

International Women's Day Committee

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September 9, 1981.

Another busy fall has begun. We hope you had a wonderful summer. IWDC has scheduled a series of Educationals for the Fall. The title of the educational series is "Our Allies". We will look at how IWDC works with groups in the four areas which are the titles of the educationals. We encourage all of you to join us in these sessions. Our meetings from now to Christmas are listed below:

- Sept. 23 - Our Allies: The Women's Movement
- Oct. 7 - Our Allies: The Gay and Lesbian Movement
- Oct. 21 - Business Meeting
- Nov. 4 - Our Allies: Anti-Racist Groups and/or the Immigrant Community
- Nov. 18 - Our Allies: The Trade Union Movement
- Dec. 2 - Business Meeting

All meetings will be held at University Settlement House from 7:30 pm to 10 pm. Please try to be prompt - we all seem to love to talk and 2½ hours is never enough!

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We are involved in organizing a Women's Solidarity Picket to support the strikers at Irwin Toy. The Irwin Toy Company is one of the biggest names in the business of amusements and games for children. But, it can't even treat its own employees like human beings! Most of the workers at Irwin Toy are women-and most earn only minimum wage. They have no sick pay rights and no seniority rights.

Last winter they decided they needed a union and joined the United Steelworkers. After weeks of negotiations for a first contract, the company offered an extra nickel to its minimum wage earners. Could you raise a family on \$3.55 an hour?

The 104 workers at Irwin Toy went on strike on June 17th to win their right to a union and to take a first step towards the dignity and justice they deserve.

JOIN US ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8th ON A PICKET TO SUPPORT THESE WORKERS. FOR INFORMATION ABOUT LOCATION, TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED LEAFLET FOR DETAILS.

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In the last municipal election and since, hate literature has been dumped throughout our city, inciting hatred against lesbians, gay men, and progressive politicians. "Positive Parents" have campaigned at the school board and at Queen's Park to attack our rights. IWDC has endorsed a demonstration organized by Gays and Lesbians Against the Right Everywhere on Saturday September 26th at 1:00 pm at the "Positive Parents" headquarters located at the North-west corner of Yonge and Eglinton (The Yonge and Eglinton Centre) "Positive Parents" headquarters is located in Stew Newton's jewellery store.

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OCTOBER 13-17th - EQUAL TIME AND EQUAL SPACE - This is a Community Video Art Project about women's experiences of incest. Co-production of the L.A. Women's Video Centre and Ariadne: A Social Art Network. This presentation is sponsored by A Space, WCREC and University College Playhouse. Included in the program are three women only screenings and a screening for women and children. Limited Seating and there are screenings at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$3.00 regular admission and \$10.00 contributing.
For more information call 978-6638 or 978-6307

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Action Day Care has organized a demonstration at Queen's Park on October 16th at 5:00 pm, to fight for the direct grant and more day care spaces. Come and bring your children.

INDC has been asked to endorse the enclosed leaflet from Action Day Care. Please read carefully and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

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The Toronto Rape Crisis Centre has organized a Take Back the Night March for Friday September 18th. The march begins at Gerrard and Parliament at 8:30 pm.

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