

# AWAM E-LINK



## DEC/JAN 2015 EDITION

### What's Coming Up?

**9 JAN**

WRC Appreciation Dinner

**12 JAN**

Negaraku Meeting

**20 JAN**

Aiyoh Wat Lah! Meeting

**23-25 JAN**

Feminist Camp

**31 JAN - 1 FEB**

KTP "Yes I Can" workshop

**4 FEB**

DV Campaign (Putrajaya)

**5 FEB**

LAC Midterm Review (Batch 82 & 43)

**7-8 FEB**

KTP "Leading To Action" Workshop

**13 FEB**

Feminist Friday

**14-15 FEB**

DV Campaign

**4-5 MAR**

AWAM National TOT on VAW for NGOs

**7 MAR**

AWAM Orientation

**8 MAR**

International Women's Day

**18 MAR**

DV Campaign

**19 MAR**

IKRAM Meeting

**20 MAR**

Feminist Friday



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**JANGAN LEPASKAN PELUANG UNTUK MENGHADIRI KEM FEMINIS AWAM YANG PERTAMA!**

Pernahkah anda tertanya-tanya tentang feminisme?

Feminis adalah pemusnah rumah tangga- Betul-ker?

Adakah anda mempunyai keinginan untuk membawa PERUBAHAN?

**Bukan lagi katak di bawah tempurung!  
Meneroka Feminisme di Malaysia**

23 - 25 Januari 2015

Dianjurkan oleh  
**AWAM**

Sertailah kami selama tiga-hari dua-malam untuk memulakan perbualan yang telah lama anda nantikan. Dengan menggunakan satu metodologi yang menggalakkan penyertaan iaitu 'Open Space Technology', kita akan menentang isu-isu berkaitan dengan keseksamaan dan kehidupan golongan yang terpinggir. Datanglah untuk ketahui bagaimana isu-isu gender bersilang dengan isu-isu seksualiti, kelas, etnik dan agama.

Mari bertemu dengan orang yang mungkin mempunyai soalan membara yang sama dengan anda tentang feminisme. Atau sertailah kami untuk memerhatikan dunia yang boleh kita wujudkan apabila kita bergabung tenaga untuk menjadikannya lebih baik. Anda mungkin akan terdedah kepada perkara yang anda tidak ketahui tentang dunia di sekeliling anda ataupun alam yang wujud di dalam diri anda.

"Jadilah perubahan yang anda inginkan dalam dunia ini"

Tempat: TBA  
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# Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

**Betty** appeared on Bernama TV on Nov 5th to talk on the topic of “Elimination of Violence Against Women.” Specific focus was given to the root causes of violence as well as the ways in which AWAM can help give support to women who are facing domestic violence (i.e. through counseling, legal information, and training to empower women).



Every three months, AWAM welcomes chambering pupils who provide legal information to our Telenita clients as part of their chambering. On Nov 18th, there was a LAC (Legal Aid Clinic) Midterm Review. On Dec 16th, there were training sessions for chambering pupils before they started their work at the NGO clinics. **Betty** covered the sessions on “Feminism” and “Feminist Perspective on Laws”. AWAM also organised a briefing on Dec 22nd at the AWAM centre. It was attended by pupils from the Selangor and Kuala Lumpur Legal Aid centres. The half-day briefing session by **Aisyah** briefed chambering pupils on AWAM’s work, background and the standard of procedure.

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On the Nov 27th, **Betty** carried out a lecture at ISM on Gender Sensitization. This was the third in a series of workshops for the social welfare officers under the women’s ministry. The session covered the understanding of inequality between the genders, patriarchy, what is the impact of domestic violence, and what can be done to combat this.



On Nov 14th, **Betty** spoke at a sexual harassment forum at SEGI. The talk was also graced by the Head of Iowa University’s network in Malaysia, who gave a brief speech about how education is the best change agent. There was much participation from the audience and at the end of the talk, several questions were raised on how to stop existing sexual harassment, as well as how to prevent it.

# Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

## Nationwide DV Campaign || Kelantan

AWAM, in collaboration with the Reproductive Health Association of Kelantan (ReHAK), organised a workshop on Domestic Violence (DV) in Kota Bharu on Nov 15th, as part of its on-going Nationwide DV Campaign. **Thency** and **Wei Hoong** represented AWAM. The aim of the workshop was to create greater awareness of DV at the grassroots level. Thency was one of the panel of presenters together with speakers from ReHAK, Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM), the One Stop Crisis Centre (OSCC) and a Syariah lawyer. Each shared their roles and responsibilities concerning their respective organisations and agencies including their first hand experiences in assisting DV survivors.



Kuala Lumpur: 10th December 2013  
 Selangor: 10th November 2013  
 Melaka: 19th October 2013  
 Kedah: 23rd October 2013  
 Perak: 7th September 2013  
 Negeri Sembilan: 13th July 2013  
 Johor: 26th April 2014  
 Terengganu: 4th May 2014  
 Perlis: 24th May 2014  
 Penang: 6th September 2014  
 Kelantan: November 2014  
 Putrajaya: February 2015

DV Campaign  
 Dates So Far  
 and Upcoming

## UMMC Talk and Exhibition

On Dec 12th, **Betty** carried out a session at UMMC in which she shared about what AWAM does and how AWAM connects with other service providers to support women who are facing violence. Specific focus was given to AWAM's counseling services, legal information, referrals, and advocacy of laws to support women. **Jeanne**, an AWAM volunteer, also attended the talk with Betty.



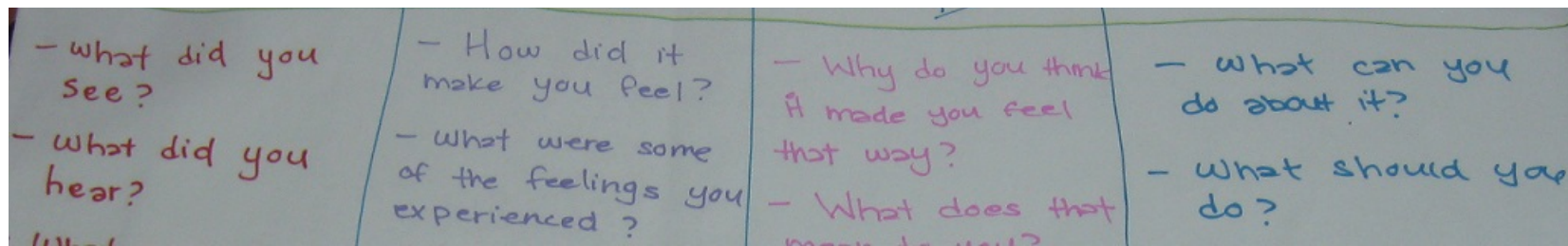
# Politicisation of Ethnicity & Religion (PER)

Huge thanks to our instructor, Syahrul, for taking us through the process!



On Nov 22nd - 23rd, as a follow up from our previous PER Training of Trainers, the aim of the PER Facilitation Workshop was to enhance the facilitation skills of AWAM trainers and potential trainers, as well as to introduce some of the modules from the PERpaduan Manual to those who were not able to attend the first training in September. Taking place over two days, attendees were taught how to confidently facilitate discussions and improve the ways in which they present information and dialogue.

## PER Training Of Trainers Part II Facilitation Workshop



# SPECIAL REPORTS: WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN + 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

## White Ribbon Campaign

AWAM held its second White Ribbon Campaign Run and Walk at Padang Merbok on December 7th. With 2500 participants, half of whom were men, AWAM successfully brought the issue of violence against women to the community at large. This year's special addition to the White Ribbon Campaign was the Men In Heels: Walk A Mile In Her Shoes event. This was an opportunity for men to place themselves in women's shoes, to empathise with a woman's journey, and to engage with the issues of violence against women and girls. Approximately 30 men took part in this symbolic 100 meter walk before the flag offs of the walk and run. At Padang Merbok, men and boys from all walks of life made their pledges never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls. Other people who graced the event included **Pak Samad** who read a poem to the crowd entitled "Ribbon Putih" and **Ambiga**, who gave a short speech onstage before the walk and run flagged off.



