For Immediate Release

It's time to 'Flip the Script' and put the blame where it belongs: on perpetrators!

Community Awareness Planned for May's Sexual Assault Awareness Month

May is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and we want to start a community conversation about victim-blaming and the need for consent in healthy relationships. We will be spreading this message through social media and in the community with various workshops, booths, and community events.

We will be holding a consensual pub crawl on May 27th. Come out and see us at whatever Richmond Row watering hole you regularly attend----we'll be happy to chat about consent, healthy hook-ups, and the importance of communication.

We'll also be blitzing social media with infographics, drawing attention to the survivors whose experiences of violence are often not present in our conversations: male survivors, folks with disabilities, the LGBTQ community, and Indigenous women. Sexual violence cuts across all demographics, and impacts us all.

- Approximately 1/5 straight men and 2/5 gay men have experienced sexual violence
- Victimization rates are up to 10x higher for people with disabilities than for people without
- 1/2 of LGBTQ+ folks experience sexual violence
- Indigenous women and girls account for 3% of Canada's population, but 10% of our homicide victims

Why are we doing all this?

Over the past year there have been many high profile cases of sexual violence in the media. The overarching narrative of sexual assault cases in our society is that the blame is placed on the survivors, rather than on the perpetrators.

Survivors are questioned. Survivors are forced to explain their actions. Survivors are presumed to be lying, until proven trustworthy in a court of law.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month is a time of engagement, education, and empowerment. Together, we can create Our World Without Sexual Violence.

In Crisis? Need to Talk?

We here to listen 24/7, call 519-438-2272

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