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Equality

Rally on Gasthausplatz as part of the "Orange Days"

Friday, 27 November, from 5 pm // A strong stand against violence

As part of the global UN campaign "Orange the World", a rally against violence against women and girls will take place on Friday 27 November at 5 pm on Gasthausplatz in Bocholt. The event is being organised by the Soroptimist International Club Bocholt in collaboration with the City of Bocholt's Equal Opportunities Officer, Europe Direct Bocholt, the Borken District's Equal Opportunities Officer, as well as local schools and counselling centres.

From Wednesday 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Gasthausplatz will be drawing attention to the issue with orange ribbons tied around the trees and orange shoes on display. Right up until International Human Rights Day on 10 December, the square will be decked out in this striking colour to raise public awareness of equality and protection against domestic and gender-based violence.

Part of this year's campaign is the rally on Friday 27 November. From 5 pm, visitors can look forward to a programme lasting around two hours. Among other things, pupils from the August-Vetter Vocational College and the Mariengymnasium will read out texts written by women affected by violence.

Immediately following the rally, participants will make their way together to one of three newly installed orange benches in public spaces. Bearing the inscription "Bocholt says NO to violence against women", these benches - the locations for which have been provided by the town of Bocholt - are intended to remain visible beyond the campaign days.



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The organisers are jointly inviting people to attend the rally on Gasthausplatz