



GLOBAL WOMEN'S DAY: RESPECT OUR SEX INFORMATION PACK

About

Over the last few years, we've seen International Women's Day be taken over by men. It's time to reclaim the idea of a day for women! On the weekend of 8/9 July, we're organising the inaugural Global Women's Day (GWD), celebrating women and girls globally. Our theme this year is #RespectOurSex - together we're taking action to protect women's spaces and sex-based rights.

This information pack has everything you need to get involved and create your own local event, or link up with a local Women's Rights Network (WRN) event, or with a local Women's Declaration International (WDI) group.

Aims

- To highlight that the attack on women's sex-based rights is a worldwide issue
- To raise awareness of the topic and encourage new members to join WRN or local /other Women's rights groups

The day

On the weekend of 8/9 July women from across the globe will gather in iconic locations to celebrate women and girls and draw attention to the #RespectOurSex campaign. Events can take place on or before the 8/9 July, with photos shared on social media on the day with the hashtag #RespectOurSex.

If you would like to plan an event, we recommend that you do it in a location that shows the city/country it is in, to amplify the message that this is a global campaign. You might like to use luggage tags with a message explaining the importance of women's sex based rights, use ribbons in suffragette colours, use statues of women. We recommend organising local speakers and, if possible, aligning with local campaigns to protect single sex spaces and women's sex-based rights.

Events do not need to be large – individuals can participate individually if they wish.



GWD is a celebration of women and girls and of our movement; it is not anti-men or anti-trans.

Promotion

Please share your photos after the event with the hashtag #RespectOurSex #your country and tag @womensrightsnetwork so your pictures can be shared and your success celebrated. If you have a particular country/local women's rights issue, you might also like to use a hashtag to bring attention to that eg #notoselfid

Safety

For safety reasons, we recommend that any events planned to take place in a public area are organised utilising EventBrite or similar, enabling the location to be revealed only at the last minute and only to those that have indicated their attendance.

FAQs

Is this competing with/detracting from IWD?

We feel IWD has become a corporate movement, which has eclipsed grassroots and local campaigns for women's rights. GWD is a chance for women around the world to raise awareness of women's sex-based rights. If women don't exist in law, nor do our rights. Together, we're calling for women's sex-based rights to be protected in law around the world.

Can I use my group/organisation logo?

Yes! But please remember to use the hashtags above to be included in the campaign

Is GWD transphobic?

No. GWD is about women's rights - raising awareness of our sex-based rights and calling for these rights to be protected. We are not anti trans, we are pro women.