



PRESS RELEASE

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One year later, Americans and Italians in Rome come together to stand up for progress and equality.

On 20 January 2018, Americans and Italians in Rome will gather from 11:00 to 13:00 in Piazza dei Santi Apostoli to stand together in solidarity for the promotion and protection of civil and social rights, women's rights, and the environment. We will also decry the rise of nationalistic populism in the West and the present US Administration's attacks on democratic institutions, and its politics of division and untruths. Equally important, we will voice our support of the #MeToo movement against sexual harassment and assault, and pledge to take our power to the voting booth this year (#PowerToThePolls).

The Women's March Rome Anniversary, organized by individual American citizens in Italy, will take place during the #WeekendOfWomen. Hundreds of marches and rallies are being organized worldwide on 20 and 21 January as a grassroots reaction to the Trump Administration and its damaging policies to working class citizens, women, minority groups, immigrants, the military, the sick, the poor and the planet. They include the decision to withdraw the US from the Paris Climate Agreement, tax breaks that disproportionately favor corporations and wealthy class, and a belligerent and isolationist approach to international relations.

At the time of this press release, the following organizations have announced their participation:

- Women's March Rome (<https://actionnetwork.org/events/womens-march-rome>)
- Democrats Abroad Italy (<https://www.democratsabroad.org/it>)
- American Expats for Positive Change (<http://www.aepcglobal.org>)
- Women's Ordination Conference (<http://www.womensordination.org>)
- Donne in Rete contro la violenza (<http://www.direcontrolaviolenza.it>)
- Casa Internazionale delle Donne (<http://www.casainternazionaledelledonne.org>)
- Science March Italia (<http://www.sciencemarchit.com>)
- Coalizione Liberta' e Diritti Civili (<https://cild.eu/>)

Speakers will include

- Asia Argento (actor, writer, director)
- Lella Paladino (president of D.i.Re)
- Dinsio Walo-Wright (activist from the Joel Nafuma Refugee Center)
- Loretta Bondi (managing board member of Casa Internazionale delle Donne, on behalf of Be Free)

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