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## **Mayor Adams Encourages New Yorkers to Take Free Bystander Intervention Training as City Kicks off 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**

*New York City Lights Iconic Landmarks Orange to Launch the 16 Days Campaign  
ENDGBV and CGE invite New Yorkers to also attend a public meeting of the city's  
Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board on December 9*

**NEW YORK, NY (November 21, 2025)** — The NYC Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV) and the New York City Commission on Gender Equity (CGE), are encouraging New Yorkers to take a free bystander intervention training as the city kicks off 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. The campaign starts on Tuesday, November 25, the International Day to End Violence against Women, and ends Wednesday, December 10, on Human Rights Day.

**>>>>DATE:** Wednesday, December 3<<<<

**TIME:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Zoom. [Click here to register.](#)

*This interactive training teaches participants how to safely intervene when witnessing street harassment or experiencing it themselves. Attendees will receive clear, adaptable, and expert-approved tools proven to reduce street harassment and help create safer public spaces for everyone.*

16 Days is an international campaign that raises awareness about the impacts of gender-based violence (GBV), which includes intimate partner violence, family violence, elder abuse, sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking. GBV affects people of all races, cultures, religions, genders, sexual orientations, and income levels. The campaign encourages institutions, community groups, and individuals to take collective action to address GBV. Since 2018, New York City has participated annually to ensure survivors have access to inclusive services. New York City will light up several iconic city landmarks in orange on the first day of the 16 Days campaign — **The Arsenal, Coney Island Parachute Jump, 1 Centre Street, Brooklyn Borough Hall, Queens Borough Hall, and Staten Island Borough Hall** — to signal the city's unified commitment to ending gender-based violence and advancing safety, equity, and dignity for all New Yorkers.

Additionally, ENDGBV and CGE, which sits within the NYC Mayor's Office of Equity & Racial Justice, invite New Yorkers [to register for and attend a virtual public meeting of the Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board on December 9, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM](#). Panelists will share diverse perspectives on street harassment, discuss the ways in which street harassment is connected to systemic societal issues, and highlight how the current political landscape affects individual experiences of street harassment. Attendees will also learn about resources for ending street harassment in their communities.

"According to UN Women, roughly one in three women worldwide face some form of gender-based violence," said **Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services Suzanne Miles-Gustave**. "The 16 Days of Action campaign is a chance to join a global movement, raise awareness, and show survivors that support is available. Here in New York City, we are committed to innovative strategies that help survivors achieve safety, stability, and healing. By lighting up the sky and city landmarks orange, we shine a beacon of hope, demonstrating our dedication to awareness, resources, and a future free from violence."

"New York City stands firmly against all forms of abuse, and the 16 Days of Activism serves as an important reminder of our shared commitment," said **Deputy Mayor for Strategic Initiatives Ana J. Almanzar**. "We have been and will continue to be, deeply committed to raising awareness, sharing resources, and supporting survivors in every community. By lighting our city in orange and engaging New Yorkers across all five boroughs, we stand with survivors and reaffirm our dedication to building a city where everyone can live free from violence."

"Even as New York has seen significant reduction in violent crime overall, gender-based violence continues to impact far too many in our communities," said **New York City Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDBGV) Commissioner Saloni Sethi**. "This type of violence, which is rooted in social norms that devalue the experiences of women, girls, transgender and gender-expansive people, needs a wholistic, public health approach that involves all of us in order to address it. During this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign, we invite all New Yorkers to join ENDGBV and our partners as we work to prevent and respond to gendered violence by uplifting survivor stories, sharing information and resources, and making clear that all of us, regardless of gender identity, race, sexual orientation, immigration status or status as a person with a disability, have a right to be safe in our families and our neighborhoods."

