

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT IN NELSON ON THURSDAY

NELSON — The West Kootenay Women's Association is once again bringing women together for the internationally recognized Take Back the Night march. This Thursday October 25, women will gather at 7pm in front of Sidewinders Café on the corner of Baker and Hall streets. Women will walk the streets of Nelson and as they make their way to the Women's Centre at 420 Mill St for an inspiring short film, time with friends and tea and goodies.

To kick off the march, former Nelson city councillor Michelle Mungall will share her story of working with Zambian women last year to organize Zambia's first Take Back the Night March. Women will then walk together as they sing and cheer in the dark on their way to the Nelson and District Women's Centre. Please bring instruments and inspirational songs.

Take Back the Night is a commu-

nity event for women to symbolize women's individual walk through darkness and to demonstrate that women united can resist fear and violence. As women, we experience fear when walking alone at night because violence against women continues in our society and community. All our lives, we are warned to never walk alone at night, stay under street lights, and in some parts of the world women cannot leave their home at night at all because violence against women is so frequent. Since 1976, Take Back the Night has allowed women all over the world to collectively share experiences and speak out against this violence and raise community awareness as a preventive measure against future violence.

Recently, Stephen Lewis motivated several men in the area to support women's equality and the West Kootenay Women's Association

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Congratulations to the over 40 men who have singed up to b e c o m e Associate Members of WKWA. Be part of Take Back the Night by supporting your women partners and friends with childcare, vehicle transportation to and from the event, the and by talking with other men about how you can create awareness and stop violence against women.

This year's event is a celebration of women's safety in numbers. All women and children are welcome for this fun and important night together. For more information, call the Women's Centre at 352-9916

