Sexual Violence Bystander Intervention Training

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Using an intersectional, community-based approach, Bystander Intervention Training Sessions give students, faculty, and staff the tools needed to recognize and respond to sexual violence. Facilitated by the Division of Student Affairs, the programming is administered by a trained team of undergraduate and graduate student leaders.

The program aims to empower individuals and equip them with the knowledge and skills to intervene in an incident of sexual violence. By working with and engaging the whole Queen’s community, we hope to raise awareness of sexual violence and shift societal norms in order to prevent it from happening in our campus.

Learning Outcomes:

- Articulate the definitions of sexual assault and consent
- Identify myths and facts about sexual assault
- Understand the bystander effect and barriers to active intervention
- Safely intervene when witnessing unsafe or inappropriate behavior

Five Key Take-aways:

1. The power of the pro-social / active bystander
2. Sexual violence effects people differently based on their identity
3. Sexual violence exists on a continuum
4. Forms of privilege and oppression effect bystander behaviour
5. Bystander Intervention techniques

Other Resources:


https://www.queensu.ca/sexualviolencesupport/home

Putting it to work:

Safely intervene when witnessing inappropriate or unsafe behaviour.