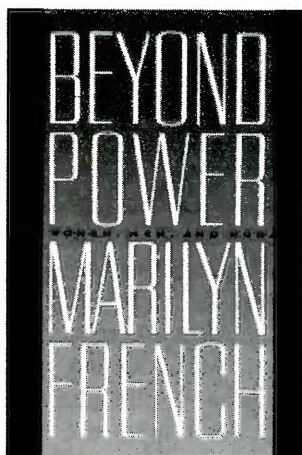


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Beyond Power on Women, Men and Morals

By Marilyn French

"It is therefore extremely ironic that patriarchy has upheld power as a good that is permanent and dependable, opposing it to the fluid, transitory goods of matricentry. Power has been exalted as the bulwark against pain, against the ephemerality of pleasure, but it is no bulwark, and is as ephemeral as any other part of life. Coercion seems a simpler, less time-consuming method of creating order than any other; yet, it is just as time-consuming and tedious and far more expensive than personal encounter, persuasion, listening, and participating in bringing a group into

harmony. None of this is unknown, unfamiliar, unperceived. Yet so strong is the mythology of power that we continue to believe, in the face of all evidence to the contrary, that it is substantial, that if we possessed enough of it we could be happy, that if some "great man" possessed enough of it, he could make the world come right." -Marilyn French

Beginning in pre-history, this book traces the evolution of patriarchy up through present day. No feminist reformist, French is truly radical in attacking the root of social ills, which is power relationships. In undermining the very premises our society is built upon, no patriarchal institutions are spared: capitalism, religion, law, education, medicine, the family, media, government, corporations. Read this book, and prepare to have your most cherished beliefs challenged. If you are a male, prepare to be offended.

Published by Summit Books, a division of Simon & Schuster, Inc., 1230 Ave. of Americas, New York, N.Y. 10020.

ISBN: 0-671-49959-9.
Format: Hardcover, 640 p. Pub. Date: 1985

Disappearing Acts: Gender, Power, and Relational Practice at Work

By Joyce K. Fletcher

Fletcher presents a study of female design engineers that has profound implications for attempts to change organisational culture. She claims that the study's design was fueled by her desire to continue learning from women, and a hunger to right injustice by adding feminine wisdom and experience to organisational knowledge.

Her research shows that the two elements of emotional intelligence and relational behaviour of

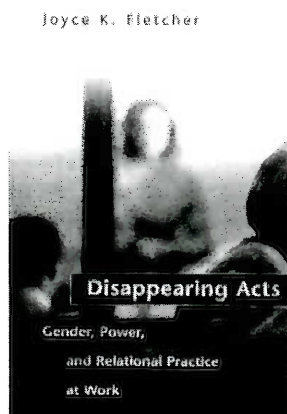
ten "get disappeared" in practice, not because they are ineffective but because they are associated with the feminine or softer side of work. Even when they are in line with stated goals, the said elements are viewed as inappropriate to the workplace because they collide with powerful, gender-linked images of good workers and successful organisations. Fletcher describes how this collision of gender and power "disappears" the very behavior that organisations say they need and undermines the possibility of radical change. She shows why the "female advantage" does not seem to be advantaging females or organisations.

Published by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Press, Cambridge Massachusetts, London, England. ISBN: 0262561409. Format: Paperback, 166 p. Pub. Date: March 2001

Outlaw Culture: Resisting Representations

By bell hooks

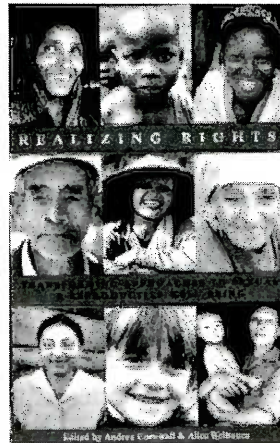
Outlaw Culture: Resisting Representations has 20 essays about the culture of the margin,



of women, of the disenfranchised, of the racially discriminated, and of other minorities. The essays speak about the most important subjects of the contemporary scene, from date rapes, censorship and male violence against women, to black self-hate, new ideas of race and beauty, and the rise of black intellectuals. The book is about the need to connect the production of knowledge with transformative democratic values.

