

We Can! Arts Fest 2015 presents

RALLY

If you are passionate about **gender equality** and **ending gender-based violence**, express yourself through **dialogue, art & performance**, and showcase it this December at RALLY: an arts festival organised by We Can! Singapore.

We Can! Arts Fest offers a platform to bring together art, performance, films, community-based workshops and discussions to end gender-based violence and make an impact in Singapore.

RALLY is looking for **artists, participants** and **attendees** to delve deeper into the issues surrounding gender-based violence – and, most importantly, learn from each other about how we can start to make positive change *together*, so that we can have safer relationships, and safer communities.

RALLY

for art, music and conversations for change

Save the date!: 6 December 2015

[Time & venue to be confirmed]

What can I talk about?

There are so many topics, angles and perspectives you can take. What aspects of gender (in)equality are you most passionate about? Here are some related questions, to nudge you in the right direction!

- How can we actively practice **equal, healthy and non-violent relationships** – whether they are within our families, between partners or amongst friends?
- How can we address the **impact of violence on the individual, family & community?** How does this affect youth, children and boys/men? What are some of the ways we can support these groups?
- How can we break through **gender stereotypes** and limited gender roles, and address its effect on young people, including boys and men?

- How can we create a **body-positive** culture through acceptance, diversity and healthy discussions surrounding body image – instead of the images we see in the media, and what people tell us is acceptable?
- How can we create **safe online communities** and spaces, and eradicate all forms of gendered harassment within our own social media circles?
- How can **organisations or community groups** practise gender equality in their professional fields to ensure that all its members feel safe, welcome and heard?
- How can we eradicate **gendered bullying and discrimination** in our schools, universities and offices, and create safe environments even within “traditionally unequal” spaces (like National Service)?
- What are some of the ways we can work to **support victims of violence** as a society? How can we **eradicate the sexist myths and misconceptions** that lead to victim-blaming and shaming?
- How can we **empower bystanders** to reject violence and explore ways they can intervene safely in instances of violence?
- How can we **encourage and support bodily and sexual autonomy**, whether it’s the choice to dress a certain way, or to be physically intimate with consenting partners? What can we do to address the moral policing and slut-shaming in our society?
- What are some of the ways we can **positively redefine “masculinity”**?
- What conversations and changes would help to **eliminate the negative impact of toxic masculinity** on individuals and on our societal attitudes?
- How can **men, as allies, make change** within male-dominated spaces?
- How can **all allies** make changes to contribute to violence prevention?
- **Most importantly, how can we work together?**

Alright, I’m in. What can I submit?

Your proposal will be considered and selected based on how much it meets the following criteria:

1. Is it of high creative quality? Is it original?
2. Does it allow participants or viewers to interrogate gender-based violence and discrimination?
3. Does it allow participants or viewers to explore, understand, see or seek positive

- changes and alternatives?
4. Is it an interactive or participatory experience?
 5. Does it provide a space for marginalised voices to be heard?
 6. Does it inspire thought? Is it challenging, yet accessible and empowering?
 7. Is it collaborative or multidisciplinary?
 8. Does it engage other communities?

Not sure about your proposal? Feel free to send in (contact information below) what you have – we will be more than happy to work with you to bring your idea to life!

On top of new projects, you are welcome to send in proposals for ongoing projects or projects completed in the past that you would like to recreate.

Who can take part?

The Arts Fest is open to everyone! Project proposals can be submitted by individuals, groups or organisations.

What should I include?

1. An outline of your idea, art, performance or project in as much detail as possible (**max 750 words**)
2. Images, drafts, pictures, doodles – if it's visual, send in a visual element to show us what it'll look like!
3. Links, videos, clips – if it's musical, send us a sample of what it'll sound like!
4. Medium or format you will use – is it a performance? Is it a photography exhibition? Is it a panel or discussion?
5. Logistics – Do you need a stage? Do you need mics and a sound system? What props will you use/need?
6. How do you plan on executing the work? What is the timeline you are working with?
7. Do you need rehearsals at the space?
8. How much time do you need to set up?
9. What kind of participation or interaction does it allow?
10. How will it be facilitated?
11. Do you need supporting resources? E.g. volunteers, funding (see below for funding requirements)

Please send your proposals to change@wecansingapore.com by: **12pm, 14 September 2015**. We will get back to you by 30 September 2015 at the latest.

Funding and Resources

We Can! Arts Fest is a not-for-profit event with limited resources in place at present. Some projects will qualify for funding to cover costs. We encourage applicants to

source their own project funding where possible and are happy to provide supporting statements.

Projects that are eligible for funding are initiatives for positive change based on ideas that come from [Change Makers](#). The campaign will provide guidance, support, resources and a platform for Change Makers to share their ideas with others and implement them. The project/event must meet one or more campaign objectives and be aligned with [campaign values/messages and approach](#).

About the We Can! Arts Fest

We Can! Arts Fest is an arts festival by We Can! Singapore and its partners in conjunction with '16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence', an international campaign marked by the UN and other groups around the world. 16 Days of Activism starts on 25 November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and ends on 10 December, Human Rights Day. It aims to raise awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue at the local, national, regional, and international level.

We Can! Arts Fest offers a platform to bring together arts, performance, and community-based events in solidarity with the international movement, and to make an impact locally. We Can! Singapore will also run a parallel social media campaign to build up towards the festival.

Read more about The Silence of Violence: We Can! Arts Fest 2013 [here](#) and look through our photo gallery [here!](#)

Read more about Breakthrough: We Can! Arts Fest 2014 [here](#) and look through our photo gallery [here!](#)

About the We Can! Singapore



**END ALL VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN**

We Can! is a global movement to reduce social acceptance of gender-based violence, and therefore create safer communities. The campaign hopes to spread awareness and action for a gender-equal, violence-free society by empowering individual Change Makers and organisational allies to reflect on and challenge social beliefs and behaviours that perpetuate violence in their communities.

Through interactive theatre, intimate workshops and other avenues in art, performance, community events, media, and pop culture, We Can! hopes to reach out to Change Makers from diverse backgrounds, each committed to creating change in their own lives and within their communities. We Can! hopes to grow into a people's movement, led and supported by diverse community groups willing to

work towards a better society.