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**Women's March Global is Hosting a Mini Course in Partnership with Equality Now**

*The mini course is the second of Women's March Global's [5 actions to EndVAW](#) (Violence Against Women).*

**WORLD | March XX - [Women's March Global](#) is partnering with [Equality Now](#) to educate and raise awareness of the laws surrounding rape and sexual violence through their mini course titled **"The Law and Sexual Violence, Identifying Failings in the Law and Mobilising for Change."****

"Rape is a largely ignored global epidemic, yet laws around the globe consistently disregard women or even encourage violence in some cases," said Women's March Global Interim Executive Director Uma Mishra-Newbery. "Without a change in laws we are unlikely to see an end to the worldwide abuse of women and girls."

Equality Now's 2017 report, [The World's Shame](#), found that governments still have a long way to go to transform their laws, policies and practices into instruments to:

- a. prevent sexual violence,
- b. provide better access to justice for victims (including specialised services), and
- c. effectively punish sexual violence crimes.

"According to estimates by the WHO, about 1 in 3 (35%) of women worldwide have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime. This number is abhorrent," shared Jacqui Hunt, Europe and Eurasia Regional Director at

Equality Now. "Current laws are insufficient, inconsistent or not systematically enforced. It is our aim with the mini course to raise awareness of the efforts to reform sexual violence laws globally."

These courses will be conducted online, every Wednesday, on Women's March Global's [Facebook page](#) for the month of March.

**March 6:** "Equality Now's Global Rape Report."

**March 13:** "Sexual Violence Laws in the MENA Region."

**March 20:** "Coming Together Against Sexual Violence in Bolivia."

**March 27:** "Sexual Violence Laws in Eurasia and Africa."

Course attendees will be receiving special weekly emails with course summaries and have access to the resources and notes about the course once they [sign up](#).

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## **ABOUT WOMEN'S MARCH GLOBAL**

Women's March Global empowers communities, organisations and individuals to start Chapters, take action, organise events and learn. Women's March Global community chapters are run independently, under a free license from Women's March Global.

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