

STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN IN COMMUNITIES! MALAYSIAN YOUTH SPEAK OUT – LISTEN TO OUR VOICES

I am fed up of reading the newspaper and watching TV only to find another child has suffered or died because of adult's violent behaviour. Aren't adults supposed to protect us?

Priya, 17

I don't want to hear anymore excuses for violence against children. Adults, buck up!

Lim, 15

There is so much violence. Violence on TV, bullying in schools, parent's killing their own children, girls being raped. Is our country going mad?

Mimi, 17

Please teach us how we can protect ourselves from violence. I don't want to be a rape victim.

Gayatri, 14

My boyfriend forced me to have sex with him when I was fourteen years old. I was so scared, I never told anyone.

Lili, 20

I think, we as young people, must start taking action to defend ourselves against violence. I don't know if we can only rely on adults to protect us.

Farid, 17

It is imperative that the media get involved in putting articles on child safety in newspapers, interviews on the radio and even informative commercials on the television. It is not enough to just report a tragedy but to provide regular information and education on child safety.

Timothy, 14

We need a better solution, a better medium and a more realistic platform to address this problem. We can't be ignorant of all of those who are victimised every single day and no one can hear them. I would propose a platform such as the Internet where it's easily accessible and it can help those who wish to remain anonymous to present their views and make reports. The bottom-line is we need to find a way to give a voice to those who don't find the mainstream approach appealing. This way, we gather better feedback.

Darren, 25

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