The essays emerged from a practical engagement with cultural practices and cultural icons that are defined as in the edge, as pushing the limits, disturbing the conventional, acceptable politics of representation. Starting from the standpoint that the essays are not the work of cultural critics merely to affirm passively cultural practices already defined as "radical" or "transgressive," the collection crosses boundaries to take another look, to contest, to interrogate, to recover, and to redeem.

Published by Routledge, 29 West 35th Street, New York. ISBN: 0415908116. Format: Paperback, 260 p. Pub. Date: 1994



Realizing Rights: Transforming Approaches to Sexual and Reproductive Well-Being

Edited by Andrea Cornwall and Alice Welbourn

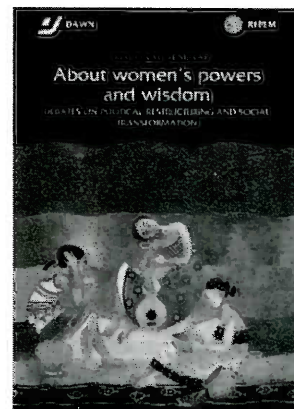
This book offers a wide range of innovative examples from around the world related to fundamental shifts in thinking and the practice of reproductive rights. From popular theater in Nigeria to participatory research in Britain, and from collaborative planning in Egypt to community dialogue in the Andes, the book's 24 chapters reveal the value of transforming approaches to sexual and reproductive well-being. All chapters begin with the need to engage women, men, and youth more directly to determining pathways to change, and all highlight both the complexities and the possibilities of making rights real.

The transforming approaches drawn out in this book are based on strategies developed over the last decade, with the popularisation of participatory approaches. These approaches provide powerful tools for transformation when they are coupled with sensitive facilitation; longer-term processes of engagement and training that explore and address the values and fears, and prejudices and institutional support of the facilitators.

Published by Zed Books, 7 Cynthia St., London N1 9JF, UK. ISBN: 1856499693. Format: Paperback, 322 p. Pub. Date: 2002

II Regional Seminar About Women's Powers and Wisdom: Debates on Political Restructuring and Social Transformation

The II Regional Seminar on Political Restructuring and Social



Transformation took place in Rio de Janeiro, October 22-24, 1999. This seminar is part of DAWN's (Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era) global programme "Political Restructuring and Social Transformation."

This book features the papers and conclusions of the seminar. The seminar is described as a high-level feminist political gathering, where the researches, criticism, and different opinions expressed therein are said to have fostered the collective reflection needed to progress feminism's contributions to knowledge and, above all, to Latin American societies. Published by DAWN & REPEN. Colonia 2069, 11200 Montevideo-Uruguay. ISBN: 9974-670-07-1. Format: Paperback, 139 p. Pub. Date: 2000

The Seven Aspects of Sisterhood: Empowering Women through Self-discovery
By Debra J. Gawrych

This book provides a foundation on which women may build balance, vision, and purpose while uncovering typological strengths and weaknesses. Inspiring the development of personal leadership skills,

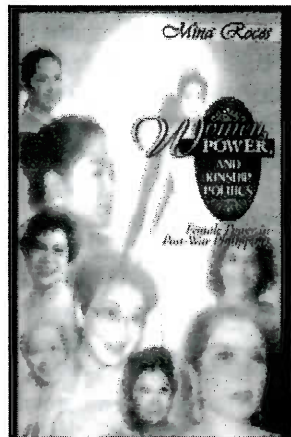
the presented archetypal model will guide women to live better with themselves as individuals, act rather than react, be courageous in challenging situations, get along with difficult people, and stay centered in a turbulent world. Combining conventional leadership techniques with symbolic philosophy, this approach empowers women and guides them toward the infinite number of ways to access their personal wisdom and develop action plans.

The book is an inspirational, storytelling-type of personality assessment that helps the reader discover her own unique personality mix. The reader is then guided to use this knowledge to answer questions, such as: Who am I? Why am I here? Where am I going? How in the world am I going to get there?

Using stories, celebrity examples and experiential exercises, the book engages the reader to explore her own journey. Based on in-depth psychological models, it is down to earth and easy to read. Written in appealing language, this book presents a universal message for women.

