

# ORANGE THE WORLD YOUTH SUMMIT



## 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

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### 16 Days of Activism - Orange The World Youth Summit

**November 15, 2016** – A youth summit organised by civil society and inter-faith organisations is being held during the international *16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence*, on **10 December 2016**, at *The Castle of Good Hope, Cape Town (9:30am till 2:30pm)*. The youth summit is an initiative advocated by *Madina Institute, Centre for Non-violence and Peace Studies, United Nations Association of South Africa* and *Cape Town YMCA*, with the support of various NGO's and corporate sponsors in the Western Cape.

The youth summit initiative recognises the effect and impact gender-based violence has on young people, and the summit's goal is to bring together diverse youth from the Cape Metro area, to engage and participate against gender-based violence. The summit also aims at providing a platform for the youth to creatively express their voices, breaking youth silence on violence targeted at women and children. The summit coincides with the international *16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence* (from 25 November), and with *International Human Rights Day* on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

“*Orange the World* international campaign, under the auspices of the *United Nations* is about breaking silence on gender-based violence, not just in South Africa, but for the entire globe”, says Ali Kiyaei, Secretary General of the *United Nations Association of South Africa* (UNASA). Kiyaei also adds, “The South Africa youth summit event is a grass roots initiative, supported by corporate social investment sponsors and NGO partners”.

On the event's program, Fatima Hendricks, (Occupational Therapist and event convenor from *Madina Institute Centre of Non-violence and Peace Studies*) says, “The event is free, and will keep our young guests occupied through dialogue, discussion and edutainment”. Hendricks also adds “Resource NGO's will display information, resources and go-to-places for young people seeking help with gender-based violence. In addition, an artistic expression by a group of young girls, themed *Imagining a world without gender-based violence* will be on display”.

Young people aged 13-19yrs are invited to register online to attend the youth summit, via the website [www.orangetheworld.org.za](http://www.orangetheworld.org.za), until 09 December 2016. All NGO's and corporate organisations are welcome to partner with us in hosting a successful and a safe youth summit.

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For more information on Orange the World Youth Summit, please visit [www.orangetheworld.org.za](http://www.orangetheworld.org.za)

The Orange the World Youth Summit is organised in partnership by various institutions; United Nations Association of South Africa ([unasa.org.za/](http://unasa.org.za/)), Cape Town YMCA ([ymcacapetown.org.za/](http://ymcacapetown.org.za/)), *Madina Institute Centre for Non-violence and Peace Studies* (<http://cnv.madinainstitute.org.za/>), *Cape Town Interfaith Initiative* (<http://capeinterfaith.org.za/>), *Muslim Refugee Association of South Africa* (<http://mrasa.org.za/>), *Rock Girl* (<http://www.rockgirlsa.org/>), *Africa Unite* (<http://www.africaunite.org.za/>), *Inkulufreeheid* (<http://www.inkulufreeheid.org/>) and *Castle of Good Hope, Planet Mercy, FD Project (Sustenance, Education, Infrastructure), Amka Beauty Products, Jive Softdrinks, Wholesome Bread and Regent Business*

