

Health Unit Media Release

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Local agencies sponsor awareness raising film

Violence against women is becoming a hot topic in this community. Local agencies have been working together on several initiatives to raise awareness about the growing problem of violence against women.

October is Women's History month. **The Assault Response and Care Centre and the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit invite you to see the film "Looking for Angelina" on Tuesday, October 24, 7:30 pm at BCI Auditorium.** The film is based on the true story of Canadian murder case in Sault Ste. Marie in 1911. A young immigrant woman murdered her husband after suffering years of abuse. The film is an account of their lives and the incredible story of the case surrounding the murder and her sentencing. "It's a real disservice that people don't understand what a lot of people who made this country went through," says Alessandra Piccione, filmmaker and co-author of the *Looking for Angelina* screenplay.

But it isn't all in the past. Our local education on violence against women doesn't end after October. **From November 25 - December 10, nations of the world recognize "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence." December 6 is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.** The Assault Response and Care Centre will host a Commemorative Service at Wall Street United Church.

For more information on the film showing or other events relating to violence against women, contact...Lisa Fleming at ARCC, 613-345-3881 or Fiona Dufour at LGL District Health Unit, 613-345-5685.

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