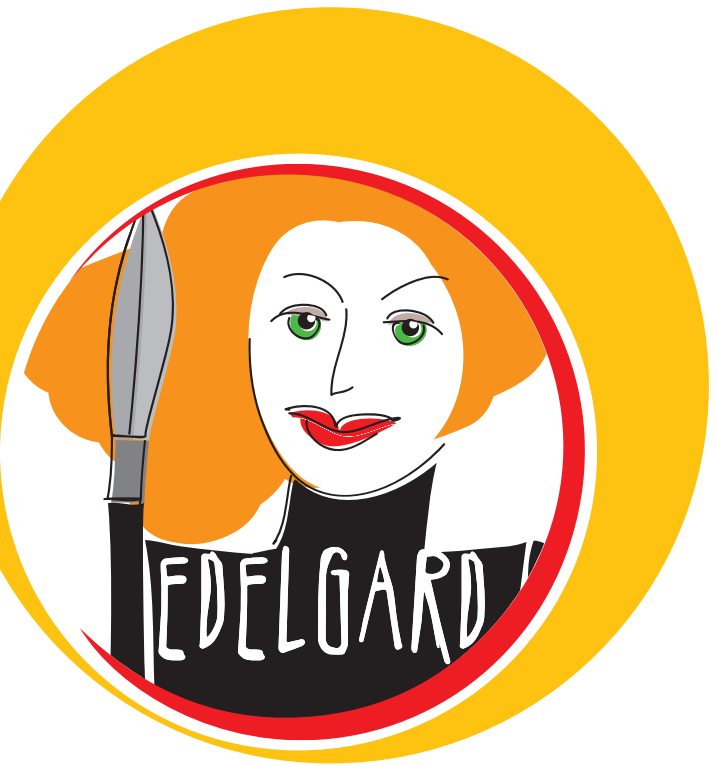




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introduces herself ...

Who is EDELGARD?

EDELGARD stands for the protection of women and girls against sexualised violence in public spaces in Cologne, and is a prevention campaign of the “Cologne Initiative against Sexualised Violence”.

EDELGARD – proud – self-assured – protective – is companion and “guard” for women and girls. She stands up for their security with her lance, so that they can move around freely in public spaces.

EDELGARD’s aspiration: The **dignity** of women and girls shall be **inviolable**. In Cologne and everywhere.

EDELGARD’s message: Women should not have to adapt in order to be safe. Society must learn to reject sexualised violence and to offer specific help.

Why do we need EDELGARD?

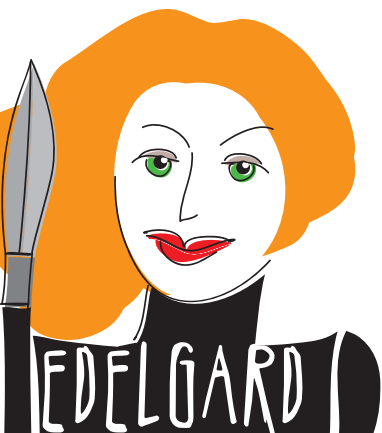
Attacks on women and girls are perpetrated on a daily basis and in public. Disparaging comments on the street, groping during celebrations, being stared at on the train or tram, blatant advances and pestering – almost all women have experienced sexual harassment. Each person deals with these attacks differently and many victims suffer badly and permanently from these negative experiences.

All information available at:

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THE THREE FOUNDATION STONES

EDELGARD mobile ...

The EDELGARD mobile is a "place to go" for women and children at major events, for example during carnival or New Year's Eve. It has a fixed position, but it can also drive to meet victims.

During operating times EDELGARD can be contacted by mobile on the telephone number **0221 / 221-27777**.

You will find the latest operating times **www.edelgard.koeln**

The counsellor in the mobile supports women and children who have been harassed, coerced or raped. The mobile is a place where they can calmly phone, then wait and get picked. If necessary, the female experts accompany them to the police, take them to hospital or help with anonymous securing of evidence

EDELGARD protects ...

Together with Cologne companies the Cologne Initiative against Sexualised Violence offers "protected places" in the urban district of Cologne, where women and girls receive uncomplicated support if they feel harassed or threatened.

An EDELGARD sticker on the door or (display) window of bars, restaurants, offices or businesses indicates: here in a protected room in an emergency situation women and girls can consider what they want to do, for instance phone a friend or order a taxi or always do what is right at that moment.

The employees of the companies have been prepared for this situation, in order to provide the best possible help. If you are a Cologne businessperson and would like to offer women and girls a place to go when they have been harassed, please establish contact with us at:

info@edelgard.koeln

EDELGARD informs people ...

EDELGARD provides information in flyers and on the website about the counselling institutions in Cologne which can help and provide support after harassment or rape.