CALLOUT: Seeking Proposals for Campus-based Consent & Sexual Violence Awareness Raising Actions, Activities and Events

Actions, Activities and Events to take place: March 2020

Updated: Wednesday, February 05, 2020
SCOPE:

1. Purpose: What are we asking folks to do?

- We want UW students to have an opportunity to create awareness, education or action on sexual violence and consent that compliments the education, awareness raising and training provided by the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office.
  - For info on what’s already being provided on campus, check out our website (see Education/Training & Raising Awareness/Capacity Building tabs on the right):

- Students can work individually or with other students or with student organizations on campus to create their initiatives (i.e. activities, actions, or events).
  - Some ideas include:
    ▪ Creating artwork for colouring sheets for survivors
    ▪ Hosting an event where students practice their consent skills
    ▪ Creating a social media campaign for Sexual Assault Awareness Month
    ▪ Hosting an interactive awareness fundraiser for the Sexual Assault Support Centre
    ▪ Creating a #ConsentCulture zine

- The focus is for these initiatives to be engaging and “not the usual” outreach or campaigns we see on campuses.

- We also want initiatives to be action-oriented or analysis-oriented; making people think, learn, do better, and so forth.

- And remember, the scope of these initiatives is intentionally designed to be feasible and manageable. In other words, think about what you have capacity to do within the project timelines, and given the resources allotted.
  - This means that things like research, cross-campus training, bringing in a 1000$+ speaker won’t work for this proposal.

2. Goals: Why are we asking folks to do this?

- To engage UW students in addressing sexual violence and consent on campus
- To provide secure funding for student-initiated projects related to sexual violence, gender-based violence, and consent
- To add to the education and awareness programing already available on campus, provided by the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office

3. Callout Initiators: Who are we?

- The Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office’s role is to support students, staff and faculty on the main campus, satellite campuses and University Colleges, who have experienced or have been impacted by, sexual violence. This means that we:
  - provide a safe space for folks to speak with us - in as little or as much detail as they wish- about their experience (s);
  - discuss resources, on and off campus, that could provide further support; and
  - explore potential next steps, which could include safety planning, formal and informal options, and workplace and/or academic accommodations.
This callout is being coordinated by Meaghan Ross, Sexual Violence Response Coordinator; m23ross@uwaterloo.ca, extension 40025.

- Find out more about Meaghan here: https://uwaterloo.ca/human-rights-equity-inclusion/people-profiles/meaghan-ross-bsw-ba-ma

The project, and all educational initiatives run by the SVPRO, are led by Amanda Cook, Director of SVPRO.

- Find out more about Amanda here: https://uwaterloo.ca/human-rights-equity-inclusion/people-profiles/amanda-cook-msw-rsw

4. Timelines:

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<td>Recipients notified of funds awarded</td>
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<td>Promotion of activities, actions and events</td>
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<td>Activities, actions and events commence</td>
<td>March 1st (must be completed by March 28th)</td>
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<td>Debrief activities and process with organizers</td>
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5. Budget:

- You can apply for up to 500$.
- If all proposals require the full 500$, then 6 proposals can be selected.
DEFINING KEY CONCEPTS

Sexual Violence: means any sexual act or act targeting a person’s sexuality, gender identity or gender expression, whether the act is physical or psychological in nature, that is committed, threatened or attempted against a person without the person’s consent, and includes sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, indecent exposure, voyeurism and sexual exploitation.

- Policy 42

Consent: is the active, continuous, informed and voluntary agreement to engage in any sexual or physical contact.

- Consent cannot be given when someone is unable to give consent, such as when someone is incapacitated due to alcohol or other drug consumption, or when they do not understand what is being asked of them.
- Consent cannot be implied and can be revoked at any time.
- Consent cannot be given when being threatened or coerced, or when induced to engage in the contact by someone in a position of power, trust or authority.
- Consenting to one type of contact does not mean that consent is given for every type of contact.
- Consent is required regardless of the relationship status or sexual history between the individuals involved.
- Consent cannot be given by anyone other than the person participating in the sexual contact (e.g. a person’s parent, sibling, partner, hookup, spouse, friend, etc. cannot consent on someone else’s behalf).

- Policy 42

Student: refers to anyone registered as an undergrad, graduate, or post-doc student at the University of Waterloo, part-time or full-time, and including, but not limited to, those on main campus, at a satellite campus, at an affiliated college.
CRITERIA FOR DECIDING WHO GETS MONEY & HOW MUCH

Our Committee: Meaghan and Amanda are working with a committee comprised of a diversity of students, with strong analysis related to sexual violence, consent culture, and intersectionality, as well as a range of experiences providing their own awareness raising initiatives for students at UW. Together, this committee and Meaghan, will decide which proposals meet the criteria established in this callout, and how much funding each initiative will receive.

Criteria: Initiatives will be considered upon the following:
- Demonstration that the initiative is feasible, given the March completion timeline and $500 funding available.
- Demonstration that the initiative organizers have the capacity, skillset and knowledge base to complete their proposals as described.
- Demonstration that the initiative is creative and engaging for students.
- Demonstration that the initiative compliments the education, training and awareness currently available on UW’s campuses.
- And most importantly, demonstration that the initiative is grounded in an intersectional, anti-oppressive, survivor-centered, trauma-informed framework.
SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL

**Format:** How you tell us about your proposal is completely up to you! You can send us a word document (no longer than 5 pages), a PowerPoint (no longer than 10 slides), a YouTube link to a video submission (no longer than 5 mins), a zine... There’s no pressure to be extra creative in delivering your submission; rather we’re trying to make space for the different styles and information delivery techniques that different people use. Our only format related criteria is that your proposal be as concise as possible.

**Be Sure to Include:**
- A description of your action, event, activity, initiative
- Information on how your proposed initiative meets the purpose, goals, timelines, budgets, and criteria we’ve outlined above
- Information demonstrating that all of the student organizers of this initiative have the capacity, skillset and knowledge base to complete your initiative well
- A detailed budget of the funding your requesting, up to $500
- A proposed time and date for your initiative within March 2020
- Any questions you have for us about next steps
- Contact information for all organizers involved
- Please also include your agreement, if your proposal is selected, to provide promotional materials for your initiative that SVPRO can post on its social medias:
  - Facebook, Twitter & Instagram: @uwaterloohrei

**Submit Proposals To:**

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Sexual Violence Response Coordinator  
m23ross@uwaterloo.ca

Submit Proposals By: February 16th, no later than 5 pm EST