Published by Common Boundaries, P.O. Box

39445 Greensboro, NC 27348. <<http://www.commonboundaries.com>>. ISBN: 0971064601. Format: Hardcover, 254 p. Pub. Date: 2001



Women, Power, and Kinship Politics

by Mina Roces

This book examines how women in the Philippines hold power unofficially through their kinship ties with male politicians. Examining the perspectives of local concepts of power, the author explores gender and power in post-war Philippines and characterises kinship politics embedded in the predominant political culture. Women's power is a milieu where the conflict between the two discourses of kinship politics and modern nationalist values is daily contested. Unofficial women's power is resourced through kinship politics. But because

it is exercised behind the scenes, it makes women vulnerable to criticisms that they are manipulative or scheming, wielding power that is illegal, undemocratic, anti-nationalist and unaccountable. But, at the other end of the equation, women's crusades against graft and corruption is doubly legitimised through both the "modern" discursive prioritising of the nation-state and through women's traditional "gendered" roles as moral guardians.

Published by ANVIL Publishing Inc, 2/F Team Pacific Bldg., 14 P. Antonio St. Barrio Ugong Pasig City 1604 Philippines. ISBN: 971-2709361. Format: Hardcover, 214 p. Pub. Date: 2000

Vocabulary of Woman's Politics

By Devaki Jain

The Indian freedom movement is unthinkable without its remarkable women who, apart from fighting the British rule, fought for equitable and gender-just society. But after more than decades of struggle, the majority of women in India still remain deprived of basic human rights, including the right to live. Jain tells the reader how women are

able to handle power and participate in formal and informal politics. Observations and lessons are given on what women bring to politics and what politics bring to women.

The essays in this book might be of help to those who are going into the formal arena of politics (in India) and for those who are interested in democracy and development with justice.

The book has four sections: "Ground" includes facts and experiences on the ground of women in politics. "Journey" has some ideas that emerged during the women's journey in politics, and the importance of choosing an issue that has local and contextual importance to the masses. "Connection" describes women's experiences of making links between themselves and between concerns of development and themselves in relation to international groups. "Destination" revolves on the importance of some sort of broad-based unity for women to fight the assault against them.

Published by Friedrich Ebert-Stiftung (India Office), K-70B Hauz Khaz Enclave New Delhi, 110 016. ISBN: 81-7440-053-2. Format: Paperback, 469 p. Pub. Date: 2000, reprint 2001

web resources

We list here the organisations/websites we believe will be helpful to *Women in Action* readers. Do take time to browse these sites, and get to know more of our sisters' exciting activities in different parts of the globe.

1. Asian Women's Centre (AWC)

The AWC is a non-government organisation (NGO) that aims to protect human rights of Asian women and children. AWC's website provides the "Anti-Violence Against Women Hotline Information" written in several languages, such as Japanese, Chinese, Thai, Pilipino and Spanish. AWC also publishes *Pag-Asa*, a quarterly newsletter that provides information on the organisation's activities and issues related to human rights violations. AWC networks actively with the Development Action for Women Network (DAWN) of Philippines and the Self-Empowerment Program of Migrant Women (SEPOM) in Thailand.

Website: <<http://www1.plala.or.jp/AWCenter/>>

Language: English

Address: Asia Josei Centre, P.O. Box 18 Hakataminami, Fukuoka 816-8791, Japan

Tel/Fax: (81-92) 513 7333

E-mail: <awc-a@wave.plala.or.jp>

2. Be active. Be emancipated (B.a.B.e.)

B.a.B.e. is a feminist strategic, advocacy and lobbying women's organisation in Croatia, established in April 1994 for the affirmation and implementation of women's human rights.

B.a.B.e believes that gender democracy is an essential part of any democracy, and a state that denies equal rights to women and minority groups cannot call itself "democratic." B.a.B.e. has worked on the following: provided free legal advice to more than 8,000 women; analysed numerous drafts of laws relevant to women and lobbied in the Parliament for acceptance and passing of changes and amendments to such; drafted the "Equality Act" and lobbied for its entrance into the Parliament procedure; coordinated a petition campaign with 20 women's groups for keeping abortion safe, legal and free of charge in Croatia; published numerous

reports on the Status of Women in Croatia; produced the documentary "Distorted Reflections" on the images of women in media; conducted several media researches under the auspices of the World Association for Christian Communication (WACC); and did a research on the advocacy skills capacity of NGOs in 2002 under the auspices of the Balkan Advocacy Group.

