

Stop Global Street Harassment: Growing Activism around the World

Holly Kearl, founder of the organization Stop Street Harassment, a consultant to UN Women's Global Safe Cities Initiative, and the author of three books, a national study and 60 articles on street harassment, is available for speaking engagements.

Since 2010, she has given more than 140 talks on the subject in places ranging from Alaska to India. She has given campus talks at institutions like Stanford, NYU, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, University of Iowa, and Susquehanna University.

Content she always covers in varying detail includes: what is street harassment, why does stopping it matter, and how can we work to stop it at both a personal and community-level. She tailors her talks to include street harassment stories and examples of activism specific to the region where she is speaking and to incorporate the latest news of the day. She can further tailor the talk based on the needs of the audience ([here are examples](#) of other content she has covered).

With the release of her third book *Stop Global Street Harassment: Growing Activism around the World* (Praeger Publisher) in August 2015, she can also cover the issue from a social change perspective.

Since 2010, street harassment has gone from a largely dismissed problem to one that more people and governments worldwide are addressing. In addition to outlining an overview of the factors contributing to these exciting and important changes, in order to inspire audience members to realize that change is created by people like them, she can give specific examples of grassroots efforts that have led to concrete outcomes. For example, each of these five items led governments to take actions, like passing new laws and policies and mandating the training of support personnel.

- Protests of the mass sexual assaults of women at Tahrir Square in Cairo, Egypt
- Protests of the gang rape and murder of a Delhi woman on a bus in India
- A documentary about street harassment in Brussels, Belgium
- City council testimonies about harassment on public transit in Washington, DC
- Activists demonstrating and lobbying in Peru

Street harassment is far from over, and she can share new learnings about what needs to come next in the efforts to make public spaces safer for everyone – and how each person can play a role.

Holly also works for the Aspen Institute and The OpEd Project. She has taught at George Mason University. Her work on street harassment has been cited by more than 200 outlets, including the Today Show, the New York Times, Washington Post, CNN, and Guardian.

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