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## NAMEN Newsletter - December 2023 Edition

### NAMEN's Mission & Vision.

NAMEN - The North American MenEngage Network, Inc. is a regional network of organizations and individuals working with men and boys to achieve gender equality, end violence, and promote health for men, women and children.

We focus on membership in the US and Canada

Please invite your friends, colleagues and others to [join NAMEN](#), and consider making an additional [donation](#) to support NAMEN as we continue to grow in our efforts and effectiveness.

## CALL FOR NAMEN BOARD NOMINATIONS!



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The [North American MenEngage Network \(NAMEN\)](#) is seeking new members to join the Board of Directors.

Please share this call for applications widely. Consider nominating yourself or someone else. NAMEN Board members must be located in the states or territories of the US or Canada.

NAMEN is proud of the diversity in our staff and board and we remain committed to creating an inclusive recruitment process, establishing a diverse group of leaders to support the [strategic plan and agenda](#) of NAMEN. To this end we highly encourage the nominations of Black, Indigenous, People of Color, and LGBTQ+ people.

The NAMEN Board meets once every two months for two hours. All Board members are expected to join at least one committee. Committees include for example Membership, Advocacy and Finance. Board members dedicate about 3-6 hours per month. The standard term of service is 3 years. For further information about Board responsibilities see NAMEN Board Agreement linked below.

NAMEN Board membership offers unique opportunities for professional development and social action within an experienced community of educators, trainers, advocates and activists in the fields of engaging men in gender justice and transforming masculinities. We are active participants in the Global MenEngage Alliance and work collaboratively with other regional representatives to advance our vision of gender equality. We are committed to ongoing reflection about intersectionality and our own active decolonizing practice.

Please consider submitting your nomination of yourself or someone else by using this application form.

[Submit your applications for the NAMEN Board here.](#)

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## White Ribbon - Canada Allyship.

[White Ribbon Campaign](#) launched a powerful new campaign, Short Life Stories, which focuses on the intersection of transphobia and gender-based violence. 70% of trans youth report experiencing some form of sexual harassment or violence, so I'm

proud to support White Ribbon and its mission to end all forms of gender-based violence while also promoting gender equity, healthy relationships, and a new vision of masculinities. Learn more about the movement.

Join [@whiteribboncanada](#)'s mission to end the rising tide of hate, violence, and transphobia.

[#ShortLifeStories](#) [#WhiteRibbon](#)

See their campaign [here](#)

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## Coach's Corner



## NAMEN promotes accountability within the Region



On September 11th - 15th NAMEN traveled to Istanbul Turkey as the representative for the region to actively participate in the Accountability Framework training sponsored by the MenEngage Alliance.

In this impactful learning series, NAMEN's Interim Executive Director Coach Lynn, joined dedicated representatives from around the world, pooling their expertise, talents and experiences towards the comprehensive development of an accountability framework outreach initiative to be deployed throughout the regions.

In this and as specified in the Accountability Framework doctrine, three core documents are designated as pillars to the MenEngage Alliance work:

- A) Our Core Principles setting the values, principles and commitments shared by members.
- B) Our Code of Conduct outlining the behaviors and practices we commit to upholding as individuals working for gender justice.
- C) Our Accountability Standards relating to institutional commitments and aspirations for how we do our work. {Accountability Framework 2023}

In furtherance of this critical work, NAMEN as part of the strategic planning committee is working on key elements of the initiative with plans of rolling out the final version in 2025 yet with intermittent regional training beginning in 2024.

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**NAMEN joins the fight for Climate Justice**

**JOIN THE MARCH TO  
END FOSSIL FUELS**  
SEPT 17TH - 1PM - NYC



**MenEngage Alliance**  
Climate & Environmental Justice  
WORKING GROUP

On September 17th, 2023 NAMEN under the leadership of Interim Executive Director Coach Lynn, actively participated in the Global movement calling for immediate action addressing climate justice with specific focus placed on the Fossil Fuels industry.

As an active member of the MenEngage Climate Justice Working Group representing the United States and Canada, NAMEN continued its leadership throughout the week, consistently promoting its position both during the march held as well as within the United Nations SDG Summit held the following week in New York City.

For more details on how you or your organization can join the MenEngage Working Group for Climate Justice contact Coach Lynn at [stevan@namenmenengage.org](mailto:stevan@namenmenengage.org) today.

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## NAMEN 2023- End of Year Fund

Dear Supporters,

As Co-Chairpersons of the NAMEN Board of Directors and longtime contributors to this work, we are writing to invite you to join us in supporting NAMEN's work this year.