"The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence highlights how gender-based violence affects people of all races, identities, and ages, both here in New York City and around the world," said **NYC Chief Equity Officer and Commissioner at the NYC Mayor's Office of Equity and Racial Justice (MOERJ) Sideya Sherman**. "It is our shared responsibility to raise awareness, create policies and programs that support survivors, and take action to address this widespread issue. By lighting up our iconic city landmarks in orange, we not only draw attention to the urgent need to end gender-based violence, but also inspire hope and solidarity, showing survivors and all New Yorkers that they are supported and never alone."

“Gender-based violence affects individuals across all communities, and the 16 Days of Activism campaign is a crucial moment to raise awareness, support survivors, and take meaningful action,” said **Executive Director of the NYC Commission on Gender Equity Priya Nair**.

“Through initiatives like the Right To Be training, we’re empowering communities by training New Yorkers on how to intervene safely, prevent harm, and support those affected. By lighting city buildings orange, we send a visible and powerful message that our city stands united against gender-based violence, honors the resilience of survivors, and reaffirms our commitment to fostering safety, dignity, and equity for all.”

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic or gender-based violence, help is available:

- Call 311 or text 311-692 and ask to be connected to the **NYC Family Justice Center** in your borough (or the one where you feel safest), Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Find resources and support in NYC by searching New York City's **HOPE Resource Directory** online at [nyc.gov/NYCHOPE](https://nyc.gov/NYCHOPE).
- Call **New York City's 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-621-HOPE** (4673) for immediate safety planning, shelter assistance, and other resources. TTY: 866-604-5350.
- **If you are in immediate danger, call or text 911. Please note, this will lead to a response by the NYPD.**

ENDGBV and CGE encourage New Yorkers to learn more about the 16 Days campaign and to help share the resources and services available to survivors throughout New York City by sharing the [16 Days Toolkit](#).

### **About the Mayor’s Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence**

The Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV) develops policies and programs, provides training and prevention education, conducts research and evaluations, performs community outreach, and operates the New York City Family Justice Centers. We collaborate with city agencies and community stakeholders to ensure access to inclusive services for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence (GBV). GBV includes intimate partner violence, family violence, elder abuse, sexual violence (which can include sexual harassment), stalking, and human trafficking. [Read more about the term.](#)

The NYC Family Justice Centers are co-located, multidisciplinary service centers providing vital social services, civil legal, and criminal justice assistance for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence and their children—all under one roof. For more information, visit [nyc.gov/ENDGBV](https://nyc.gov/ENDGBV) or visit us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#).

### **About the NYC Commission on Gender Equity**

Founded in 2015, the NYC Commission on Gender Equity (CGE) works to create a deep and lasting institutional commitment to tearing down equity barriers across New York City. CGE addresses issues of inequity and discrimination facing girls, women, intersex, transgender, gender-nonbinary, and gender-nonconforming persons regardless of age, disability,

ethnicity/race, faith, gender expression, immigrant status, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status. Focusing across the areas of economic mobility and opportunity, health and reproductive justice, and safety, CGE ensures that the city leads in the development and implementation of best practices in gender equitable policies and programs for its workforce and its residents. For more information, visit [nyc.gov/GenderEquity](https://nyc.gov/GenderEquity) or visit us on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), or [LinkedIn](#).

### **About the Mayor's Office of Equity & Racial Justice**

Launched in October 2023, the NYC Mayor's Office of Equity & Racial Justice (MOERJ) is dedicated to creating a fairer and more equitable city for New Yorkers. As the city's first centralized equity office, MOERJ is dedicated to working across all city agencies to create the first NYC Citywide Racial Equity Plan, with the goal of implementing policies, practices, and programs that promote social justice. This newly established office encompasses multi-agency bodies such as NYC Her Future (NHF), the NYC Commission on Gender Equity (CGE), the NYC Unity Project (UP), and the NYC Young Men's Initiative (YMI), along with the collaborative initiatives of the NYC Pay Equity Cabinet (PEC) and the NYC Taskforce on Racial Inclusion & Equity (TRIE). To learn more about how MOERJ is advancing racial justice and engaging with New York City's diverse communities, visit [nyc.gov/Equity](https://nyc.gov/Equity) or follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#).

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