Website: <<http://www.babe.hr>>

Language: English and Slavic

Address: B.a.B.e. (Be active, Be emancipated) Women's Human Rights Group

Vlaska 79, 10 000 Zagreb, Croatia

Tel/Fax: (385-1) 461 1686

E-mail: <babe@zamir.net>

3. Bibliographic Resources on Gender and Governance

This website was conceptualised to answer the need to organise, manage and share information resources on strategies, tools and approaches that can be used in advocacy and elections. The hope is to facilitate women's participation in the policy process and to share with women across the globe a wide range of information that will enhance and strengthen their capacity to influence public policies. The site is a project of the Center for Legislative Development (CLD) through the Asia-Pacific Women in Politics Research and Documentation Project (APWIP-RDP) of the CLD's Women in Politics Program.

This electronic database is divided into these categories, with various documents made available: gender perspective; women's rights; women's participation in politics; advocacy on women's issues, and; women and electoral politics.

Website: <<http://www.cld.org/wip.html>>

Language: English

Address: Center for Legislative Development, Suite 1703 MPO Bldg. San Miguel Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City 1600 Philippines

Tel: (63-2) 687 2083

Fax: (63-2) 687 2082

Website: <<http://www.cld.org/wip.html>>

4. ENGENDER

ENGENDER is an information, research and networking organisation for women in Scotland, working with other local and international groups to improve women's lives and increase their power and influence. The organisation campaigns to ensure that women and their concerns have greater visibility and equal representation at all levels of Scottish society.

ENGENDER has over 300 women from throughout Scotland who are represented in the membership—and it wants more. ENGENDER is looking for women who are committed to ensuring greater visibility and representation for women, and who are not afraid to work for changes in the political, cultural and social climate to make Scotland a better place for all.

Website: <<http://www.engender.org.uk/>>

Language: English

Address: Engender, 26 Albany Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3QH, UK

Tel: (44-131) 558 9596

E-mail: <info@engender.org.uk>

5. Fundacion Mujeres en Igualdad

This non-profit organisation was instrumental in passing a legislative quota law to require that at least 30 percent of elected officials in Argentina be female. The organisation does political training throughout Argentina to prepare women for candidacy.

The website provides a useful database of political and social female leaders, which is an important tool to foster women's empowerment, and which will facilitate a formal networking and resourcing among women for civic, political and other gender-based programmes. The website also had resumes of gender-conscious candidates, including female politicians, involved in legislative as well as governing positions, potential candidates, social and civic leaders, and qualified advisors.

Website: <<http://www.mei.com.ar>>

Language: Spanish and English

Address: Urquiza 1835, 1602 Florida, B.s.A.s.,

Argentina

Tel/Fax: (54-11) 4791 0821, 4797 8745

E-mail: <mei@mei.com.ar>

6. Gender at Work (GAW)

GAW is a new knowledge and capacity-building network focused on gender and institutional change. It was created in June 2001 by AWID (Association for Women's Rights in Development), WLP (Women's Learning Partnership), CIVICUS (World Alliance for Citizen Participation), and UNIFEM (United Nations Development Fund for Women). GAW works with development and human rights practitioners, researchers and policymakers, aiming to develop new theory and practice on how organisations can change gender-biased institutional rules (the distribution of power, privileges and rights), values (norms and attitudes), and practices.

With articles, studies, news and other helpful tools, this site is a very valuable and rich resource on evolving organisational literature, and on women's leadership and power within organisations and institutions.

Language: English

Website: <http://www.genderatwork.org/index.php/ec/>

Address and Tel: (convenors)

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Tel: (91-11) 2410 8322

E-mail: <arao@kvam.net>

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Box 467, Maxville

Ontario, Canada

Tel: (1-613) 527 1064

E-mail: <kelleher@glen-net.ca>

7. Globalise Resistance

With corporate power increasingly affecting every area of our lives, people's resistance takes many forms. Globalise Resistance is a broad movement that includes Christians campaigning for debt relief, environmentalists opposing genetically modified food,

trade unionists fighting privatisation in their workplaces, and students demanding that education be free to all.

The website features links to reports, background information, news updates, articles and other information about global issues, and protest archives against corporate power. It also has an extensive list of links to organisations all over the world engaged in varying issues ranging from trade union to anti-war, to feminism to alternative culture to animal welfare. Aside from archived copies of its "RESiST" newsletter, the site likewise offers links to selections of anti-corporate power images and slogans that can be printed and used for t-shirts, stickers, and stenciling.

