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Barcelona, free, safe spaces

International Day for the Elimination
of Violence against Women



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ONE. SUBJECT MATTER

On 25 November, Barcelona City Council commemorates the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, declared by the UN in 1999. With the aim of raising awareness and promoting shared responsibility among citizens, women's groups and organisations, joint associations addressing different issues, geographic areas, and other city sectors of activity, Barcelona City Council is announcing the nineteenth 25 November Award as part of the Barcelona Anti-Sexist Strategy and the Citizen Agreement for a Barcelona Free of Violence Against Women (a civil society network).

Likewise, the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, known as the Istanbul Convention, recognises violence against women as “a manifestation of historically unequal power relations between women and men, which have led to domination over, and discrimination against, women by men and to the prevention of the full advancement of women”. The convention furthermore recognises “the structural nature of violence against women as gender-based violence, and that violence against women is one of the crucial social mechanisms by which women are forced into a subordinate position compared with men”.

Similarly, specific laws and increased resources have often focused efforts on eradicating gender-based violence through secondary and tertiary prevention initiatives and strategies, including the expansion of care, recovery and shelter services and the establishment of comprehensive plans and governance measures. While these areas of action are essential, the different areas of intervention of public resource services, the feminist movement and the obligations derived from the different legislative frameworks underscore the importance of furthering work on primary prevention so that this violence doesn't take place to begin with.

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It is worth highlighting that the patriarchal model - its norms, forms of socialisation, gender hierarchy and the allocation of the public and private spheres - establishes unequal relationships between men and women that result in subordination for women and make it difficult for them to access power and resources (social, cultural, educational, sports, health, economic, political, etc.). This patriarchal system engenders androcentric practices sustained through socially constructed behaviours and attributions; stereotypes, beliefs and myths; and unequal expectations for women.

Violence is the most serious and devastating manifestation of this culture, not only destroying the lives of women and their children, but also preventing the development of rights, equal opportunities and freedoms and entailing severe physical, psychological, sexual and economic suffering, in addition to the arbitrary deprivation of freedom of movement in public and private life.

Catalan Act 5/2008, on the right of women to eradicate gender violence, and its subsequent amendment, Act 17/2020, include both sexual assault and sexual harassment in **public spaces** as examples of violence in society or the community. However, beyond the violent crimes described, which are included in the Criminal Code, there are many aggressions that take place in public spaces which cause discomfort, unease and anxiety to varying degrees, at times leading women to experience public spaces as a place of insecurity, hostility and fear.

In this sense, public spaces are essentially a place of socialisation, identity and the exercise of citizenship, where women are often still relegated to a situation of subordination and inequality compared to men. Public spaces, meant as a place for meeting and socialising, are not free of patriarchal

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dynamics and impositions. Therefore, gender violence in public spaces is one of the most serious manifestations of this inequality and is an often-invisible reality that affects the women and girls of our city, even though it is frequently normalised.

These aggressions are everyday situations that most girls and women have experienced, currently experience or will experience at some point in their lives. These situations are often broadly accepted by society, and their impact is not recognised. They include looks, gestures, whistles, cat-calling, threats, opinions about the person's appearance and invasions of their physical and personal space. All of this is part of a constant harassment that many girls suffer in public spaces from a very young age, and yet another manifestation of gender inequality and violence.

As such, we can define harassment or gender aggression in public spaces as situations that women have to live with on a daily basis that are unilaterally caused by another person, are unwanted and non-consensual and do not seek a respectful relationship.

In short, these are aggressions that are part of symbolic and structural violence against women, a constant reminder that not everyone can enjoy or exist in public spaces in the same way and that women's rights are often violated there. Indeed, the message behind this type of violence is that any woman can face these kinds of aggressions at any time, because despite legislative changes, unfortunately women's bodies are still the object of looks and abuse, not subjects of autonomy and desire.

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This year's award aims to spotlight the violence that takes place in public spaces, that is, in streets, avenues, squares, parks, gardens, public transport and all venues open to the public in the city. It also aims to focus on helping create public spaces free of gender violence. This is a kind of violence that must be addressed via information and awareness-raising in society as a whole in order to understand its causes and thus identify and combat it.

The aim of the call is, therefore, to offer financial resources and institutional support to facilitate the implementation of the winning project. The award is not intended to replace the responsibility and initiative of the groups or the people behind the efforts, as that would be contrary to its spirit.

These specific rules regulate the running of the award, which will be granted to a project that has been selected by a panel of experts on the basis of the criteria and characteristics established herein, and the time frames and documentation required to submit the projects.