Your contribution to the NAMEN Annual Fund will be vital to building a successful coming year.

NAMEN members are definitely on the MOVE, as you can see in our newsletters.

Plans for the coming year include:

- Continuing our regular Member Meet-Up Gatherings,
- Launching an expanded Training Institute.
- Advocating for important issues: In the US, Safe and Legal Abortion, and in Canada, an improvement with the Native Women's organization NWAC, Scorecard for addressing missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.

We are excited to share that NAMEN's MERGE for Equality program has been honored with an invitation to present a keynote presentation at the Annual Conference of the Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children (VTAEYC).

In addition, MERGE has built a Spanish Language and Culture edition of its popular training for Early Childhood Educators titled, Developing Healthy Boys Training.

In deep gratitude, please give today.

Scincerely,

Shane Joseph, Chair of NAMEN  
Tonya Lovelace, Co-Chair of NAMEN

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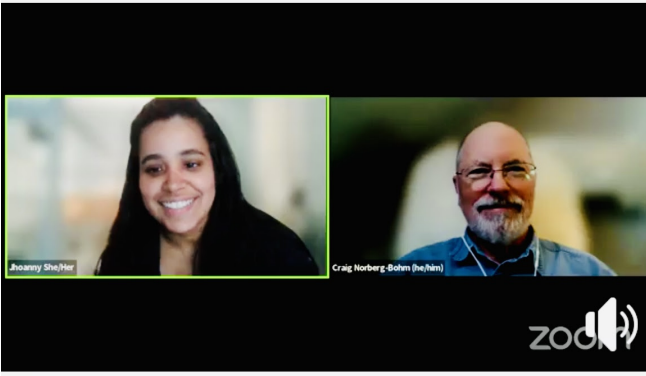


# Our Work In 2023!

## Fatherhood Meetup Currently Live!



 **North American MenEngage Network, Inc.**  
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**Join us LIVE to learn about our upcoming Meetup!**  
We are excited to go live today and tell you about our upcoming meetup on May 25th and June 8th 1-3PM EST. Join us and learn more about our launch in Canada and the topic we will be discussing on May 25th. Register here: <https://bit.ly/NAMEN-Canadian-MeetUp>.

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**NORTH AMERICAN MenEngage PRESENTS:**

**June 8 TH, 2023 1:00 pm EST**

**A FATHERS ROLE**

**TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- Supporting our daughters in becoming Super Woman
- Raising our boys to be strong men of integrity
- Discussing the idea "I AM THE PROVIDER"

**And More !**

Register Here <https://bit.ly/A-Fathers-Role>

**Featuring**

**COACH Stevan Lynn** **Emiliano Diaz de León**

Gender Equality Advocacy • Member Technical Assistance  
Peer Review • Innovative Training • Regional Networking • Resource Hub

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"I wanted to send gratitude to all of the speakers and organizers. This has been an incredibly impactful conversation for me - as a person who is endeavouring to support my partner as she reacquaints herself with her culture while navigating the world as human that has had masculine privilege handed to me after 30 years, so many powerful thoughts and takeaways for this journey I am on. All the gratitude.



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## Letter from MenEngage - Call For An Immediate Ceasefire In The Palestine-Israel Conflict

We are heartbroken by the violence, devastation, and loss of life in Gaza and Israel. We express our solidarity with those affected—directly or indirectly—by the conflict. We unite our voices with all who are calling on humanity to break the perpetual grip of war and violence around the world.

We stand with the voices of feminists—including in Palestine and Israel—in calling for an immediate ceasefire, for the return of hostages by Hamas, for urgent humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza, and for long term reparations towards sustainable peace and an end to intergenerational cycles of violence.

We must work together to create a more just and equitable world for all, where everyone can live free from trauma and violence.

Read the full statement at <http://www.menengage.org/.../joining-the-global-call-for.../>

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## MenEngage 16 days of Activism #HowtoTalktoMen Campaign

The Annual 16 Days of Activism run from Nov 25th to December 10th.

All this period, in the run up to [#16DaysOfActivism](#), we are sharing stories from members involved in sowing the seeds of gender transformative change among men and boys.

In this post, Mehwish Kayani, from [United Global Organization of Development - UGOOD](#) in Pakistan shares the importance of tailoring your approach to any given context or audience.

MenEngage Alliance is a global community that believes all men and boys, in all their diversities, can critically understand, reject and overcome dominant, controlling, restrictive, and harmful definitions of [#manhood](#). Mehwish's insights remind us that there may be as many ways of doing this as there are men in the world.

