



#EngagingMenAndBoys

Men won't sit back and be silent in the movement to end gender based violence, domestic violence and abuse. Maitri is engaging men and boys through this social media campaign so that together we can raise awareness and work toward prevention.

Thank you Kush Shah for joining this Maitri Campaign

Here is a message from Kush Shah

–Teen dating violence is a dangerous cycle. Teenagers are often times especially blind to the warning signs of this cycle, leading thousands into the torturous grasp of dating violence. Once it grabs hold of them, it's difficult for teenagers to break free and they often are stuck within the abusive relationship right until adulthood, leading to the perpetuation of domestic violence.

Teenage boys are the primary perpetrators of this cycle, inflicting dating violence on countless girls annually. In order for this cycle to be broken both boys and girls must be educated on the causes, warning signs, and harmful consequences of teen dating violence.

Boys must realize that little actions they may take or allow daily contribute to the creation of a culture that is detrimental to girls. Whether it is rating girls at their high

school or more serious actions they take, teenage boys must be taught the impact of these actions. Girls, who are the primary victims of dating violence, should be taught the warning signs of abusive dating relationships in order to get out of such relationships before it is too late. A collective community effort to educate teenage boys and girls about these issues will hopefully help combat the issue of teen dating violence.

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