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TWO. PURPOSES AND LEGAL SYSTEM

The projects that can be submitted to this “**Barcelona, free, safe spaces**” edition must seek to:

- 1.** Carry out research and reflection with a focus on the prevention of gender violence associated with discrimination and aggression in public spaces, as established in the purpose of the award (Clause 1).
- 2.** Implement strategies and initiatives in various areas impacted by this year’s proposed theme, aimed at the city’s population, in accordance with the objectives established in the purpose of the award (Clause 1).
- 3.** Launch prevention initiatives that incorporate the dual aspects of “gender violence - public space” which are the purpose of this call, in accordance with the objectives established in the purpose of the award (Clause 1).
- 4.** Undertake actions aimed at creating resources and tools for the prevention efforts addressed in this call, in accordance with the objectives established in the subject matter of the award (Clause 1).

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The projects must meet the following **requirements**:

- They must be new or at the start of implementation, but in no case may they be finished projects or projects that the organisations carry out on a regular basis.
- They must be projects where women actively participate (in terms of their voices, perspectives, visions and actions) and where women are empowered throughout the project phases, taking into account diverse origins and intersectional factors.
- The projects have to be carried out in the city of Barcelona and this must be specified both in the participation application form for the award and in the description and budget of the project, which can be found on the website <https://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/dones/en/>.
- They must raise awareness of gender-based violence against women through projects to detect, prevent and eliminate it.
- They may conduct surveys, inquiries and research into any area and type of gender-based violence and how women are impacted by, recover from and approach it, as well as their relationship with it, in order to apply the results and recommendations in care services.
- They may take the form of products or services, digital or audiovisual initiatives, training, awareness campaigns, etc.

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- All projects must be written with gender-inclusive language (please see the guide to non-sexist language uses at the following link: <http://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/bcnantimasclista/ca/prevenir-i-actuar/guia-de-llenguatge-no-sexista>). The body of the project description must include the commitment that, if it wins the award, all the communication, images and language used to implement it, promote it, etc. will be gender-inclusive.

In terms of geographic scope, the projects:

- Must be carried out in the city of Barcelona or
- Must be applicable, in practical terms, at the district or city level.

The legal system is determined in the general terms and conditions regulating the 25 November Award published in the BOPB on 24 March 2021.

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THREE. AWARDS AND PRIZE MONEY

The 25 November Award establishes a single project category and an award with the following monetary prize:

- Panel Award for Best Project, worth €15,000.

This amount will be charged to item 0800-48101-23241 of the budget for financial year 2024.

- The Panel Award is for one project only.
- A classification of all projects received will not be made public.
- In the event of a tie, the projects submitted by associations, groups or organisations that are part of the Citizen Agreement for a Barcelona Free of Violence Against Women will be given special consideration by the panel.

The panel's decision will be announced during a public event to be held on a date close to 25 November 2024. The date, venue and time will be announced in a timely fashion and can be found at <https://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/dones/en/>.

The prize money will be subject to any applicable taxes and withholdings, in accordance with the tax regulations in force at the time it is paid.

4. FOUR. PARTICIPANTS

Projects may be submitted by natural persons over the age of 18, groups, associations or other non-profit organisations based in the city of Barcelona.

The maximum number of entries or projects that may be submitted will be one per applicant. Natural persons submitting projects must be officially registered residents of Barcelona.

Legal persons submitting projects must have their head office in Barcelona.

Whoever acts as the representative of any group made up solely of natural persons must be an officially registered resident of Barcelona.

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FIVE. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

In the evaluation process for the projects, the panel will take into account the specific and general criteria indicated in this section.

The panel will individually evaluate projects submitted on a scale of 0 (does not meet the criterion) to 10 (best meets the criterion).

The score for each project is the sum of the score obtained in the general criteria evaluation section (up to a maximum of 5 points) plus the score of the specific criteria section (up to a maximum of 5 points), meaning that the maximum score for each project is 10 points in total.

Evaluation of general criteria, up to a maximum of 5 points.

- Degree of adaptation to the purposes and objective established in Clauses 1 and 2 of this call (up to 1.50 points).
- Specificity, quality, coherence and technical and economic feasibility of the proposal (up to 1.75 points).
- Visibility of the project or long-time sustainability of the initiative that has been carried out (up to 0.75 points).
- Methodological innovation and use of information technologies (up to 1 point).

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Specific criteria, up to a maximum of 5 points.

- Projects with innovative methodology and content for the prevention of gender-based violence, in accordance with the provisions of points 1 and 2 of this call (up to a maximum of 2 points).
- Projects that incorporate women's voices in both design and implementation. Projects that incorporate women as leaders (up to a maximum of 1.25 points).
- Degree of impact on public and community spaces. The project's potential impact on the four social areas covered by the call stated in the general terms and conditions regulating the 25 November Award, published in the BOPB on 24 March 2021, and on the general public will be assessed. Projects must be rooted in the local community but also replicable elsewhere (in virtual spaces and on social media) (up to a maximum of 0.75 points).
- General or sector-specific associations, commercial hubs, de facto groups or organisations of any kind (cultural, neighbourhood, social, associations for women of various origins, etc.) that have not yet incorporated the fight against gender violence into their regular activities (up to 0.50 points).
- Degree to which the project can be transferred to the personal experiences of the individuals and organisations involved (up to 0.50 points).

