

FROM 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM TO 365 DAYS OF ACTION!



The events around the commemoration of 16 Days of Activism Against Violence Against Women carried out between 26 November and 3 December 2011 were a resounding success with over 150 people showing up to take part in the 6 day event. We hosted a variety of events and activities that sought to highlight issues of violence against women using creative and artistic media. Every event represented a different perspective on gender based violence and attracted a different audience. With activities for people aged 2 to 80 years old! The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive, with people asking for more such activities on awareness raising. All the people that attended enjoyed the events, the atmosphere was good and we managed to share a serious and sensitive subject in a safe and open space.

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events. Last but not least a big thanks goes to The Olof Palme Center without whose funding, the events would not have been possible.

During the events we ran a competition where three lucky event attendees could walk away with lucky cash prizes to the amount N\$ 1 000! We selected out three winners but could only hand out two prizes as one of the winners did not come collect their prize on time. Congratulations to our winners!

We hope to maintain the momentum of activities throughout 2012, in collaboration with other organizations, the media and the general public. We hope to make 2012 a YEAR OF WOMEN'S ACTIVISM, where women's voices and presence is acknowledged and embraced.

We enjoy hearing back from our readers and the communities we serve, so if you have an idea, a suggestion, a critique, please email us at media@sisternamibia.org alternatively you can post it on our Facebook page by LIKING us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SisterNamibia. Or drop us a text at **0818357065**

We look forward to hearing from you!