Fund Extended

Zonta Canada received a response from The Honourable Rechie Valdez, Minister of Women and Gender Equality, to our letter supporting the project's continuation. *Read the Response:* https://zontacanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/Letter-from-Minister-Valdez-to-Zonta-Canada.pdf

In the most recent 2026 Budget, the Government of Canada renewed its commitment to menstrual equity with a proposed $70 million over two years to renew the Menstrual Equity Fund!
This investment will help ensure that more Canadians can access free menstrual products, education, and awareness resources, building on a program that has already supported more than 4 million people.
We sincerely thank the Government of Canada and Women and Gender Equality Canada for recognizing the importance of menstrual equity and committing to continuing this vital work.
We also want to thank you, the incredible community of advocates who helped make their voices heard.