



The President of the Consell de Formentera and Councillor of Equality, Ana Juan, along with the President of Espai Dones, Dolores Fernández Tamargo, presented the programme of activities lined up to mark 25 November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

Juan began remarks by praising the Espai Dones association for organising “these actions and for the awareness-raising work it carries out throughout the year”. The president stressed that the situation of many women worsened during under COVID-19 and lockdown orders, and “this is precisely when local government should be closer to them”. She underscored the efforts of the Formentera Office of Social Welfare; the Consell's collaboration earlier this year with the Guardia Civil to open the sala amable, a special room to reinforce care for women, as well as local government's appearance in what she described as the “despicable” case of the gang rape and assault of a 19-year-old girl on the island last July. “We women will never tire of denouncing misconduct, but it isn't enough; we need the involvement of everyone, men and women, because this fight must be cross-cutting and encompass everything from the public administration to families, culture, education and sport”.

Finally, President Juan stressed that one of the main priorities of the department she now oversees will be to denounce and combat prostitution on the island: “we must work in this regard, on policies that protect women from this scourge”.

For her part, Dolores Fernández gave a review of the activities organised throughout the month of November:

#### **Friday 5 November**

6.00pm “The reality of prostitution and sexual exploitation”. With Rocío López García, Social Intervention Specialist with Metges del Món's Blazing Trails initiative.

Sala d'Actes, Consell de Formentera, Plaça de la Constitució

#### **Monday 8 November**

7.00pm “Sexual violence and pornography”. With Towanda Rebels, Teresa Lozano and Zua Méndez.

Sala de Formació, Centre d'Esports Nàutics, La Savina

**Friday 19 and Sunday 21 November**

8.30pm and 8.00pm, respectively. Screening of Emerald Fennell's *A Promising Young Woman*.  
Sala de Cultura-Cinema

**Saturday 20 November**

8.00pm Women's cinema. Screening of three female-produced short films.  
Sala de Cultura-Cinema

**Monday 22 November**

8.00pm Opening of *Ara jo*. Photo exhibition presented by Ana Alonso.  
Sala d'Exposicions "Ajuntament Vell"

**Thursday 25 November**

11.00am Information table and poster hanging: hang up and write new posters.  
5.00pm Rally in Plaça de la Constitució. Readings by women volunteers and a reading of the manifesto for International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.  
Percussion performance by Bloco Colubraria

**Friday 26 November**

7.00pm Anastasia Mikova's *Woman*. Documentary followed by discussion with Rocío Pavón García.  
Sala de Formació, Centre d'Esports Nàutics, La Savina

COVID-19 measures will be enforced at all events.

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