Safety4Sisters

Transcription

**If you wear my shoes, then you know**

 “If you were in my shoes then you know it- how much I bear – how much these shoes bear – how many times I have been kicked out with nowhere to go. I knock on every door for my rights. If you were in my place then you know my pain. These rotten shoes tell you about my feelings and how much I fought for my rights without anywhere without any support, without any help, and only my shoes were with me. They tell my story…”

**The shoes can be visible but we cannot be seen**

“The shoes tell the story of the persons in them – their stories and their feelings. Imagine being in these shoes, my struggle, my journey. I left my family, my parents and children behind. I haven’t seen them for so many years. We have left everything behind, but out shoes have always been our support.”

**“These are not just shoes, they are my ambitions. I am still alive, and still fighting”**

**New shoes for a new start**

“Once, I go to work and wear my high heels, and it was snowing. When I went there they said: “high heels in snow?!” But I liked high heels. It’s hard to explain, hard to speak about this. But this was a time when I was happy.”

**Comfort**

“I love simple shoes. I love football boots. They are so comfortable that means I can walk freely without falling. The comfort of shoes is important – they help you wander everywhere you go. I would wear a dress with football boots, who cares how I look, but it is my comfort. I think appearances is not as important as how I feel.”

**Put yourself in my shoes**

“Life has been furious and full of hardships. This, you can only feel and imagine when you put yourself in my shoe. The pain, harassment, humiliation and embarrassment, and struggle, difficulties that I have faced and beared in my life cannot be felt from your charming and beautiful life where you are strong and have your say. Walk in my shoes to see through the years how I have strived with little children to reach this point. How I escaped threats and danger to keep myself and my children safe. Life has been so difficult and tiring but I did not give up at any cost, I did not want to leave my beautiful children in anxiety and mental torture. You cannot feel what I felt unless you wear my shoes.

**Shoes are your nearest and best friend**

“Shoes are the nearest and best friend of you. Those are always with you through bad times and good times, they show how your life has gone. They have history. They show which was you have passed before now. If you see some shoes, they will tell you what happened to you in your life. how you tried to find freedom. Broken heels and old shoes tell you how the women fight, and strongly, to find freedom, and a better life.”