

Zonta says NO: Advocacy in Action

Track 1: Craft Your Credible and
Visible Voice

Panelists:

Sarah Morse – Niagara Falls, Canada (D4)

Shawnee Turner – Cincinnati (D5)

Lori Burkhardt – Cincinnati (D5)

Christine Dersch – Marburg, Germany (D28)

Moderator:

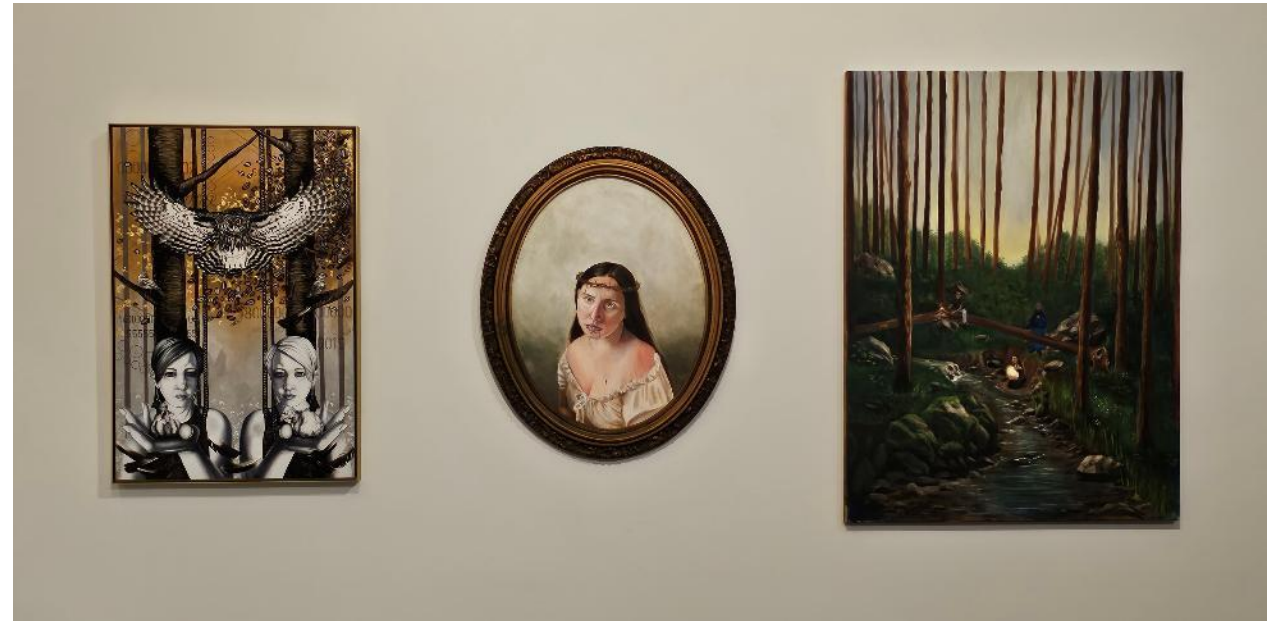
Joy Orlich – E-Club of Silicon Valley (D9)

Journey to Healing Exhibition – 2023, 2024

Zonta Club of Cincinnati – Shawnee Turner, Lori Burkhardt

Journey to Healing Exhibition

- Held in fall of 2023 and 2024
- Third planned for Fall/Winter 2025
- Artists responding to healing from trauma
- In conjunction with Zonta Says No
- Intentional about opening to all artists
- Call for papers



Finding a partner

- Look for a mission-aligned organization
- Can be a gallery, museum, rec center, or art center
- Organization should have the ability/knowledge to support the exhibition
- Organization should be a partner with intention



Process

- Timeline
 - Call for artists (Google Forms/Survey, Microsoft are options)
 - Review of artworks
 - Information gathering
 - Bios
 - Artwork information
 - Label
 - Installation/deinstallation guidelines and process
 - Marketing





Support and Take-aways

- Numbers
 - November 9 – December 10, 2023
 - 15 Artists
 - 21 Artworks
 - 60 Opening
 - 3041 Visitors
 - October 10 – 27, 2024
 - 31 Artists
 - 30 Artworks
 - 100 Opening
 - 2031 Visitors*
- Post-mortem and adjustment
- Panel Discussion
 - Attendance low
- Artist Talks
 - People are intrigued by artist's voice
- Proclamation
 - Don't try to do too much
 - Pick a day/time during the 16 Days









Scan for access to Call for Papers, Application, and Project Timeline



ZONTA SAYS NO
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Candlelight Vigil

Zonta Club of Niagra Falls, Canada – Sarah Morse



ZONTA

CLUB OF
NIAGARA FALLS, CANADA

16 Days of Activism

CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL

Sarah Morse | June 21, 2025



**BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**



WHAT IS THE CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL?



