The Orange Days



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Every year, from 25 November to 10 December, people all over the world take a stand against violence against women and girls for 16 days. Buildings are illuminated in orange, flags are flown, and public spaces and benches are decorated in orange.

25 November - International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The day commemorates the Mirabal sisters: Patria, Minerva and María Teresa. They were murdered on 25 November 1960 on the orders of the dictator of the Dominican Republic. In 1999, the United Nations declared this date an international day of remembrance.

10 December - Human Rights Day. This day commemorates the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948 in Paris. It brings the days of action to a close and makes it clear: women's rights are human rights.

How the Orange Days came about: In 1991, activists at the first Women's Global Leadership Institute launched the "16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence%$. In 2008, the United Nations took up the cause with the "UNiTE to End Violence against Women" campaign. Today, it is known as "Orange the World%$.

Orange Days 2026 in Bocholt

Since 2021, the Soroptimist International Club Bocholt has been raising awareness of violence against women and girls through its own initiatives during the Orange Days. This year, there are four events on the programme.

25 November to 10 December - Gasthausplatz turns orange

Orange scarves in the trees, orange shoes and an orange scarf for the Tutemann statue will transform Gasthausplatz into a visible symbol against violence for 16 days.

Friday, 27 November, 5.00 pm - Rally at Gasthausplatz

Lasting around two hours, organised jointly by the Soroptimist International Club Bocholt, the City of Bocholt's Equal Opportunities Officer, Europe Direct Bocholt, and pupils from the August-Vetter Vocational College and the Mariengymnasium. Anyone who wishes to may wear something orange.

Friday, 27 November, immediately afterwards - Unveiling of an orange bench

From Gasthausplatz, we'll walk together to one of the new benches. The message: "Bocholt says no to violence against women."

1 to 11 December - Exhibition in the foyer of the Stadtsparkasse Bocholt, Neutorplatz

Texts and images by women who have experienced violence show just how many different forms violence can take - and that it must not be kept hidden. The Soroptimist International Club Werl developed the exhibition and first showcased it in November 2025.

About the organisers



Soroptimist International Club Bocholt

Soroptimist International is one of the world's largest service organisations for working women. It was founded in 1921 in Oakland, California; it is non-partisan and non-denominational, and is committed to promoting the rights of women and girls. There are around 2,900 clubs in 118 countries worldwide, including 225 clubs in Germany with around 7,000 members.

The Bocholt Club has been working locally since 1973 to promote women's rights, equality and the prevention of violence.

Find out more about the club:

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