

LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS WORKING ON GENDER ISSUES IN NEW YORK AND D.C.¹

Note: This is a working document. Descriptions of the organizations have been taken from the organization's website. If you have any feedback, comments or suggestions, please contact Sheela Jhaveri at sj279@columbia.edu. Thanks.

New York based organizations:

Center for Reproductive Law and Policy

120 Wall Street.

New York, NY 10005

Tel: 917-637-3600; Fax: 917-637-3666.

www.crlp.org

Also has an office in D.C.

The Center for Reproductive Law and Policy (CRLP) is a non-profit legal and policy advocacy organization dedicated to promoting women's reproductive rights. CRLP's domestic and international programs engage in litigation, policy analysis, legal research, and public education seeking to achieve women's equality in society and ensure that all women have access to appropriate and freely chosen reproductive health services.

International Women's Health Coalition

24 East 21 Street

New York, NY 10010

www.iwhc.org

Founded in 1980, the International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC) is a nonprofit organization based in New York City that works with individuals and groups in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to promote women's reproductive and sexual health and rights. We provide technical, managerial, moral and financial support to reproductive health service providers, advocacy groups and women's organizations in Southern countries. We publish books and position papers, and maintain a global communications network of 6,000 individuals and organizations in 143 countries. We convene meetings on new or neglected aspects of women's sexual and reproductive health, and act directly to influence the work of population and health professionals, national governments, and international agencies, including donors.

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International Women's Tribune Center

777 United Nations Plaza, 3/F

New York, NY 10017

www.iwtc.org

IWTC is dedicated to achieving women's full participation in shaping a development process that is just, peaceful and sustainable. For the last 25 years, IWTC has played an important role as a major information, education, communication, networking, technical assistance and training resource for women worldwide.

Madre

121 West 27th Street, Room 301,

New York, NY 10001

Tel: 212-627-0444 Fax: 212-675-3704

www.madre.org

MADRE is an international women's human rights organization that works in partnership with women's community-based groups worldwide to address issues of health, economic development and other human rights. MADRE provides resources, training and support to enable sister organizations to meet concrete needs in their communities while working to shift the balance of power to promote long-term development and social justice.

Ms. Foundation for Women

120 Wall Street, 33rd Floor

New York, NY 10005

Tel: 212-742-2300; Fax: 212-742-1653

www.ms.foundation.org

The Ms. Foundation for Women, a national, multi-issue, women's fund, supports the efforts of women and girls to govern their own lives and influence the world around them. We fund and assist women's self-help organizing efforts, and pursue changes in public consciousness, law, philanthropy, and social policy. The foundation directs resources to break down barriers based on race, class, age, disability, sexual orientation and culture.

National Council for Research on Women

11 Hanover Square

New York, NY 10005

Tel: 212-785-7335. Fax: 212-785-7350.

www.ncrw.org

The National Council for Research on Women, founded in 1981, is a working alliance of 92 women's research and policy centers, more than 3,000 affiliates and a network of over 200 international centers. NCRW's mission is to enhance the connections among research, policy analysis, advocacy, and innovative programming on behalf of women and girls.

United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

304 East 45th Street, 15th floor
New York, NY 10017
Tel: 212-906-6400 Fax: 212-906-6705
www.unifem.undp.org

UNIFEM promotes women's empowerment and gender equality. It works to ensure the participation of women in all levels of development planning and practice, and acts as a catalyst within the UN system, supporting efforts that link the needs and concerns of women to all critical issues on the national, regional and global agendas. UNIFEM focuses its work at the country level within the context of the United Nations Resident Coordinator System. Playing a strong advocacy role, the Fund concentrates on fostering a multilateral policy dialogue on women's empowerment.

United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women

2 UN Plaza, DC2-12th Floor
New York, NY 10017
Fax: 212-963-3463
www.un.org/womenwatch/daw

DAW, as part of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) of the United Nations Secretariat, advocates the improvement of the status of the women of the world and the achievement of their equality with men. It aims to ensure the participation of women as equal partners with men in all aspects of human endeavour. It promotes women as equal participants and beneficiaries of sustainable development, peace and security, governance and human rights. It strives to stimulate the mainstreaming of a gender perspective both within and outside the United Nations system.

Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children

22 East 42nd Street, 12/F
New York, NY 10168-1289
Tel: 212-551-3088/3111; Fax: 212-551-3180
www.womenscommission.org

The Women's Commission is an expert resource and advocacy organization that monitors the care and protection of refugee women and children. It speaks out on issues of concern to refugee and displaced women, children and adolescents, who have a critical

perspective in bringing about change but often do not have access to governments and policy makers. It also provides opportunities for refugee women and youth to speak for themselves through briefings, testimony, participation in field assessments and international conferences.

Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO)

355 Lexington Avenue, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10017
Tel: 212-973-0325; Fax: 212-973-0335

WEDO is an international advocacy network actively working to transform society to achieve a healthy and peaceful planet with social, political, economic and environmental justice for all through the empowerment of women, in all their diversity, and their equal participation with men in decision-making from grassroots to global arenas.

Women's World Banking

8 West 40th Street
9th Floor
New York, NY 10018
Tel: 212-768-8513 Fax: 212-768-8519
www.womensworldbanking.org

WWB's mission is to expand low income women's economic participation and power by opening access to finance, information, and markets. They do this by offering support and services to affiliates who in turn offer direct services to low income women; by building learning and change networks comprised of leading microfinance institutions and banks; and by working with policy makers to build financial systems that work for the poor majority.