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Nari Aziz



Dr. Robyn Bourgeois



STRONG WATER SINGERS

Award-winning Indigenous-led
collective drum group





HOPE.
RESILIENCE.
CHANGE.



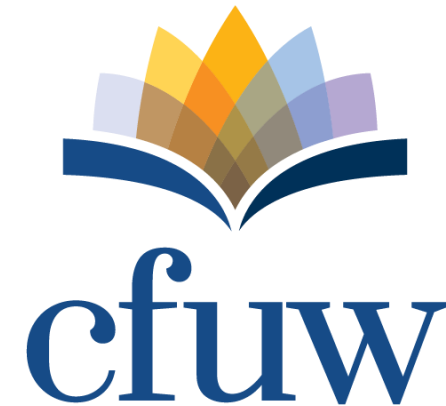


COMMUNITY

PARTNERSHIPS



Niagara

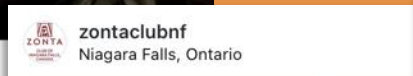




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Liked by anne_heikoop and others
zontaclubnf It was such a powerful and poignant evening last night at the 10th Annual Candle Light Vigil to kick off the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. So wonderful ladies. I am so grateful for the powerful and poignant evening. ❤️

November 25, 2024



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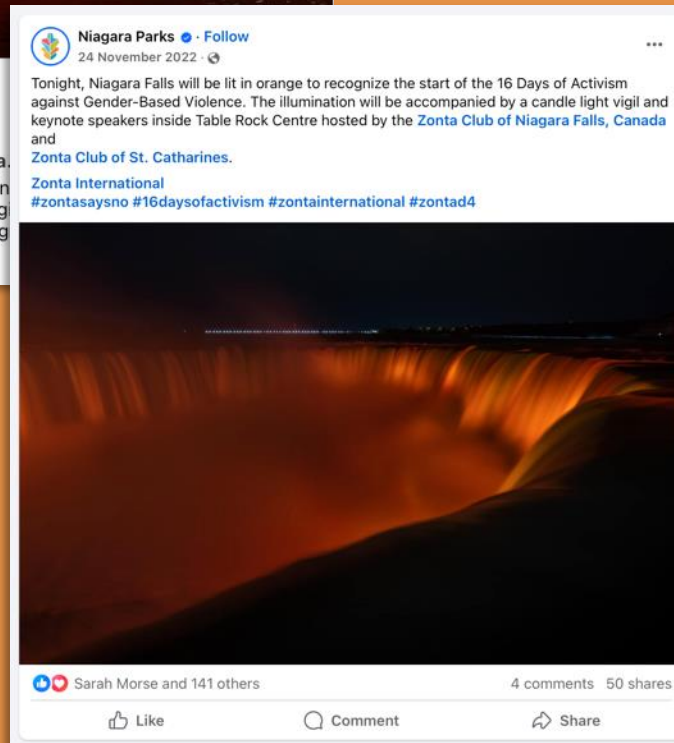
Liked by nickiinch and others
zontaclubnf Thank you to everyone who joined us from near and far for the 4th annual Candle Light Vigil to kick off the #16Days of Activism against gender-based violence at #NiagaraFalls #ZontaSaysNo

November 24, 2018

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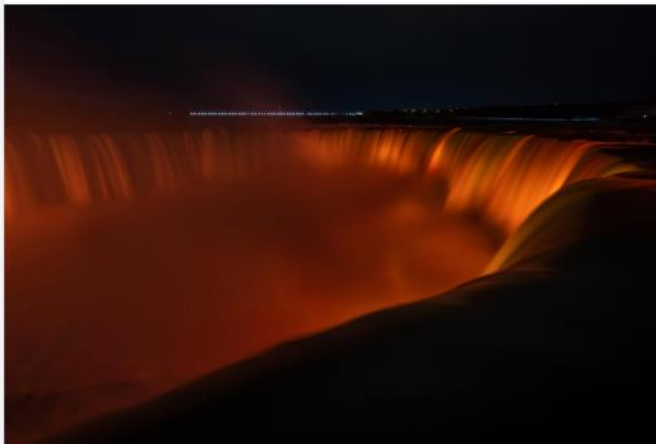
Liked by niagara...
zontaclubnf It was a wonderful evening to mark the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism. Thank you to the small group of people who joined us.

