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UNITED NATIONS International Women's Day (UNIWD)
NEWSLETTER #6, March 8, 2014.

Compiled by Dick Bennett for a Culture of Peace, Justice, and Ecology.

OMNI began its celebrations of UN International Day of Women in 2007. See also OMNI Newsletters on UN Women’s Equality Day, August 26, 19th Amendment Day; UN International Rural Women’s Day, Oct. 15; UN International Day to End Violence Against Women, Nov. 25. (I began establishing UN documents and newsletters as I gradually discovered the widespread omission of the name of the UN when people and media referred to UN institutions, such as IWD instead of UNIWD. And then I grew aware of how often people made derogatory remarks about the UN,
and not only by extreme nationalists. Ignorance of the multitude of UN good works for all species seemed one root cause. So now I maintain 38 documents on the UN, about 30 of which are UN designated DAYS, which include Weeks and Months. The UN is largely a US creation. Arkansas’ Senator Fulbright was one of its congressional advocates. --Dick).

MARCH IS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH (a US celebration that began in 1857)

Part of OMNI’s National and International DAYS (Weeks, Months) Project.

Here is the link to all OMNI newsletters:

http://www.omnicenter.org/newsletter-archive/ For a knowledge-based peace, justice, HUMAN RIGHTS, and ecology movement and an informed citizenry as the foundation for change.

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Take Action: Urge your U.S. Representative to Help Reduce Violence Against Women

Dick, it's been...

• More than 14 months since the death of a 23-year-old intern who was gang raped on a bus in India;

• Six months since extremists bombed a girls' school in Pakistan; and

• Little more than three months since the International Violence Against Women Act (IVAWA) was reintroduced in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Women can't wait another month for Congress to act. Find out if your U.S. Representative supports IVAWA, and then send a message.

Every month that U.S. lawmakers delay results in more preventable cases of rape, abuse, and even murder.

This week, as we prepare to mark the 103rd International Women's Day on Saturday, it's time for each and every Member of Congress to stand up and be counted in the global effort to prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

IVAWA would cement our country's commitment to reducing gender-based violence and encourage other countries to do the same. In short it would make a big difference.
Find out if your Representative supports this important bill to make the world a safer, more just place for women and girls.

These next six days leading up to International Women's Day may be our best chance this year to build bipartisan support for the International Violence Against Women Act in the House of Representatives.

Please take action right now and encourage as many friends in Fayetteville as possible to do the same:

http://womenthrive.org/houseivawa

As always, thank you for taking the time to help make a difference.

Chrissy Hart
Women Thrive Worldwide

CODE PINK 2013

March 8, 2013

Dear Dick,

Happy International Women's Day!

Each year, CODEPINK works to shine a light on the cost of war to women. Today we are working with MADRE to help the vast numbers of Syrian women refugees. There are 400,000 refugees on the border of Jordan and Syria who are enduring all forms of suffering, including rape. Help us support these women.

We have learned that most rapes in refugee camps happen at night when the camp is pitch black, so CODEPINK and MADRE have teamed up to send 1,000 solar lamps to Syria. This will allow the women to leave their tents during the night if they need to use the extremely limited toilets. A midwife who has spent much time at Za'atari refugee camp in Jordan said:

"This is urgently needed. They need this light in their life."

This International Women's Day, we ask you to direct your love and support to the women in the Syrian refugee camps. A small delegation of midwives and activists will be delivering solar
lanterns and other vital support to women in the camps early next month, and your contribution is urgently needed.

Please be the light in the lives of Syrian women and girls. Make a donation today!

In solidarity on International Women’s Day,

Alli, Candice, Dooler, Holly, Jodie, Liza, Medea, Nancy, Noor, Sam & Tighe

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY MARCH 8, 2014, GOOGLE SEARCH, March 3, 2014

International Women's Day 2014 Theme: INSPIRING CHANGE
Women's equality has made positive gains but the world is still unequal. International Women's Day celebrates the social, political and economic achievements of women while focusing world
attention on areas requiring further action.

*Inspiring Change* is the 2014 theme for our [internationalwomensday.com](http://internationalwomensday.com) global hub and encourages advocacy for women's advancement everywhere in every way. It calls for challenging the status quo for women's equality and vigilance inspiring positive change.

