Educate Students:

International Anti-Street Harassment Week is a great opportunity to talk about the issue of street harassment with middle and high school and college students. Most students witness, experience and even perpetrate the harassment, but rarely do they have an opportunity to talk about it, learn about it, and brainstorm action to end it.

1. Show the award-winning short film *Walking Home,* by Nuala Cabral and host a discussion using a *discussion guide* written by Cabral.

2. Have students read Girls for Gender Equity’s book *Hey, Shorty! A Guide to Combating Sexual Harassment and Violence in Schools and on the Streets* (available for $8 from Feminist Press) and use the discussion guides and resources in the book. You can also order and show the 20-minute documentary *Hey…Shorty!,* produced by teenage girls in New York City.

   For Meet Us on the Street 2012, Girls for Gender Equity held a Bring Your Brother Day workshop on street harassment that was very successful and helped boys and girls talk about these issues together in a safe, supportive environment. Host your own workshop like this.

3. For Meet Us on the Street 2012, a group of people in New York City created a viral video directed at men called “*Shit Men Say to Men Who Say Shit to Women on the Streets,*” providing suggestions for what men can say to call each other out on this behavior.

   Several groups created their own versions after seeing this one, including men in Egypt and men at San Jose State University in California.

   **Jake Winn**, a Peace Corps volunteer and a youth development facilitator in northern Azerbaijan, helped his male students make an Anti-Street Harassment video. The title, “Ay Gardash! Kishi Oll”, can be translated to, ‘Hey man, be a gentleman!’ He developed a companion lesson plan: Street Harassment Lesson Plan (English) | Street Harassment Lesson Plan (Azerbaijani)

   Watch the videos, use the discussion guide, and have your students create their own video.
4. RAPP (Relationship Abuse Prevention Program), a New York City initiative that works with schools to teach kids about building healthy relationships, addressed street harassment in 65 schools.

There were many ways they raised awareness about the issue that could be models for addressing it with your students or in your school.

a) Students wrote their experiences with street harassment on paper shaped like shoes and displayed them on a bulletin board.

Some quotes from the sneakers:

“I don’t feel safe walking alone in my neighborhood”

“When I walk to school and walk home I be looking back every minute”

“An older man said to me ‘Hey sexy’.”

b) They made stickers and posters to educate schoolmates on what street harassment is and how to prevent it.

c) They attended a RAPP workshop on street harassment.