November 25, 2020



Niagara Parks · Follow
24 November 2022 ·

Tonight, Niagara Falls will be lit in orange to recognize the start of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. The illumination will be accompanied by a candle light vigil and keynote speakers inside Table Rock Centre hosted by the Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, Canada and Zonta Club of St. Catharines.
Zonta International
#zontasaysno #16daysofactivism #zontainternational #zontad4



Sarah Morse and 141 others

4 comments 50 shares

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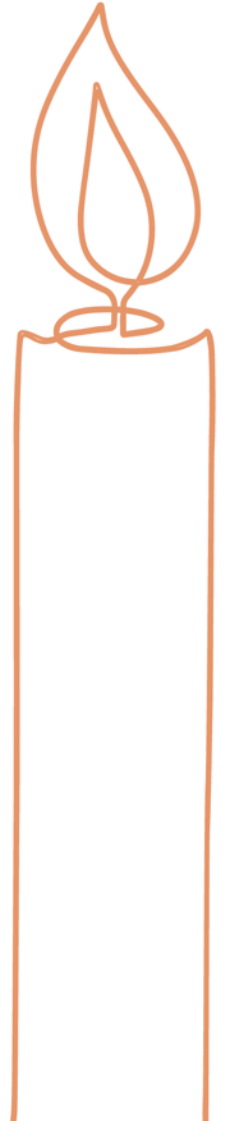
CONNECTING
FOR A CAUSE
BEYOND BORDERS



STAND TOGETHER
AGAINST GENDER
-BASED VIOLENCE



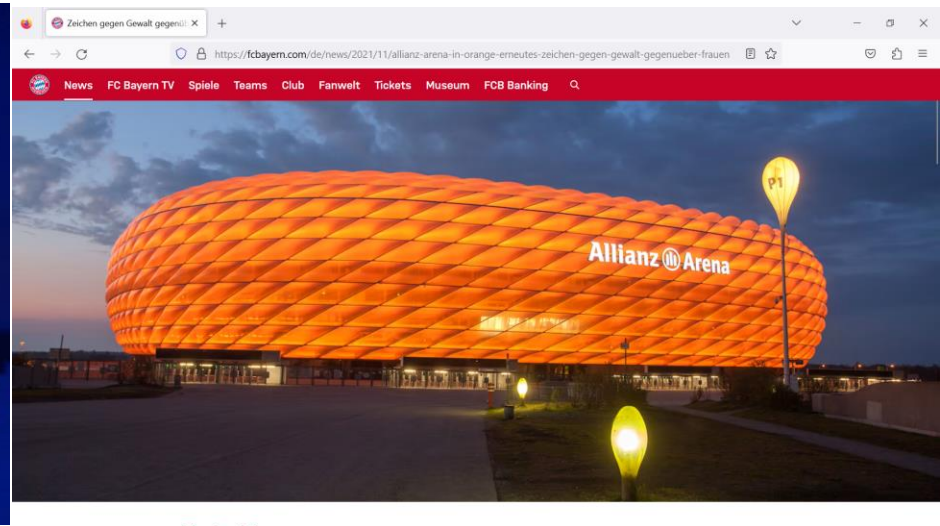
THANK YOU!



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16 Days of Activism in Germany

Zonta Club of Marburt, Germany – 2024-26 International Director, Christine Dersch



Zonta Says NO 16 Days of Activism in Germany

ZSN in Germany: Success factors

- **Structure and Coordination through the Union of German Zonta Clubs**
- **Support for clubs**
- **Collaboration**
- **Focus on Istanbul Convention -> since 2020: Prevention**
- **Allies**

An 14-year long **common** effort: getting the IC fully implemented

**Globally the most
comprehensive convention to
combat violence against
women**

origin: Council of Europe

2011: signed in Istanbul

2018: ratified in/for Germany

2025: ratified Gewalthilfegesetz
(Law around violence
prevention)



