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Strategic Planning Meeting

14 NOV

SEGI Forum on Sexual Harassment

14-15 NOV

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18 NOV

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20 NOV

Meeting with Wanita IKRAM

22-23 NOV

PER Facilitation Workshop

25 NOV - 10 DEC

16 Days Of Activism

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7 DEC

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17 DEC

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22 DEC

AWAM Briefing for LAC Students (Batch 22)

16-18 JAN

National Training of Trainers on VAW

23-25 JAN

AWAM Feminist Camp



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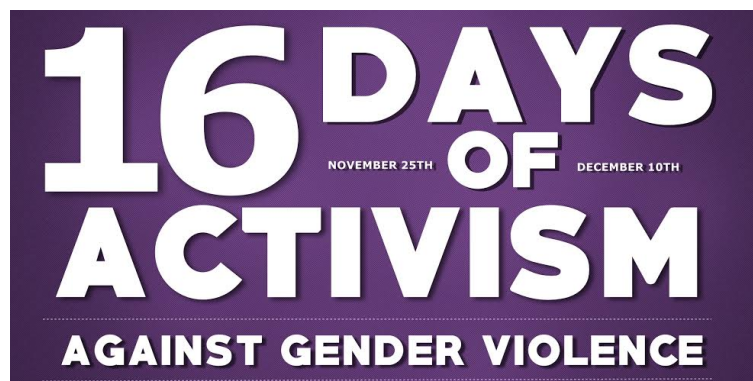
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**Visit our booth at Tropicana City Mall
From Nov 25th - Dec 10th!**

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Gender- Based Violence (GBV)

In conjunction with Humanity Appreciation Day at Taylor's University, AWAM was invited to give a talk to 25 A-Level students on Sept 12th. AWAM member, **Yin Heng**, represented AWAM to talk about the issue of violence against women, with a focus on domestic violence. The students were also made aware of the impact of gender stereotyping which can be detrimental to academic performance. In addition, Yin Heng highlighted the work that AWAM does such as providing counselling services and legal information to women in crises.



On Sept 25th, **Betty** was interviewed by the online tv station, MOB.tv on the topic of sexual harassment. The interview covered what defines sexual harassment, the journey of the legislation surrounding sexual harassment, and what to do in cases of sexual harassment.

Betty attended the Trans-Partnership meeting organized by Women's Learning Partnership from 1st to the 10th of October in the US. The meeting focused on evaluating WLP partnerships after 15 years, and looked at the structure of the WLP partnership in terms for moving forward in the future. By working with the WLP partners, AWAM gains cooperation for training, campaigns, and advocacy work. Furthermore, this is a platform from which partners are able to expand their advocacy work from a local to global stage.



Gender- Based Violence (GBV)

KTP Workshop for Youth

Oct 11-12th, Taman Medan

Together with UMMC, and the Health Clinic in Taman Medan, **Betty**, **Aisyah**, and **Thency** ran a focus group discussion using the open space concept with a group of youths from ages 12-16. The discussion revolved around the topic of teenage pregnancy and the challenges it has on the family. The workshop looked to addressing the issue of the lack of knowledge of sexual rights and reproduction in the Taman Medan area and to help the youth by raising their awareness on the topic.



Hospital Selayang Training

Sept 11th, Klang Valley

Hospital Selayang organised a regional One Stop Crisis Center (OSCC) training for service providers from hospitals in the Klang Valley, as well as a few other states. 150 people attended a Selangor training. **Betty** spoke about the role of NGOs in domestic violence, as well as the services AWAM provides for those who have experienced domestic violence.

Bella NTV7 Interview

Sept 15th, Kuala Lumpur

Betty appeared on a panel on Bella NTV7 to on a segment called 'Schoolgirl by day, callgirl by night'. The panel consisted of a counsellor, a UITM lecturer, and Betty. The topic of discussion revolved around the questions: What can we do for these individuals? Why do they get into the trade? What is the government doing to help? We cannot just judge these individuals at face value, and have to consider their backgrounds too.



LAC NGO Training

AWAM, WAO, and SIS held its regular training for chambering pupils attached to their legal aid clinic on September 22nd. Sessions were facilitated by **Betty** and **Emily**, as well as other representatives from WAO and SIS.



Politicisation of Ethnicity & Religion (PER)



Training of Trainers

On the 5-7th of September, a group of 16 AWAM members and friends were at Janda Baik to participate in the PER Training of Trainers. This training was the first step in cultivating a new batch of trainers to conduct PER oriented trainings for the public.



At the training of trainers, participants also brainstormed the name of the training manual. We came up with "**PERpaduan: Exploring gender, ethnic and religious relations in Malaysia**". The manual will be ready for print in a few weeks and we're looking forward to sharing it with AWAM members!

