

The partners of the Women's Voices project have joined the UN's 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign, which started on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day.

The global campaign calls for the prevention and eradication of all forms of violence against women and girls, highlighting gender-based violence (GBV) as one of the most widespread human rights abuses in the world. For women experiencing homelessness GBV is both a cause and a consequence of their homelessness, making safety, dignity, and the recognition of women's trauma-related needs important. Violence against women is not limited to physical abuse. It is also present when someone is denied access to the basic conditions of human dignity, privacy, safety, and self-care. It is violence when a woman is unable to wash herself, do her laundry, store her belongings safely, or simply spend a few peaceful hours alone. (At the same time, homeless women are also exposed to physical violence and femicide — at the Hungarian Silent Witness march and commemoration, out of the approximately 30 women killed in 2025, two were homeless.)

This year FEANTSA Women together with its Women's Voices project partners aims to raise awareness of the link between GBV and women's homelessness by sharing the results of the project designed to empower women with lived experience of homelessness. Through workshops held in safe, supportive settings, participants used a participatory photography method known as Visual Voices to explore and express what safety means to them. Their photos and accompanying narratives capture their lived experiences, challenges and strengths. By sharing these images, our goal is to make visible the lives of women whose homelessness often remains hidden, and to highlight the connections between gender-based violence and women's homelessness.

"Similar, yet different.

Although our situations are different, as human beings we are the same. One person has a community and the pieces of everyday life in place, while another is alone in the dark, not knowing where to find help and support. I wish that people – and especially women – could understand and accept differences, the different starting points in life, and the challenges they bring. I know what it feels like to be an outsider, and I wouldn't wish that feeling on anyone. The world should be a safe place for women, and as women, we can make a difference."



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Histórias de liberdade, dignidade
e reconstrução.

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Estas são as chaves da
minha liberdade.
Da minha dignidade.
Tenho estas chaves há
10 anos e tenho medo
de as perder. Sempre
que as coloco na
fechadura, nem
parece real. Entro no
meu castelo.
De lá, não saio mais!

“A képen a Parlament és a Duna látható a Margit hídról. Ez az egyik útvonalam hazafelé a munkából. Amikor idejárok, akkor kitisztulnak a gondolataim, nyugalmat érzek. Nem szeretem a bezártságot.“

