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**Sarah Champion
Member of Parliament for Rotherham
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MP for Rotherham demands an end to violence against women and girls.

Today is the United Nations Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, an international event to highlight and combat violence against women and girls.

In supporting the campaign Sarah Champion MP, Shadow Minister for Preventing Violence and Domestic Abuse is demanding a world without violence against women and girls, and committing to challenge the attitudes and norms that allow it to exist.

The day also marks the beginning of the 16 days of action against gender violence, which runs until International Human Rights Day on the 10th of December. This serves the reminder that it is an abuse of human rights to commit violence against women.

Sarah Champion MP, said *“One in three women worldwide have experienced physical or sexual violence – mostly by an intimate partner. This is a shocking statistic, and reinforces the need to tackle violence against women and girls now.*

“We need to prevent abuse in future generations, by ensuring that young people are equipped with the emotional tools that they need to enter into relationships with others”.

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Notes to editors

1. November 25th is the United Nations Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, an international event to combat violence against women and girls. It is part of the United Nations Secretary General's Campaign - UNite to End Violence against Women and also marks the launch of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign which finishes on Human Rights Day, the 10th of December.
Read more: <http://www.un.org/en/women/endviolence/>
2. Global and regional estimates of violence against women, WHO, 2013:
<http://www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/multimedia/2015/11/infographic-violence-against-women>
3. Picture attached of Sarah Champion MP with Shadow Minister for Women and Equalities