The manual contains a session called, "**The Good Woman and the Laundry Line**". Curious? WATCH THIS SPACE!



SPECIAL REPORT: White Ribbon Campaign 2014

On October 14th, AWAM held its official press conference for the White Ribbon Campaign 2014. Emceed by Carol Lee, and attended by local celebrities who are supporting the cause as well as representatives from our sponsors, the press conference was a big success. The campaign was covered by The Star, Malaysiakini, The Malay Mail Online, and KiniTV.

White Ribbon Campaign Press Conference



On October 18th, AWAM held a WRC workshop for men and boys who want to be part of the solution to end violence against women and girls. At the workshop, the issues surrounding violence against women were explored as well as what men and boys can do as White Ribbon Advocates. Eight people attended the workshop and the sessions were facilitated by **Betty**, **Jude**, **Aisyah**, and **Yong Yi**.

WRC Workshop

13 Oct: Bella TV ----- (Jude)	24 Oct: Traxx.FM ----- (Tim & Kuhan)	29 Oct: Bella TV ----- (Tim, Ben, & Balraj)	14 Nov: Melody FM -- (Yong Yi & Rayner)
14 Oct: MOB TV ----- (Betty)	17 Oct: Durian.FM ----- (Tim & Kong Eu)	30 Oct: Red.FM ----- (Wei San)	28 Nov: Melody FM --- (Yong Yi)

WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN INTERVIEWS



Other News & Events

Piknik Rakyat



In conjunction with Malaysia Day 16 September, Negara-Ku hosted Piknik Rakyat which invites all Malaysian to get-together for a picnic! Participants were encouraged to bring their own food and beverages and swap with others. AWAM members who were spotted among the crowd were **Yock Lin**, **Beng Hui**, **Susanna** and **Tze Ying**. Joining the public at the picnic were Nagara-Ku's patrons, lawyer and human rights advocate Ambiga Sreenevasan and national laureate, A. Samad Saido

AWAM, WAO, Empower, SIS, and other organizations attended a meeting with Chew Mei Fun that was meant to raise awareness on topics such as sexual harassment, CEDAW, and the Child Act amendments. **Betty** attended on behalf of AWAM.

AWAM Orientation



AWAM held an orientation for its new members on September 27th. The orientation was facilitated by **Yong Yi**, **Ruby**, and **Susanna**. New members were taken through several activities to make sure they are more comfortable with and aware of AWAM's vision, mission, and core values.

Feminist Friday



Six AWAM members and friends attended the FF on October 17th to understand and discuss the issue of pornography and discuss whether it leads to sexual violence. **Thency** facilitated the discussion.

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you would like to be involved.

AWAM, as part of JAG, was at a roundtable discussion with DAP Wanita to discuss the development of the gender equality bill. JAG provided input as to the need for such a bill, and what a CEDAW compliant would look like. As an outcome, DAP will call us for the next meeting after they have developed the first draft of the bill. **Wei San** and **Yock Lin** attended on behalf of AWAM.

JAG Meeting with Wanita DAP

Other News & Events



NGO Hub Asia

Yong Yi and Evie attended the launch event of the online platform NGO Hub Asia on September 25th. This platform gives AWAM (and other NGOs in Malaysia) a space to advertise their events and volunteer/intern opportunities on both a local and global platform. AWAM received a free computer for being the first 100 to register for the event!



Visit from Nanyang Polytechnic Singapore

On September 24th, 12 students in the field of social work from Nanyang Polytechnic Singapore came to learn about AWAM's work and the progress of women's rights in Malaysia. The discussion was led by **Wei San**.

Visit from Nahdiatul Ulama, Indonesia



A team of women from Nahdiatul Ulama, Indonesia, visited AWAM on September 23rd to learn about how Malaysia handles the issue of reproductive rights as well as the work that AWAM does for women's rights. The discussion was led by **Betty**.

Freedom Film Fest



Aisyah and Evie attended the Freedom Film Fest on September 10th to help with registration for the event. Freedom Film Fest encourages the Malaysian public to use the video medium as a tool for social documentation and film-making. Screenings of two movies that deal with the issue of domestic violence were aired, followed by panel discussions afterwards.

Have an interesting video
you want to share?
Send it in to Evie at:
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WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

Check out our official video for
the White Ribbon Campaign
2014!

Huge thanks to our Assistant
Programme Officer, **Tim**, for
making it!

[Click Here](#)



MUST WATCH VIDEOS

Aired at this year's Freedom Film
Fest, "Survivors Speak Up" is a
documentary on domestic abuse
in Malaysia.

Don't miss the opportunity to
catch this.



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AWAM's monthly e-link highlights the
previous months activities. All staff members
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