DEAD WOMEN WALKING COMES TO MANCHESTER

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A Lancashire actor is highlighting domestic violence murders in the UK with a visual remembrance march through Manchester City Centre this November.

Claire Moore, who plays the lead role in 'LADY IN RED' has organised the 'Dead Women Walking' march from her home in Preston and will be marching with survivors, activists and family members of the women killed in the UK through domestic violence.

'The number of women murdered by their partners and ex-partners in the UK is an indictment of civilised society,' says Claire, 'Domestic violence accounts for almost a quarter of all violent crime in the UK with approximately two women a week being murdered and yet our specialist women's services are at risk – this means women's lives are at risk'

'For the last nine years I have been listing the names and ages of women killed by men through domestic violence as part of a display we take on tour,' adds Claire, 'People are often shocked to see the list and wonder why they didn't know this was happening - these murders rarely make front page news, because they are commonplace and not considered 'newsworthy' - I want to change that! The walk will be a visual and respectful march of women wearing red ponchos and carrying candles - During the walk the names of all the women killed by known men in the last 12 months will be read out. This is the first year we've held the march in Manchester and there has been great support so far'

This **#DeadWomenWalking** walk is a remembrance walk to raise awareness of the women behind the statistics of domestic violence murders, will take place on Sunday 27th November 2016. It is part of the 16days of action from 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) through 10 December, Human Rights Day. The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence aim to raise public awareness and mobilise people everywhere to bring about change. 'I am passionate about engaging the community in these issues so that everyone can make a difference for all women in the future.' adds Claire

If you'd like to join the women's march or donate in support you can here - https://dww.eventbrite.co.uk

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Domestic violence accounts for between 16% and one quarter of all recorded violent crime. (Home Office, 2004; Dodd et al., 2004; BCS, 1998; Dobash and Dobash, 1980)

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