The Istanbul Convention

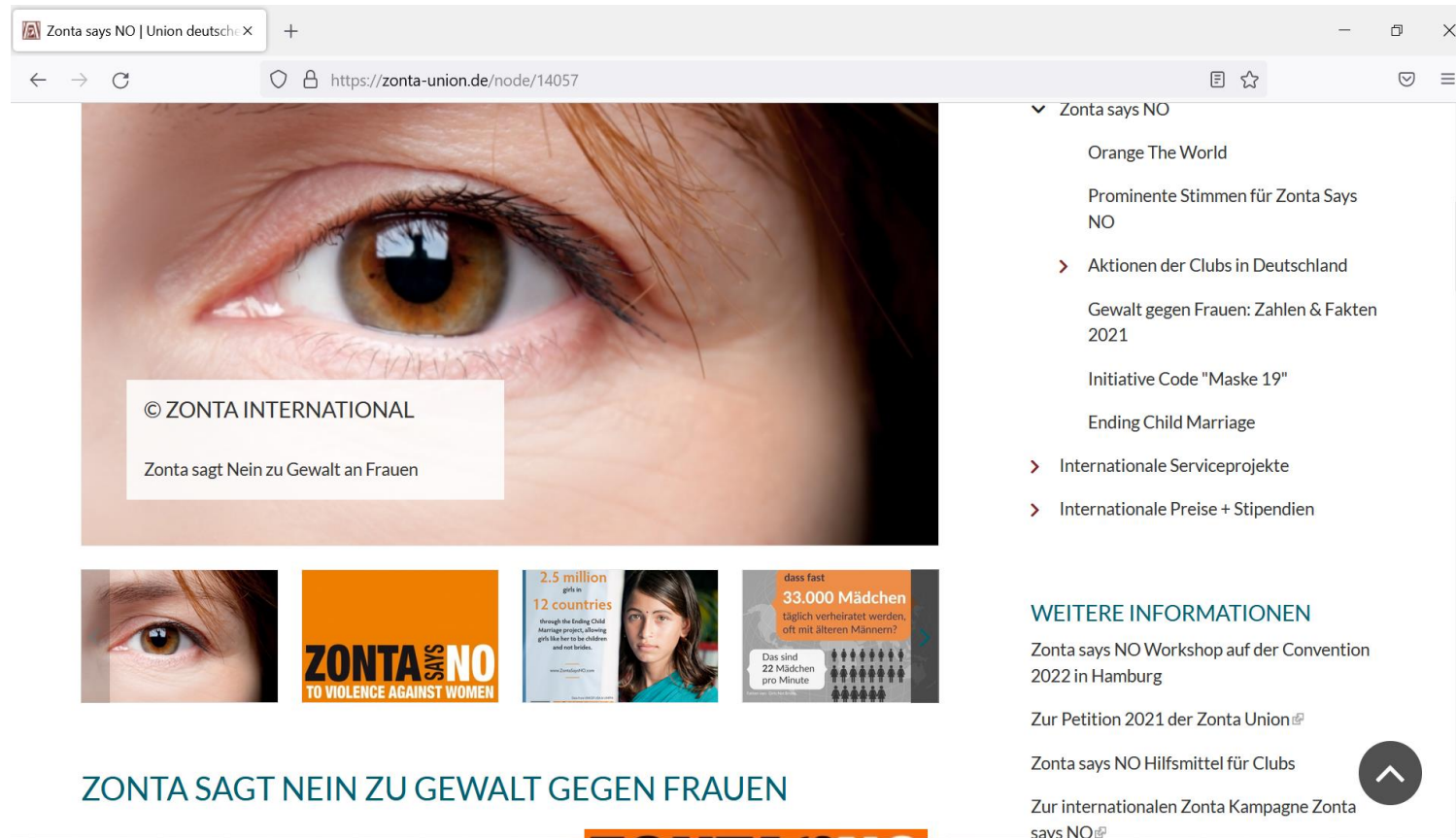


2013: First petition

Appeal to ratify the
Istanbul
Convention

An 14-year long common effort: Getting the IC fully implemented

Website offering best practice and tools: <https://zonta-union.de>



The screenshot displays the Zonta says NO website interface. The main header features a large, close-up image of a human eye. Below this, a white box contains the text "© ZONTA INTERNATIONAL" and "Zonta sagt Nein zu Gewalt an Frauen". A navigation menu on the right lists various topics under the heading "Zonta says NO". At the bottom, there are several informational tiles, including one about child marriage statistics and another about the Zonta says NO campaign.

Browser address bar: <https://zonta-union.de/node/14057>

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Zonta sagt Nein zu Gewalt an Frauen

ZONTA SAGT NEIN ZU GEWALT GEGEN FRAUEN

Zonta says NO

- Orange The World
- Prominente Stimmen für Zonta Says NO
- > Aktionen der Clubs in Deutschland
- Gewalt gegen Frauen: Zahlen & Fakten 2021
- Initiative Code "Maske 19"
- Ending Child Marriage
- > Internationale Serviceprojekte
- > Internationale Preise + Stipendien

WEITERE INFORMATIONEN

- Zonta says NO Workshop auf der Convention 2022 in Hamburg
- Zur Petition 2021 der Zonta Union
- Zonta says NO Hilfsmittel für Clubs
- Zur internationalen Zonta Kampagne Zonta says NO

2.5 million girls in 12 countries
through the Ending Child Marriage project, allowing girls like her to be children and not brides.

