
International Women's Day Committee



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The International Women's Day Committee had its origins in the March 8th demonstration of 1978. Since that time, IWDC, as it is affectionately known, has been instrumental in organizing the annual Women's Day celebrations in Toronto.

Despite what our name suggests, however, IWDC is active all year long. Over the past three years, we have helped to organize solidarity pickets with striking workers at Toronto General Hospital, Fleck, Radio Shack, Fotomat, Blue Cross, Bell, and Puretex. We have participated in organizing demonstrations for abortion rights, day care, equal pay, and against violence against women. We co-sponsored forums with other women's groups on such issues as lesbians in the women's movement, capitalism and patriarchy, and nuclear power. Within our own group, we held a series of educational discussions on

topics ranging from sexuality to the role of the state.

IWDC represents a socialist feminist current within the women's movement. We operate on the principle that mass actions, not lobbying or petitions, are our most effective instruments of change. We believe that the oppression of women touches every aspect of our lives and the liberation of women will require fundamental changes in the structure of society.

Like all groups struggling for change, IWDC has had its ups and downs over the years, but despite it all we carry on, committed to a healthy balance of talk, work, and action. We hold bi-weekly meetings where our policy and overall direction are determined. Smaller committees work on educationals, publicity, and planning of events. Firm in the belief that woman does not live by meeting alone, we also have parties, pot luck suppers, and after meeting drinks in the local bar.

Our meetings are open to all women and are held every other Wednesday at University Settlement House, 23 Grange Road (behind the Art Galley of Ontario). For further information, call Carolyn at 789-4541. If you wish to receive copies of our newsletter send your name and address (with \$3) to: IWDC, P.O. Box 70, Station F, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2L4
