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A community led event as part of the global 16 Days of Action against Gender Violence Campaign.

Come and join our group of supporters to help raise awareness of the tragic consequences of gender violence and abuse.

On: Friday 26 November 21

From: 10:30 to 11:00am

At: George St, Luton (adjacent to entrance to Crown Court)

The event will be followed by the observance of a minute of silence as the Town Hall clock strikes 11:00am.

Every year, during International Women's day celebrations, Jess Phillips MP recites the names of all the women who have been killed as a result of male violence over the previous 12 months. This continues to be a terrible and tragic reminder of the devastating impact of gender abuse and violence towards women and girls.

In March this year there were 118 names on the list that Jess Phillips read out in Parliament. There are currently 134 women and girls on the #TooManyNames list of those who have lost their lives as a result of male violence over the last 12 month period.

Our group of supporters including local professionals, survivors and volunteers will join together in Luton town centre to recite out loud the names of all the women whose lives have been ended by male violence over the last year. We hope that there will be one supporter for each one of those names.

We hope this community led event will help us shine a spotlight on the issue of violence towards women and girls and help to raise awareness, not only of the devastating impact it can have on our society but also help empower anyone affected by any form of gender abuse and violence to reach out for support.

Help us end all forms of gender violence and abuse.

Help end violence against women and girls

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There will also be information about local and national support available on the day for anyone affected by gender abuse or violence issues.

The event will be introduced by Caroline Cook (CEO at Luton All Women's Centre) and it will be timed to end at 11am so that the Town Hall clock will mark the start of the minute silence.

The names have been collated from the period commencing the 1st October 2020 to September 2021. The source of the names is [Karen Ingala Smith's Counting Dead Women Project](#).

It is hoped that this event will send a strong and clear message from all local partners that addressing gender violence is everyone's business and that no one individual or organisation can tackle the issue alone. Briefings and media release have been circulated in advance of the event and as a part of the overall 16 days messaging. If you are interested in finding out more or getting involved in this event please contact: jenny.bull@victimsupport.org.uk

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Instructions for Supporters on 26th November:

- Please gather at 10:30am at the pedestrianised area on George St, Luton between entrances to Crown Court/Barclays Bank.
- Please arrive at 10:30hrs to allow for a brief practice session.
- If you have not already been sent the name you are reading out then it will be allocated to you on the day.
- Please wear a black or dark coloured top, if you can, both as a mark of respect and to avoid any one name/supporter standing out too much.
- The formal reading should take approximately 10 minutes to complete and we would like to follow this with a minute silence at 11:00am.
- Following the event Azalea have invited everyone for coffee and mince pies at their open house event at 3a Upper George Street. Their entrance is in the alleyway next to 'Treatz', opposite the council and they have a white door with flower pots outside. Please make sure you bring a mask with you to wear whilst moving about inside the Azalea building.
- If you have any concerns or queries or you, your team or your service users are interested in taking part in this event then please contact jenny.bull@victimsupport.org.uk or you can simply turn up on the 26th November.