International Women’s Day -- Catalyst for Gender Equality

Come to the Women’s Club of Olympia on Sunday, March 8 - International Women’s Day - to interact with organizations that empower women. From 1 PM – 3 PM. Be a Catalyst for Gender Equality by joining forces with the South Sound Wom+nung’s Action Network (SSWAN). This newly formed group intends to create a common calendar and website featuring local groups and their events. SSWAN will foster networking alliances so local groups can work together to accomplish mutual goals and support one another in working for equality for all generations, genders, and ethnicities.

SSWAN’s sponsoring groups for this event are The League of Women Voters of Thurston County, NOW of Thurston County, the Women’s Club of Olympia, and the Zonta Club of South Puget Sound. They have previously collaborated on several community events and invite other organizations to join them.

Space will be available for display of materials and time for representatives to highlight upcoming activities and network with others. Gloria Steinem, NOW founder, journalist and activist said, “The story of women’s struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights.”

Celebrate the centennial of women’s right to vote. Discover how we can collaborate in ways that ensure all genders have equal rights and opportunities and that all are treated fairly in the future. For further information, contact SSWAN@gmail.com.

Background:


Over many decades, the UN has made significant progress in advancing gender equality, including the negotiation of landmark agreements such as the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, 25 years ago, and the development of the Sustainable Development Goals in 2015, which calls for gender equality and equitable education.

Violence against women is one of the world’s most widespread human rights violations. It cuts across age, race, culture, wealth, and geography, and it happens everywhere.

Empowering women fuels thriving economies, productivity, and growth. Education of women has been found to be the single most important element in the development of a society.

The Charter of the United Nations, signed in 1945, was the first international agreement to affirm the principle of equality between women and men. Over the years, the UN and its technical agencies have promoted the participation of women as equal partners with
men in achieving sustainable development, peace, security, and full respect for human rights. Empowering women continues to be a central feature of the UN's efforts to address social, economic and political challenges across the globe.