November 25th kicked off the annual 16 Days Of Activism Against Gender Based Violence. The objective of the campaign was clear - to raise awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue at the local, national, regional and international levels. In conjunction with this, AWAM held a 16 day long exhibition booth at Tropicana City Mall in which the public was encouraged to stop by to talk to us and learn more about Gender Based Violence, and what AWAM is doing to address this in Malaysia. Furthermore, two talks were also held at the AWAM Centre, titled "Sexual Harassment: Can It Affect You?" and "Violence Against Women: Can Men Play A Role To Stop Violence?"

## 16 Days of Activism



# Other News & Events

## Meeting With Wanita IKRAM



Representatives from Wanita IKRAM visited the AWAM Centre to meet with our members and staff on Nov 20th. The visit was a part of an on-going initiative in which AWAM and Wanita IKRAM are building bridges. The purpose of the visit was to propose a project that both AWAM and Wanita IKRAM can work on together in the future. We identified common interests and points of collaboration in our gender based violence as well as politicisation of ethnicity and religion work. **Yock Lin, Beng Hui, Aisyah, Wei San, Timothy, and Lisha** were part of the team from AWAM. AWAM hopes many meetings and collaborative efforts with IKRAM through the women's wing in the future.

## University Malaya Talk



On Dec 16th, **Wei San** was part of a panel talk on how public education is an important component of advocacy and must supplement legal advocacy and law reform. She highlighted four examples that AWAM has taken part in or hosted: JAG Hentikan Rogol, White Ribbon Campaign, Wanita Suara Perubahan and The Good Malaysian Woman.

## Pakistan Delegation



On Dec 19th, 11 delegates from Pakistan visited AWAM for a study visit. Lasting two hours, the meeting was led by **Betty**, who took them through the different areas of work AWAM does and the state of women's rights in Malaysia.

## Other News & Events

# GBM Retreat

On November 29th and 30th, **Aisyah** and **Ruby** represented AWAM during a retreat organized by Gabungan Bertindak Malaysia, a coalition which AWAM is part of. The retreat was held at Awana Hotel, Genting Highlands and its purpose was to discuss the direction of GBM as a multicultural coalition and how, in the future, it will be able to solidify the bond amongst the member organizations. Two talks were given by Ben Ibrahim of the Merdeka Centre and Dr Wong Chin Huat of the Penang Institute. Members from 15 NGOs were in attendance. The retreat was a good experience for members of AWAM who were given the opportunity to learn the nature of work of other organizations.



# AWAM Strategic Planning Meeting

## Janda Baik



On November 6th-9th, AWAM staff and members had a three day long strategic planning meeting in Janda Baik to review AWAM's work over the last three years, as well as to chart out the plans and ideas for the next five years of AWAM's work. The strat plan was an opportunity for members to explore the different areas of AWAM's work, and to join us in shaping AWAM's future. Huge thanks to everyone who joined us for this experience and for sharing your ideas and thoughts with us. We would especially like to thank our facilitator **Sham**, who guided us wonderfully throughout the three day process.





Have an interesting video you want to share? Send it in to Evie at: [infocom.awam@gmail.com](mailto:infocom.awam@gmail.com)!

WHAT HAPPENED IN MEDIA IN 2014?

The Representation Project is a nonprofit organization that aims to expose the problematic ways we depict women and men in the media. This video looks best and worst moments of 2014. #RepresentationMatters

[Click here to watch.](#)



# MUST WATCH VIDEOS

## Like what you see?

Pusat Bantuan Khidmat Sosial (PBKS), recently had their funding cut and no longer have the resources to help those who are currently living at their centre. Please donate at: <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/help-save-the-pbks-drop-in-centre-in-chow-kit>



[Click here to watch.](#)

We welcome any comments and feedback to Evie at: [infocom.awam@gmail.com](mailto:infocom.awam@gmail.com).

AWAM's monthly e-link highlights the previous months activities. All staff members contributed to their respected areas. **Evie** coordinated the production of the E Link with editing support from **Wei San**.