



#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 Renceh for joining this Maitri Campaign.

Here is a message from Renceh:

As young men, we have a unique position as a part of the primary demographic of perpetrators that enact domestic violence and potential future fathers.

As a part of the male demographic, it's essential to understand your positionality coming from a historical position of power simply due to your gender assignment. As a hetero-cis gendered BIPOC man, it's especially relevant in understanding how oppressive structures inherently function as an attack on the human body as the first step in deconstructing the narrative of domestic violence. Once young men acknowledge and understand their privilege, the following steps have to be opening up the conversation with their peers and shutting down oppressive language and thoughts, especially around the objectification of women. When young men continue to view women as objects, that opens up the gateway to the potential heinous acts of domestic violence as they lose sight of their shared personhood and the rights and dignity that it ensures.

As future fathers, it's essential to understand the signs of domestic violence and know the next steps for reporting and confronting the individuals. Knowing such lets you ensure you're conscious of what's happening around you and educate your sons and daughters. Then, hopefully, individually, we can confront the larger narratives and put an end to domestic violence.

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