

UNIT 2: Toolkit

Arranging displays

Displays can be an effective way to raise awareness of violence against women with a large number of people. You could work with support from community groups, members of the school staff who are interested in the issues or as a whole year group. Getting teachers and community groups involved can increase the impact of the work.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Display space
- Tables, chairs
- Masking tape or blu tack
- Information sheets/fliers
- Display panels (if possible) and drawing pins
- Posters

HOW TO DO IT: for invited groups

Invite community groups (e.g. crisis centres, a women's refuge, the police community safety unit) to get involved in your campaign.

Agree with the school management that you can organise the display and use the space.

Let the organisations you are inviting know what space you have to offer, where the display will be, when it is scheduled (morning or afternoon only, all day, lunch time). Let them know when they would be able to set up and dismantle the display.

Keep in regular contact with the community groups so that they confirm participation a few days in advance of the event. Make sure they have a named contact in the school, and you have a contact in the organisation with phone numbers should problems arise.

Arrange for some students to greet groups as they arrive, show them to the display area, move tables around and help set up if required.

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HOW TO DO IT: taking your display into the community

If your group has produced some interesting posters and information fliers, you might consider setting up a small display outside the school – perhaps in the local library or community centre.

You will need to get the agreement of the school and of the director of the place where you plan to put your display.

Get a team of students to help set up and dismantle the display, and agree when this will happen.

You might want to organise a rota of students to stand by the display and answer questions.