

Dead Women Walking through Manchester & Exeter to end violence against women

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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, from Certain Curtain Theatre, has organised the 'Dead Women Walking' march from her home in Preston for several years now. The first two marches were in London and this year there will be two marches one in Manchester and a sister march in Exeter - survivors, activists and family members of the women killed in the UK through domestic violence will march together to remember the women killed by known men in the last 12 months.

'The number of women murdered by their partners, sons 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. Time and again we hear the term 'lessons will be learned' when a woman is murdered and we discover there has been previous police contact. I've been hearing that for over 20 years, says Claire, we need action we need women's concerns to be taken seriously and we need that to happen now!'

'Since 2007 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 - During the walk the names of all the women killed by known men in the last 12 months will be read out. Manchester is a great city and there has been wonderful support so far and it's great to see Exeter get on board too'

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 25th November 2018. There is a sister march in Exeter on the same day. It is part of the 16 days 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 Manchester march or donate in support you can here - [dead women walking march](#)

To join the Exeter march - [Book here](#)

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