



## WWSF - YOUTH ENGAGE.COM



### Introduction

The WWSF Children-Youth Section has revised its former web page [YouthEngage.com](http://YouthEngage.com) by linking it to its annual campaign '19 Days of activism for prevention of violence against children and youth 1-19 November'.

### Vision

An empowered youth participating in ending violence and abuse against children and youth by 2030 is not only welcome but key to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Agenda 2030.

### Mission

WWSF continues to mobilize young people around the world, boys and girls, to develop and use their strength and talents for meaningful participation in preventing violence against children and youth in their communities.

In view of the newly adopted **Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 (SDG)** and in particular in support of SDG Goals 16, 8 and 5.



**Goal 16** aims inter alia to end abuse exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children. Link: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300>

**Goal 8** calls among others to take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labor, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labor, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labor in all its forms.

**Goal 5** aims inter alia to eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual other types of exploitation, as well as to eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation.

Dear Youth Partners,

*“No violence against children is justifiable and all violence against children is preventable.”*

WWSF is pleased to launch with you this new era and has therefore informed all its active 19 Days coalition member organizations, child rights and youth networks, faith-based and other relevant groups, to share with you our annual Campaign Call to action and programs for better prevention of violence against children and youth and to include you in their local/national outreach, events and activities in your communities. We are asking them to invite you in their projects and empower you to become **active youth champions** for social change.

At this new beginning in history, WWSF calls on young people everywhere to help bring about robust progress in creating a world fit for children and youth and preventing violence and abuse at every opportunity they come in touch with.

Please find below the link to our annual **Call to Action + Prevention Kit** at <http://19days.woman.ch>, which includes general ideas for action and selected ideas for young people that may inspire you to create a group and together try to reduce violence and abuse. The world needs your contribution to achieve the unique **SDG Goals** to “End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children, as well as eliminate all forms of violence...”

Your creativity can shape societies in ways that respond to the need for more security and socialization and to live in peace and dignity.

WWSF proposed to its coalition member organizations to create a special award for you to empower others to follow your example and to encourage you to stay committed to the long haul for the creation of a new culture for prevention of violence and abuse.

### What is the 19 Days Campaign?

The Campaign mobilizes a multi-issue coalition of diverse organizations and partners, including young people, involved in preventing one or several of the 19 abuse issues listed below. It aims to help create public awareness and support for increased activities at the national, regional and international level.

### What are the 19-Days campaign themes?

Although other forms of abuse and violence exist, WWSF selected the following 19 themes and highlights an annual main theme, which is elaborated in the Prevention Kit.

**19 Days**  
1-19 November  
Activism & World Day  
Prevention of violence against children and youth  
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- 1) Children involved in armed conflict
- 2) Sexual abuse
- 3) Bullying
- 4) Neglect
- 5) Child labor
- 6) Corporal punishment
- 7) Sale of children
- 8) Child prostitution
- 9) Child pornography
- 10) Child trafficking
- 11) Child sex tourism
- 12) Harmful traditional practices
- 13) Street children
- 14) Discrimination based on health conditions
- 15) Addiction substance abuse
- 16) Malnutrition
- 17) Dangers of ICTs
- 18) Abduction
- 19) Juvenile justice and juvenile death penalty

19 Nov. Intl. Day for Prevention of Child Abuse  
Convener: WWSF - Women's World Summit Foundation

### Why a 19 Days Campaign?



The Campaign was created in **2010** after 10 years of mobilizing our network to mark the **World Day for Prevention of violence against children-19 November**, because abuse and violence against children and youth continue to be a worldwide phenomenon, which violates children’s rights, impairs their healthy development and takes place in all settings from homes to the justice systems. The 19 days “Prevention Kit” is our empowerment tool for organizations, institutions, parliamentarians, grassroots & faith-based groups, schools, community centers, the media, families and citizens to create robust prevention measures to end a culture of violence

### History: World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse - 19 November



Created in **2000** by WWSF, the World Day objective is to be a focal point and rallying call for the creation of a culture of prevention of abuse and violence against children and youth. Every 19 November, coalition members observe and support the day by organizing local or national activities and events. **19 November** is also the last day of the 19 Days campaign and you are invited to celebrate your achievements in moving your country closer to ending violence and abuse against children and youth.

### Aims of the 19-Days campaign

By focusing on the prevention of diverse types of abuse and violence against children and youth and in particular during the 19 days period, the campaign aims to continue to bring to light the alarming problem, its multifaceted aspects, and the need to generate sufficient civil society interest and government and public support for better prevention and ultimately the elimination of all violence, as well as increasing knowledge of and protecting the rights of the child.

### What is the “19Days-Youth Prize”



WWSF announced last year the creation of a ‘19Days-YouthPrize’, which we continue to promote to empower youth leadership, commitment and action. We look forward to receiving information about projects conducted by young people in collaboration with active coalition member organization (registered online with the 19 Days campaign) to ensure that your contributions will be recognized and honored.



The **Manifesto 2016** launches a new era with the SDGs calling on all citizens to help the end of violence against children and youth. We now have a powerful plan and the focus on children’s rights in the SDG framework makes human development possible. It’s is Time to Walk the Talk.

### Additional Ideas for Action—What Young People Can Do

- **Organize** and **participate** in activities such as discussion forums, demonstrations, signing petitions, workshops and/or volunteer at local youth organizations
- **Request** that your school offers prevention of child/youth abuse programs
- **Engage** in debates about how to prevent bullying and other forms of youth violence



- **Learn** how to identify bullying and how to effectively stop it
- **Get** involved to make your school safer and create initiatives against violence
- **Always include** others in sports and games regardless of gender, size, handicap, etc.
- **Speak** up if you see, hear, or experience something that makes you uncomfortable
- **Set** a good example for younger children/youth and assist them if they are in danger
- **Never** go anywhere with someone you and your parents do not know and trust
- **Learn** safe routes for walking in your neighborhood and know where to seek help
- **Know** where to report an incident
- **Understand** your rights as a child/young adult
- **Settle** arguments with words, not fists or weapons
- **Write** down and share your feelings with friends or adults
- **Learn** basic Internet safety to protect yourselves from violence and abuse online.
- **Understand** that battlefields are not places for young people and do not think of war as a game.

We look forward to hearing from you individually and via the organization you are involved with to inform us of your plans and innovative interventions, which we would be pleased to announce via Facebook, Twitter and Newsletters to inform the world that young people are committed to creating the world we all want – a world free of violence and abuse especially against children and youth.

**To reach us, use our direct email: [wdpca\(at\)wwsf.ch](mailto:wdpca(at)wwsf.ch) - [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch) - [YouthEngage.com](http://YouthEngage.com)**

**1-19 November 2016**

# 19 Days Activism

Prevention of abuse and violence against children and youth

**NOVEMBER 2016**

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World Day

**19** Days of Activism: Prevention of abuse and violence against Children/Youth  
Jours d'activisme: Prévention de l'abus/violence envers l'enfant/Jeunes  
Días Activismo: Prevención del Abuso/Violencia contra los Niños/Juvenets  
Tage Aktivismus: Prävention von Misbrauch/Gewalt gegen Kinder/Jugendliche

**1-19 November**

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