DC-based organizations:

American Association of University Women

1111 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
Tel: 800-326-AAUW Fax: 202-872-1425
www.aauw.org

The American Association of University Women is a national organization that promotes education and equity for all women and girls. Our commitment to these issues is reflected in public policy efforts, programs, and diversity initiatives.

Association for Women in Development

666 11th Street, NW, Suite 450
Washington, DC 20001
Tel: 202.628.0440 Fax: 202.628.0442
www.awid.org

AWID envisions a world of dynamic, innovative groups and women and men who work together to make development a truly empowering, engendered and transformative process—from the grassroots to major policy institutions. AWID is an international membership organization that connects, informs and mobilizes people and organizations committed to achieving gender equality, sustainable development and human rights for everyone.

Centre for Development and Population Activities

1400 16th Street NW, Suite 100
Washington, DC 20036
Tel: 202-667-1142 Fax: 202-332-4496
www.cedpa.org

CEDPA is a women-focused nonprofit international organization founded in 1975. The mission is to empower women at all levels of society to be full partners in development. Strategies for empowerment include building the capacities of development institutions and networks, women's participation at the policy level, linking reproductive health services and women's empowerment, and making youth an integral part of the development agenda. All CEDPA activities are designed to advance gender equity.

Center for Reproductive Law and Policy

1146 19th St. NW
Washington D.C. 20036
Tel: 202-530-2975; Fax: 202-530-2976
www.crlp.org
Also has an office in NYC.

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Center for Women Policy Studies

1211 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Suite 312
Washington, DC 20036
Tel: 202-872-1770 Fax: 202-296-8962
www.centerwomenpolicy.org

The Center for Women Policy Studies is an independent, national multiethnic and multicultural feminist policy research and advocacy institution, founded in 1972. The Center's work seeks to incorporate the perspectives of women, in all their diversity, in the formulation of public policy ensures the just and equitable treatment of women. Our multiethnic and multicultural feminist research, policy analyses and advocacy bring women's diverse voices to important debates - on women and AIDS, violence against women and girls, welfare reform, access to health care, educational equity, work/family and workplace diversity policies, reproductive rights and health, and much more.

Institute for Women's Policy Research

1707 L Street, NW, Suite 750 Washington, DC 20036
Tel: (202) 785-5100
www.iwpr.org

The Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) is a public policy research organization dedicated to informing and stimulating the debate on public policy issues of critical importance to women and their families. IWPR focuses on issues of poverty and welfare, employment and earnings, work and family issues, the economic and social aspects of health care and domestic violence, and women's civic and political participation.

International Center for Research on Women

1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Suite 302, Washington, DC 20036
Tel: 202-797-0007 Fax: 202-797-0020
www.icrw.org

ICRW is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting social and economic development with women's full participation. The organization generates quality, empirical information and technical assistance on women's productive and reproductive roles, their status in the family, their leadership in society, and their management of environmental resources. ICRW advocates with governments and multilateral agencies, convenes experts in formal and informal forums, and engages in an active publications and information program to advance women's rights and opportunities. The agency focuses principally on women in developing and transition countries.

National Center For Policy Research For Women and Families

1444 Eye St NW, Suite 900,
Washington, DC 20005.
Tel: (202) 216-9507
www.cpr4womenandfamilies.org

The National Center for Policy Research (CPR) for Women and Families promotes the health and well-being of women and families, by using objective, research-based information to encourage new, more effective programs and policies. The Center achieves its mission by "getting the word out" about research information that has important implications for the health, safety, and general well-being of women and families. We gather and analyze existing information and translate that information into clearly presented facts and policy implications that are made widely available to the public, the media, and policy makers.

National Council of Women's Organizations

733 15th St. NW, Suite 1011
Washington, DC 20005
Tel: 202-393-7122 Fax 202-387-7915
www.womensorganizations.org

The National Council of Women's Organizations is a bipartisan network of more than one hundred women's organizations, which together represent more than 6 million members. Member organizations include grassroots, research, service, media and legal advocacy groups. We work together to advocate change on many issues of importance to women, including equal employment opportunity, economic equity, media equality, education, job training, women's health and reproductive health, as well as the specific concerns of mid-life and older women, girls and young women, women of color, business and professional women, homemakers and retired women.

Women, Law and Development International.

1350 Connecticut Ave. NW
Suite 1100 · Washington, DC 20036
Tel: 202-463-7477 · Fax: 202-463-7480
www.wld.org

WLDI is a non-profit, non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Prior to and since its independence, WLDI has worked on several fronts, making important contributions to the global movement for women's rights.

Women's Foreign Policy Group

1825 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 660
Washington DC 20009
Tel 202-986-8862; Toll free 1-877-225-9374; Fax 202-986-8869
www.wfpg.org

The Women's Foreign Policy Group (WFPG) is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit, educational membership organization which promotes global engagement and the leadership, visibility and participation of women in international affairs.

Women and Philanthropy

1015 18th Street, NW
Suite 202
Washington, DC 20036
Tel: 202-887-9660; Fax: 202-861-5483
www.womenphil.org

Women & Philanthropy is an association of grantmakers. They are women and men who recognize that effective solutions to our most pressing societal issues cannot be developed without specific attention to the needs and talents of women. We recognize our capacity and accept our responsibility to increase attention and resources to achieve women's economic, racial, and social equality.

Any assessment of a society's well being must include an analysis of the status of women. Philanthropy, as an activity committed to the improvement of society and supported by the public trust, must also embrace a commitment to the achievement of equity for women. Discrimination based on gender, race, class, religion, disability, national origin, language, sexual orientation, age, and region are common experiences of women in society. These forms of bias undermine the ability of women to develop and participate in building a democratic, just, and sustainable world.