The vast array of communication channels, supportive spokespeople, equality research, campaigns and corporate responsibility initiatives means everyone can be an advocate inspiring change for women's advancement.

Each year International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8. The first International Women's Day was held in 1911. Thousands of events occur to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women. Organisations, governments, charities, educational institutions, women's groups, corporations and the media celebrate the day.

Some groups select their own International Women's Day theme, specific to their local context. For example, the European Parliament's 2013 theme was "Women's response to the crisis" and their 2012 theme "Equal pay for work of equal value".

The [United Nations](http://www.un.org) declares an annual theme:

- 2013: A promise is a promise: Time for action to end violence against women
- 2012: Empower Rural Women – End Hunger and Poverty
- 2011: Equal access to education, training and science and technology
- 2010: Equal rights, equal opportunities: Progress for all
- 2009: Women and men united to end violence against women and girls
- 2008: Investing in Women and Girls
- 2007: Ending Impunity for Violence against Women and Girls
- 2006: Women in decision-making
- 2004: Women and HIV/AIDS
- 2003: Gender Equality and the Millennium Development Goals
- 2002: Afghan Women Today: Realities and Opportunities
- 2001: Women and Peace: Women Managing Conflicts
- 2000: Women Uniting for Peace
- 1999: World Free of Violence against Women
- 1998: Women and Human Rights
- 1997: Women at the Peace Table
- 1996: Celebrating the Past, Planning for the Future

**What's your International Women's Day 2014 theme?**

Please let us know your 2014 International Women's Day theme by clicking [here](http://internationalwomensday.com).
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Celebrated annually on 8 March, the 2014 theme for International Women’s Day is: “Equality for women is progress for all”.

This year, International Women’s Day will be commemorated at UN headquarters in New York on 7 March, on the eve of the 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, which begins on 10 March. The event is expected to be attended by the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, as well as United States Senator and former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, among other dignitaries.

More information about activities, the message of our Executive Director, and other editorial material will be provided here as soon as they are available.

Find out more about UN System Observances for International Women’s Day 2014 here.

About IWD

The United Nations began celebrating International Women’s Day (IWD) on 8 March during International Women’s Year 1975. Two years later, in December 1977, the General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace to be observed on any day of the year by Member States, in accordance with their historical and national traditions.

International Women’s Day first emerged from the activities of labour movements at the turn of the twentieth century in North America and across Europe. Since those early years, International Women’s Day has assumed a new global
dimension for women in developed and developing countries alike. The growing international women’s movement, which has been strengthened by four global United Nations women’s conferences, has helped make the commemoration a rallying point to build support for women’s rights and participation in the political and economic arenas.

Increasingly, International Women’s Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.

See our coverage of International Women’s Day 2013
See our coverage of International Women’s Day 2012
- See more at: http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/international-womens-day#sthash.z69ICn3h.dpuf

1. UN Women Watch | International Women’s Day - UN Observances ...
   https://www.un.org/womenwatch/feature/iwd/

United Nations

UN System Observances for International Women’s Day 2014 ... Celebrated by women’s rights activists across the world annually on 8 March, International ...

2. UN Women Australia
   https://unwomen.org.au/

As a Champion, Lauren will attend the Canberra International Women’s Day ... a beautiful collection in support of International Women's Day, March 8, 2014.

3. International Women’s Day - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
   en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Women’s_Day

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German poster for International Women's Day, March 8th, 1914; English ..... The UN theme for International Women's Day 2014 is "Equality for Women is ...

4. CELEBRATE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ...
   www.meetup.com/LotusSangha/events/110533192/

International Women's Day (8 March every year) is a global day celebrating the ... The UN theme
for International Women's Day 2014 is "Inspiring Change".

5. International Women's Day - 8th March 2014
   www.indiacelebrating.com/events/international-women-day/

by Archana Singh

International Women's Day “IWD” is also known as the International Working Women's Day or United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace ...

6. March 8, 2014 International Womens Day | Facebook
   https://www.facebook.com/iwdmarch82014

InterMix Voices of Humanity Social Media is launching to send two messages for IWD2014 (March 8) to Executive Director of UN Women Phumzile ...

7. International Women's Day 2014 | KFAI
   kfai.org/IWD2014

KFAI International Women's Day is a holiday recognized by the United Nations and is celebrated throughout the world on March 8. IWD encourages advocacy for ...

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