

A Unified Stand Against Gender-Based Violence

CFUW Aurora/Newmarket continues to raise awareness and take action against gender-based violence through community partnerships and visible acts of solidarity.

On November 2, members will participate in Yellow Brick House's *Break the Silence Walk*, supporting the vital work this organization does with survivors of gender-based violence. Our club has set a goal to raise \$2,500 in support of Yellow Brick House's *Nights of Safety Program*, which provides shelter beds for women and children escaping abusive homes.

Later in the month, municipal buildings in Aurora, Newmarket, and Georgina will be illuminated in purple on November 25, marking the UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the start of 16 Days of Action to end gender-based violence. Members will also gather at Aurora Town Square to observe this powerful moment of awareness and advocacy.

Two flag-raising ceremonies will take place in York Region to further mark these important days of remembrance and action:

- In Stouffville, on November 25, CFUW Aurora/Newmarket will join CFUW Markham Unionville for a flag raising commemorating the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.
- In Keswick, on December 6, members will attend a flag raising recognizing the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

In addition, the Town of Georgina will light its civic buildings purple on both November 25 and December 6, extending the message of solidarity and remembrance across the region.

Through these initiatives, CFUW Aurora/Newmarket stands united with survivors, advocates for change, and continues its commitment to ending gender-based violence in all its forms.

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