



Social welfare councillor Vanessa Parellada, Espai Dones chair Dolors Fernández Tamargo and staffer Azuzena Carrasco unveiled the programme of activities that the Council has put together in recognition of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on November 25. The presentation took place in the administration's hall of ceremonies today at 10.30am.

Councillor Parellada pointed out that this year's programming kicks off Saturday, November 11, with a stage production and runs through November 29. All part of the effort to commemorate November 25 as International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The administration has teamed up with Espai Dones in presenting the activities, which, in the councillor's words, "are diverse in nature despite one common goal: ending gender violence".

Activities programme

For her part, Ms Fernández focused on the day's associated activities. At 8.00pm on Saturday, November 11, actress Rosa Díaz will present *Hilos*, winner of 2011's national award for the performing arts, at the municipal cinema.

The programme continues Tuesday, November 14, with a screening of "Los niños del Barrio Rojo," winner of the 2015 Oscar for best documentary. The show starts at 8.00pm in the Marià Villangómez municipal library. More theatre is in store on Saturday, November 18, when Menorca's Xoc theatre troupe takes the reins of a theatrical forum on gender violence in Sa Panxa restaurant. The event gets under way at 10.00pm. On Monday, November 20, Isa Sanz presents «Koinonía,» a photo show, at the municipal gallery of the Ajuntament Vell.

'La maleta de Marta'

Wednesday, November 22, Formentera audiences are invited out for Günter Schwaiger's *La maleta de Marta*

. After the screening, the film's leading actress will stick around for a chat with the audience. This showing of

La maleta de Marta

, scheduled for 7.30pm in the Office of Culture conference hall, is sponsored by the Balearic Islands and Eivissa chapters of Amnesty International.

Saturday, November 25

November 25, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, will be abuzz with activities. IBDonà, a women's group in the region, will set up an informational stand from 11.00am in Sant Francesc's plaça de la Constitució under the banner "Take a stand against domestic violence". At 1.00pm, the reading of the day's guiding manifesto will take place.

In the evening, an emotional, gender-conscious and experience-based workshop titled «Ni princeses ni prínceps» (Neither princesses nor princes) will be given at 7.00pm by social psychotherapist Isabel Serrato in the conference hall of the Office of Culture. Part of a yearly tradition, at 9.30pm in Rosales bed and breakfast of Es Pujols, Espai Dones will celebrate ten years of solidarity on women's issues. To reserve a spot, phone 697 941 016.

Finally, at 7.00pm on Wednesday, November 29, families are encouraged to come to Sant Francesc's Sa Miranda nursery for a discussion entitled "The long, exciting road ahead". At 7.30pm, psychologist Ana Costa García will speak to the crowd in the Office of Culture conference hall about managing difficult emotions.

Gender violence

Staff specialist Azuzena Carrasco, for her part, reported on the 14 calls received by her office's gender violence hotline through October, a drop on last year's total of 18.

Looking ahead, November 28 and 29, Councillor Parellada and a pair of staffers will take part in working days organised by IBDonà to forge strategies on intra-agency coordination and response for victims of gender violence.