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#HearMeToo - we are the Generation Equality

BPW Australia (the Australian Federation of Business and Professional Women) is marking this year's International Day for the Elimination of Violence against women by joining the global action to increase awareness, galvanise advocacy efforts and share knowledge and innovations.

As reported by Australian Bureau of Statistics Personal Safety Survey ; Since the age of 15, 1 in 3 women have experienced physical violence, 1 in 4 have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner and 1 in 5 have experienced sexual violence

Australia's recognition of the urgency to respond to Violence against Women (VAW) has been translated into policy and government commitments through the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children 2010-2022 (National Plan) and Council of Australian Governments statements .

The National Plan has the potential to help achieve gender equality and end VAW. The latest data from Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) released last week has seen evidence in changing attitudes in the workplace with a big increase in employer action on family and/or domestic violence. An increase of 13% in a year to 60.2% of employers with family and/or domestic violence policies or strategies in place.

"For over 70 years, BPW Australia has supported, encouraged and educated women and girls by succeeding in our lobbying efforts to influence local and national governments to address women's issues. Locally, BPW clubs across Australia have been proactive in women's affairs for a long time" Jacqueline Graham, President BPW Australia said.

"Every year in November, our clubs hold events across Australia to raise awareness of VAW and to advocate the work of the many organisations . For example, our BPW club in Melbourne highlighting the work of Tricia Currie, CEO of Women's Health Loddon Mallee and Claire Waterman, Director of the Office of CEO Family Safety Victoria at an event held on 12th November " Jacqueline said

This year, BPW Australia will be sharing concepts daily via social media platforms as part of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence , kicking off Monday 25th November until the 10th December, United Nations Human Rights Day.

To find out more ,

<https://plan4womenssafety.dss.gov.au/> <https://www.unwomen.org/en> <https://www.wgea.gov.au>



About BPW Australia

BPW Australia is a community of women working to end gender inequity. Our members share an interest in the issues that affect working women in Australia and around the world today. BPW's membership includes employers and employees who work across many sectors including corporate, small business, professions, trades, non-profit and government. BPW Australia is affiliated to BPW International, which has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and has expert and experienced representatives accredited to most United Nations agencies.

BPW Australia recommends actions in line with UN Global Compact Sustainable Development Goal 5: To Achieve Gender Equality and Empower all Women and Girls

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