



The Consell de Formentera will set up a table to discourage gender-based violence and alcohol consumption during festive events on the island this summer. The campaign starts Saturday 16 July at Festes del Carme and continues 22, 24 and 25 July for the feast day of Sant Jaume and 4 and 5 August for the feast day of Santa Maria.

This year, the Formentera Office of Social Welfare has joined 'No Means No!' (*No i Punt!*), an initiative of the Consell de Mallorca and Palma City Council to take aim at sexist aggression. Meanwhile, a separate push by the Consell de Formentera to stem the consumption and sale of alcohol to underage islanders remains under way.

Ana Juan, president of the Consell and councillor of equality, encouraged local youth "to enjoy the festivities after two years of pandemic that were very challenging for young people too". However, she asserted that "the festive atmosphere can never, under any circumstances, be an excuse for sexist aggressions. That must be clear". For this reason, in the words of Rafael Ramírez, councillor of social welfare, "Formentera is raising awareness among everyone, not just youth, around the importance of prevention". "We must sensitise the public to such situations by identifying what sexist violence is and offering tools to prevent and detect it." At the information table there will be guidelines on what to do in cases of gender-based violence.

During the nights of concerts a staff member from the Consell and a trained monitor will be on hand to explain the two campaigns. Visitors to the information table can participate in a photo call as well as take home 'No i Punt!' prevention material (T-shirts, cards and posters). From 'Don't Drown in Alcohol' (*No t'ofeguis a l'alcohol*) there will be backpacks, buttons, stickers and posters, as well as recommendations for individuals who serve alcohol at work, guides for parents and more.

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