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#PGHM8: March 8th Pittsburgh International Women's Strike

Join the Pittsburgh International Women's Strike in solidarity in front of the City Council Building in Downtown Pittsburgh, beginning at 4:00 p.m. and going until 6:00 p.m.

The International Women's Strike on March 8th, 2017 is an international day of action, planned and organized by women in over 30 different countries and across the United States.

March 8th is a day of action globally organized by and for women who have been marginalized and silenced by decades of neoliberalism directed towards working women, women of color, Native women, disabled women, immigrant women, undocumented women, Muslim women, lesbian, queer, trans women and non-binary folks.

“All struggle, from gender and race to the exploitation of youth, the disabled, and the elderly, is used to divide the working class and to spare capital the expense of providing for the needs of all members of society,” noted Casandra Armour, one of the many women organizing the event.

Women and individuals throughout the greater Pittsburgh area will participate in direct action throughout the day by participating in the following direct actions:

- Wear red and black in solidarity
- Strike in your workplace collectively or individually
- Stop work of any kind at 3:08 p.m. if you cannot strike
- Abstain from housework and caregiving
- Rally and demonstrate with us Downtown from 4:00 -- 6:00 p.m.
- Boycott misogynistic businesses by withholding your cash and assets (#grabyourwallet)
- Share your support with the hashtag #PGHM8

Together we demand an end to gender violence, which disproportionately affects trans women, particularly trans women of color, reproductive justice for all, labor rights, full support of providing social policies and benefits, an anti-racist and anti-imperialist feminism, and environmental justice for all.

Local co-sponsors of the March 8th Pittsburgh International Women's Strike include Pittsburgh Democratic Socialists of America, Planned Parenthood of Western Pennsylvania, GLCC, Socialist Alternative Pittsburgh, Women of Steel, The Union Edge, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Western PA Fund for Choice, One Pennsylvania, Green Party of Allegheny, Party for Socialism and Liberation, Joan Shop + Studio, Caligramme, and The Vandal.

Speakers at the Downtown rally and demonstration include Alisa Grishman (Access Mob), Blak Rapp Madusa (IHood), Rosemary Trump (First female VP of SEIU), Edith Bell (Raging Grannies), Rachel Nunes (Women of Steel), and more to be announced.

“Yo ha visto que cuando nosotras nos unimos para el justicia de todas, todo el pueblo se levanta. Cuando ellas entran, todas entramos,” adds one of the organizers, who asked to remain anonymous.

More information on our adopted platform can be found on the [International Women's Strike website](#), and further information can be found on our event [Facebook page](#) and our event [website](#).