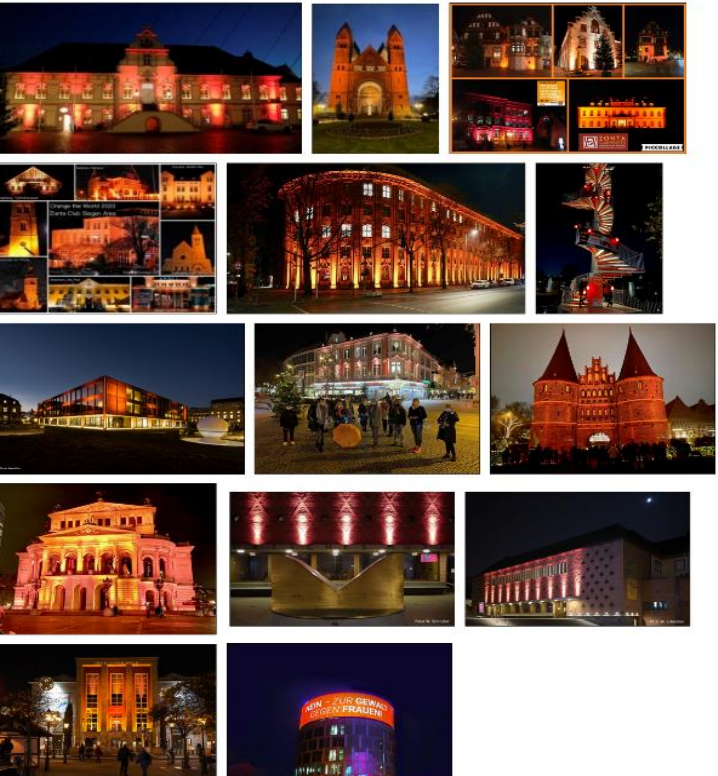
dass fast 33.000 Mädchen
täglich verheiratet werden, oft mit älteren Männern?
Das sind 22 Mädchen pro Minute

Darum leuchtet Allianz Arena orange



SPORT1
25.11.2020 19:10 Uhr
Lesedauer: 2 Minuten

f [Facebook icon] [Email icon] Kommentare



In 2024 almost all clubs
illuminated about
2,000 landmark buildings





#DieNächste



bff.



...signed by more than 70 organizations representing more than 6 million people...

German Family Minister receives the manifesto on November 23, 2023

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Frauen vor Gewalt schützen

Lisa Paus trifft Initiative #DieNächste und stellt Gewalthilfegesetz vor



Successes & continuity

There is a structure to coordinate our work.