Mehwish has more than a decade of experience working on child rights, youth empowerment, and gender equality. She is National Coordinator of the Child Rights Movement (CRM) and a Youth Reference Group Member of [@menengagesouthasia](#).

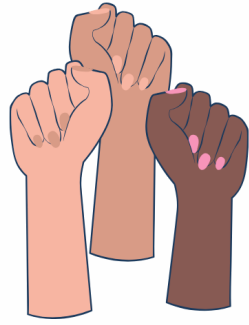
Share your stories and experiences of working with men and boys for gender justice with the hashtag [#HowToTalkWithMen](#)

Find out more at [www.menengage.org](http://www.menengage.org)

**Get Involved in Advocating for Gender Equality- See resources below.**



# 16 Days of Activism Resources



16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign

UNITE to End Violence against Women Campaign

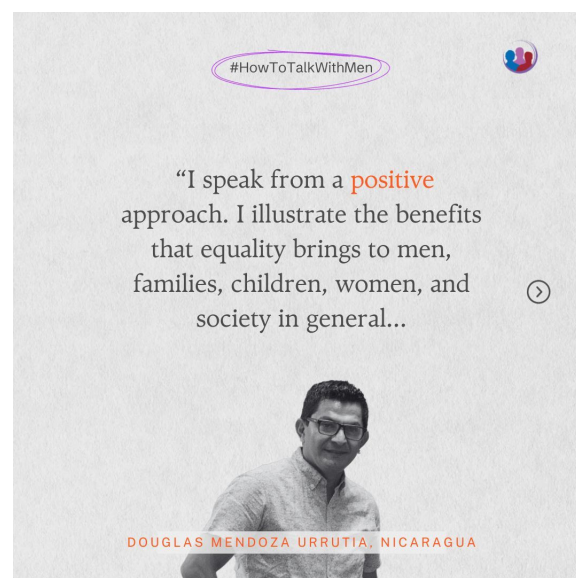
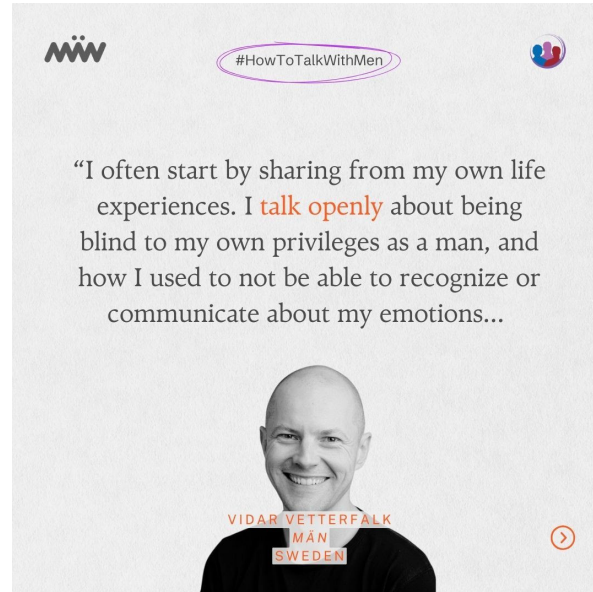
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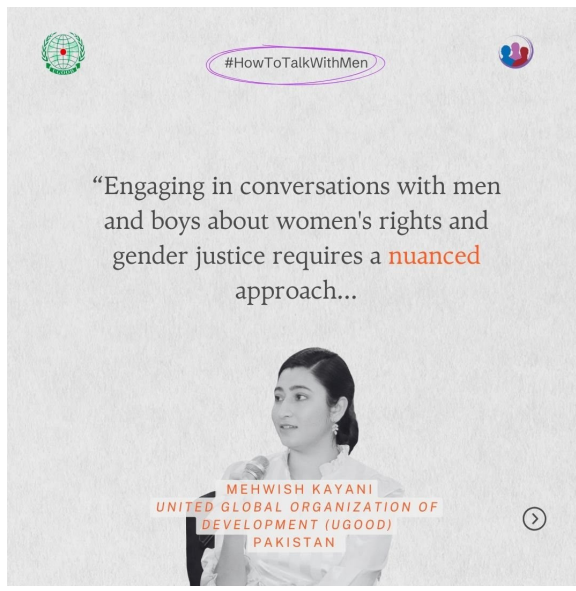
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You'll find more info on our #16days campaign!

## Sneak Peak from LinkedIn





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