4 Steps to Stop Street Harassment

1. As a society, acknowledge that street harassment is not a compliment, a minor annoyance, or the harassed person’s fault. It’s bullying behavior and it is harmful.

2. Give people who are harassed real help. We need to teach them empowering, assertive responses, self-defense, and how to report harassers. (www.stopstreetharassment.org/strategies)

3. Focus on potential and current harassers. We have to stop looking the other way or saying “boys will be boys.” Fathers, brothers, uncles, and friends need to stop trying to bond with other men through objectifying, harassing, and raping women. (www.stopstreetharassment.org/male-allies/)

Support organizations like Men Can Stop Rape, the Coaching Boys into Men program at Futures without Violence, and the global Man Up Campaign, which teach boys to be respectful.

4. Step up. We must challenge comments, forms of media, and policies that disrespect and discriminate against women & LGBTQ individuals. We must speak out when we see harassment occurring. We must challenge ALL forms of gender-based violence and harassment; it’s all interrelated.

For more visit: www.stopstreetharassment.org/ending/