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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan and Illinois State Universities' Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA) organizations will sponsor a 'Take Back the Night' march on Monday, Oct. 24. The march is for those seeking an end to violence – specifically sexual violence. It is a night of community-wide support that encourages survivors of sexual abuse to seek help and gives them an opportunity to speak out.

The event will begin with festivities at ISU's Bone Student Center (100 N. University St., Normal) at 5:30 p.m. The march will start at 6:45 p.m. and will conclude with a speak out at IWU's Hansen Student Center (300 Beecher St., Bloomington). Students, as well as members of the Bloomington-Normal community, are welcome to participate.

'Take Back the Night' marches originated in 1967 in Europe when the number of women and children sexually assaulted was dramatically increasing. Women and their children joined together to 'take back the night,' as well as their streets, homes and most importantly, their safety. The movement soon spread across the world, as well as across gender lines when recently, many men joined in the fight.

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