

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Events

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services of Whatcom County Presents:

April 3: Downtown Bellingham Art Walk

Participate in the Bellingham Art Walk and stop by The Leopold anytime between 6pm and 9pm at 1224 Cornwall Ave. to view a quilt made by survivors of sexual assault and the allies that support them. Free.

April 3: DVSAS Benefit Concert at Boundary Bay Brewery

Great music for a great cause! Come to Boundary Bay Brewery to listen to the sounds of Vaughn Kreestoe and Rise N Shine. Cover is \$4 and all proceeds benefit DVSAS. Show starts at 10:30pm.

April 15: Brown Bag Lunch— Faith Communities as a Part of the Solution

Discussion on how faith communities are a part of the solution in supporting survivors of sexual assault. Bring a brown bag lunch! To register, call DVSAS at (360)671-5714 or email dvsasemail@dvsas.org. Free. 12-1:30pm

April 21: Brown Bag Lunch— Female Sexuality in the Media, WWU Professor Jen Lois

Bring a brown bag lunch! To register, call DVSAS at (360)671-5714 or email dvsasemail@dvsas.org. Free. 12-1:30pm

April 24: Whatcom County's Fourth Annual Denim Day

In 1999, the Italian Supreme Court overturned a rape conviction because the victim was wearing jeans. The Justices stated that since removing jeans "...is impossible if the victim is struggling with all her might," the victim must have assisted the attacker in removing her jeans, which they felt implied consent. Denim Day began as a heated response to this verdict, but is now a day to raise awareness about sexual violence. Businesses and community members are encouraged to bring attention to the issue by taking part in Whatcom County's Fourth Annual Denim Day by wearing jeans. For more information, contact DVSAS at (360) 671-5714 or visit www.dvsas.org/denimday.

Western Washington University (WWU) Presents:

April 15: Night of Testimony

Hosted by Western Washington University's Women's Center

A night for sexual assault survivors and allies to come together and share their stories. 6-8pm, WWU-Miller Hall Rm. 160. Free.

April 16: Take Back the Night Rally and March

Hosted by WWU's Women's Empowerment and Violence Education

Celebrate Sexual Assault Awareness Month by taking part in this annual rally and march. 6pm, WWU-Performing Arts Center. Free.

April 18: Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

Hosted by Western Washington University Men's Violence Prevention Project

Men of all ages will literally walk one mile in women's high-heeled shoes to increase awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault and raise money for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services of Whatcom County. March begins at Red Square (WWU) at 11am and ends at Boundary Bay Brewery for a community celebration (1-4pm). To join the march or for more information, visit www.dvsas.org/walkamile or contact Joshua O'Donnell at (360)650-3290.

April 27—May 1: Western Women's Festival

Western Women's Festival is an annual time to celebrate and honor female survivors of intimate partner violence. WWF features a speaker addressing images of women in the media, open mic night, movie night, and an evening of art and dessert therapy. All events will be held on WWU's campus and are open to all community members. For more information, contact Devlin O'Donnell at (360) 650-7982 or email devlin.odonnell@wwu.edu.

Other Community Events:

April 30: Lummi Victims of Crime Thursday Mile Walk on Kwina

Call (360)384-2285 for more details. 12pm

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