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SIX. TIME FRAME AND FORMAT

The project submission period will open the day after the announcement of the call for applications is published in the *Official Gazette of the Province of Barcelona* and will close on 13 September 2024 at 11:59 pm.

Any applications submitted outside this period will not be accepted.

The general terms and conditions of the call for applications are available online at <https://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/dones/en/>.

Depending on the rights and obligations for interacting electronically with public authorities, in accordance with Act 39/15 of 1 October and the relevant regulations, in the event of:

- **In-person submission:** Projects must be submitted at the City Council's General Register (Pl. Sant Miquel, s/n, ground floor), or at the municipal registers located in the Citizen Help and Information Offices (OAC) via an application form that is provided in the offices or can be downloaded at <https://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/dones/en/>.
- **Electronic submission** of applications: the forms must be filled out on the City Council's e-headquarters at <https://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/en/>. On the website, go to E-Headquarters (list of procedures that must be completed online) within Association and Participation.

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SEVEN. DOCUMENTS

Applicants must submit the following documents, properly filled out, within the established deadline:

1. Application for participation in the 25 November Award, using the standard form, which can be downloaded at <https://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/dones/en/>.
2. Project description and budget, using the standard form which can be downloaded at <https://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/dones/en/>.
3. Summary of the project, using the standard form that can be downloaded at <https://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/dones/en/>.

Applicants must also include the following documentation:

4. Photocopy of the national identification document (DNI) or tax identification document (NIF) of the person or organisation applying.
5. Curriculum vitae of the natural person, group, association or organisation submitting the project.
6. In the case of legally incorporated associations and organisation, a copy of the articles of association must also be provided.
7. For groups that are not legally incorporated, a letter signed by all the members which designates the person representing the group must be submitted.

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The project, budget and summary sheet must be submitted in paper or digital format within the time frame and in the format stipulated in the Clause 6 of these terms and conditions.

No documentation submitted that is not accompanied by the aforementioned documents 1, 2 and 3 will be taken into account. Therefore, applications that are not accompanied by these three basic documents will be considered not submitted and may not be rectified.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 68 of Act 39/2015, on the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Authorities, a term of 10 business days will be provided to rectify the application if it does not meet all the requirements stipulated in each call for applications. In accordance with the above paragraph, failure to submit documents 1, 2 and 3 may be not rectified.

In the event that the application is not rectified or filled out within the aforementioned ten-day time frame, the application will be considered withdrawn, and no further action shall be taken.

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EIGHT. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

The projects and work carried out thanks to financial support received through this call are the property of the authors, who must acknowledge the support of the Barcelona City Council in any project promotional materials or publications, and must at all times use gender-inclusive images and language.

Participating organisations and individuals acknowledge that they are the authors of their works and undertake not to submit audiovisual, sound, musical or visual materials for which they do not have duly accredited rights of use. The organisers are not responsible for misuse of the intellectual property rights of the authors of the works.

By submitting their projects and work, the authors authorise Barcelona City Council to publish all or part of the projects or to share them in different formats and on different platforms, provided that this is not for commercial purposes.

Applicants will be able to collect unselected projects during the three months following the publication of the results. After this time, they will remain at the Feminisms and LGTBI Services Department for three months before being destroyed.

The award must be accepted by the recipient in order to comply with the conditions established herein.

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Starting on the day after the public award event, a request will be sent via email to the winning organisations or individuals specifying the documentation they must submit in order for the payment of the award to be processed. The deadline for submitting the documentation requested shall be 10 business days starting the day after notification is received.

In the event that the winning organisations or individuals do not supply the requested documentation, or that the documentation they submit is incorrect, the award will be rescinded. In this case, if applicable, depending on the number of points earned, the organisation in charge of granting the award may suggest that it be awarded to the second project chosen by the panel, and that project will receive an electronic notification to submit, within the time frame stipulated in said notification, the documentation needed to receive the award payment. If the natural person or organisation in second place does not submit the documentation requested, the award will be cancelled for this edition.

The award is compatible with any other aid or grant awarded by other authorities and public or private organisations for the same project, provided that the sum of the funds obtained to carry out the project does not exceed the expenses of the project, as established in the applicable regulations.

One year after receiving the award, the winning organisation must submit a project report, with an economic balance sheet and an audiovisual presentation of the work carried out and other materials, to the Feminism and LGBTBI Services Department of Barcelona City Council. If these materials are not submitted, the Barcelona City Council reserves the right to ask for the monetary award to be returned.

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NINE. ORGANISATION IN CHARGE OF THE AWARD PROCESS AND DECISION

The organisation in charge of the award process is Barcelona City Council's the Directorate for Feminisms and LGBTI Services.

The organisation in charge of deciding the award winner is the person in charge of the relevant Councillor's Office for Feminisms and LGBTI Services at the Barcelona City Council.

