



# SPU SAYS NO TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

We invite you to join our 2024 programme of events, put together by Sol Plaatje University's (SPU) Health and Wellness Centre, which is dedicated to promoting awareness of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) by hosting various programmes throughout the year. GBV constitutes a breach of human rights. Its impact extends beyond physical health, also affecting mental well-being and potentially leading to self-harm, social withdrawal, depression, and suicidal behaviour. To support our mission, the below activities will take place in 2024:

Month	Theme	Event
March	SPU'S stance on GBV. #SISONKE (To help foster a more visibly welcoming, safer, non-exclusionary campus community, one that is enriched and enlivened by its diversity).	1. Dialogue - Know the facts: Understanding GBV and rights 2. Workshop - Policies-Gender, Sexual Equity and Anti-Discrimination. Short workshop introducing the concept of gender, gender equality and gender relations. 3. Panel discussion on GBV Sensitize Students and Staff with GBV prevention and educate them on key myths. Training for students and Staff To adequately equip Staff members to handle incidents of SGBV.
April	Inclusivity and Access	1. Educationnal discussion on all forms of disability, what is access and what does It mean for people leaving with disability and GBV.
May	Power dynamics	Panel Discussion 1.Power in relationships: Let's talk about Transactional relationships
June	Youth Month My sexuality, My Pride To create awareness of LBGTQI+ community at the University.	Social Media Campaign 1. Panel discussion GBV in same sex relationships.
July	GBV Awareness and Prevention	1. Dialogue-Confronting myths: GBV, LGBTIQ+ and Rape. 2. Workshop-Consent vs Coercion: Exploring attitudes towards rape.
August	Woman's Month	1. Screening- of women empowerment movies (Local bio pics) The difference between women of 1956 and 2024 and the current generation. A woman's Forum
September	Culture, Hertiage and Tradition Man, and Woman's Forum	1. Webinar- The role of culture in GBV
October	Speak up SPU Pride March	1. Drama - The impact of GBV on mental health. Information session: The relationship between mental health and GBV.
November	16 Days of activism	1. Students to create posters and conduct information sessions.