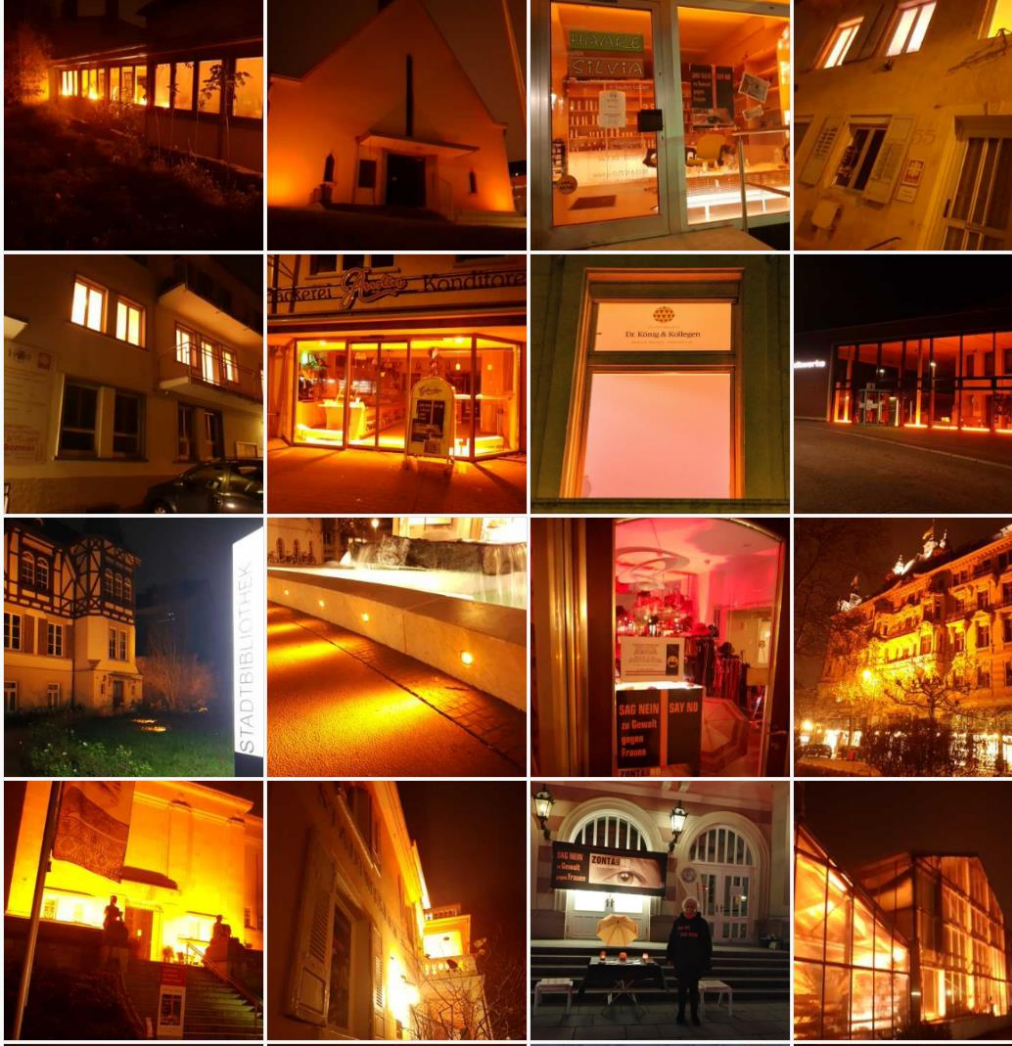
There has been a national Zonta Says NO support team for over 14 years.

All German clubs are aligned.

Zonta is well-known with relevant people and a recognized ally.

Zonta Germany is a partner to advocate against violence against women.

Orange your City – Orange your Benches



Why orange your Benches?

Raise awareness – Symbol of Solidarity -Sustainable Effect

- **The bench attracts attention through the special color.**
- **Messages by lettering on the bench (e.g. “There is no place for violence against women here”).**
- **Stickers with QR codes to provide information to those affected and interested.**
- **The bench stands for 16 days or throughout the year and can be reused the next year.**
- **Testimonials recorded on the bench - external impact – networking.**
- **Photos and videos well suitable for marketing on social media.**
- **Preventive approach - complete package for schools from construction to video.**
- **Organize Orange walks with Google Maps to all benches.**



Auch wir sagen NEIN zu Gewalt gegen Mädchen und Frauen! Mit einem orangenen Drucker setzen wir ein klares Zeichen und unterstützen [Zonta International](#) und die Aktion „Orange the World - Orange Your City“.

Gewalt in jeglicher Form ist inakzeptabel und wir alle haben die Verantwortung, aktiv dagegen einzutreten. Lasst uns gemeinsam ein starkes Zeichen setzen und uns für eine Gesellschaft einsetzen, die auf Respekt, Gleichberechtigung und Empathie basiert!

#gegengewaltanfrauen #zontabadenbaden #orangebadenbaden



Matilda´s Statement is our Statement

This is Matilda.

Matilda says

- **NO to violence against women and girls**
- **NO to violence in any form, whether physical, psychological or via the Internet.**

**Matilda is present, here and in many other places.
Because violence happens everywhere.**

**Matilda is on the watch.
Matilda observes.
Matilda takes care.**

Be like Matilda and SAY NO!



Wo bleiben die Männer? Gewalt gegen Frauen geht uns alle an.



Men as allies:

Panel on Nov. 15, 2024 with 340 participants



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_HHiU-FkJzk&t=2155s



36:03 / 1:06:42



2024-11-15 17:37:38

Men as allies:
Collaboration with Germany's top league soccer club #4 – Borussia Dortmund: Action day on Nov. 23, 2024; 80,000 fans in the stadium, 1 millions accounts reached with social



MACH'S MIT

BVB VOLLSTROM!



DEW21



Thank you for attending. Questions?

(San Francisco City Hall lit in orange for Day 1 of the 16 Days)