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Violence against women and girls

Discrimination Inequality Power Norms, beliefs and behaviours Gender, age, ethnicity, immigration status, disability, sexual orientation Sexual access and deemed sexually available to others



Several targets on violence, equality...







Me Too Social Media – over 43 million impressions

Hashtags of the Global Movement

#MeToo	#YoTambien	#QuellaVoltaChe (Italy)	#BalanceTonPorc (France)	#Cuéntalo (Spain)
#AnaKaman (Egypt, Arab States)	#米兔 (China)	#RiceBunny (China)	#미투 (S. Korea)	#SendeAnlat (Turkey)
#немолчи (Kazakhstan, Central Asia)	#СегаКажувам (Macedonia)	#WithYou	#WeToo	#TimesUp
	#TimeisNow	#HearMeToo	#MeQueer	

A growing international consensus

Sexual harassment is a creature of gender hierarchy... intersecting with other inequalities Unwelcomeness - core concept Quid pro quo / workplace condition Can take the form of various acts from looks through words to sexual touching and rape...

Training

Consensus on limited effectiveness of training to date Training can increase sensitivity / lead to over-identification create more expansive definitions. SH training seems to prompt resistance in some male trainees

New approaches to training

From what is unacceptable -> to what kind of workplace we want A power analysis to be central; SH is not gender neutral Outcomes for participants vary by their assessment of the objectives

The movement has created a moment

Sexual harassment as a major frontline in the efforts to end violence Outside our policy- and law- led models of change but essential links The greatest global movement against sexual violence, with women – and some men- at the front The movement has created a moment – will we rise to the challenge?