Website: <<http://www.resist.org.uk>>, <<http://www.resist.org.uk>>
 Language: English
 Address: PO Box 29689, London E8 2XR, UK
 Tel: (44-20) 7053 2071
 E-mail: <office@resist.org.uk>

8. International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR)

IMADR is an international non-profit, non-government human rights organisation working to eliminate all forms of discrimination around the world, forge international solidarity among discriminated minorities, and advance the international regime of human rights. IMADR has projects in five programme areas: "Elimination of Racism and Racial Discrimination," "International Protection of Minority Rights," "Empowerment of the Victims of Multiple Discrimination," "Facilitation of Indigenous Peoples' Development," and "Advancement of Migrants' Rights."

Website: <http://www.bufete-emmanueli.sjpr.com/~nazysant/_imadr/imadr.index.html>
 Language: English, Japanese, Spanish, French, and German
 Address: 3-5-11, Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan
 Tel: (81-3) 3586 7447
 Fax: (81-3) 3586 7462
 E-mail: <imadris@imadr.org>

9. International Women's Democracy Center (IWDC)

The IWDC was established to strengthen women's global leadership through training, education, networking, and research with focus on increasing the participation of women in politics, policy and decision-making within their own government. IWDC facilitates training workshops on campaign management, issue advocacy, fundraising and networking for women leaders. Additional training include parliamentarian workshops on legislative development, policy analysis and constituent services. IWDC also conducts research on women's political leadership. IWDC also conducts a wide range of research on women's political leadership in partnership with universities, colleges, and research centers around the world.

Working in partnership with NGOs and community leaders around the world, IWDC provides the necessary tools and skills to women leaders to increase their participation in local, state and national politics as well as in policy development and decision-making. Conducted in the local language, IWDC workshops focus on leadership, advocacy, how to run for elected office, and how to manage campaigns combined with telecommunications training with an emphasis on using e-mail and accessing the Internet. IWDC was founded by Barbara Ferris, who has over 20 years of senior policy and programme design experience in over 100 countries, with an expertise in economic development, finance, equity and management. She served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Morocco for two years and Women in Development Coordinator for the Peace Corps for five years.

IWDC's website gives a comprehensive information on the organisation's programmes and global democracy awards.

Website: <<http://www.iwdc.org>>
 Language: English
 Address: International Women's Democracy Center
 1730 Rhode Island Ave., NW
 Suite 715, Washington, DC 20036, USA
 Tel: (1-202) 530 0563

Fax: (1-202) 530 0564
E-mail: <info@iwdc.org>

10. International Women's Development Agency (IWDA)

The IWDA is an Australian NGO that undertakes projects in partnership with women from around the world, giving priority to working with women who suffer poverty and oppression. IWDA promotes the equitable growth of people and communities, and the just distribution of basic resources and respect for human rights. The projects it supports are devised and managed by the women who live and work in their communities, which helps to ensure relevance and effectiveness to those women and their communities. IWDA's projects hope to achieve at least one of objectives: 1. bring tangible socio-economic benefits to poor people; 2. provide women with definable and needed skills; and 3. oppose injustice or exploitation of women. IWDA works on improving the health of women and girls with a particular focus on sexual and reproductive health; promotes women's right to safe and sustainable livelihood; supports the labour rights of women in all occupations; and promotes the right of women to be free from violence.

Website: <<http://www.iwda.org.au/>>
Language: English
Address: Third Floor Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane Melbourne
Mailing Address: IWDA, PO Box 64 Flinders Lane VIC 8009 Australia
Tel: (61-3) 9650 5574
Fax: (61-3) 9654 9877
E-mail: <IWDA@IWDA-org.au>

11. Muslim Activism in South Asia

This website is designed to provide appropriate resources and address matters pertinent to and for Muslim women (*Muslima* in Arabic) involved with activism in South Asia, with an emphasis on the countries of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan. Each section of the website attempts to further educate Muslim women activists, therefore strengthening their ability to mobilise against issues

that concern them as individuals, as organisations, as movements, etc.

Female activism on a global scale is empowered through advocacy networks with other individuals and groups that share similar purposes and goals. South Asia, specifically, has a large number of Muslim women activists striving for the betterment of the female role in society and their just treatment. By providing a space for these activists to exchange information they, as individuals and as groups, will be strengthened in their activities.

Website: <<http://people.ucsc.edu/%7Eatariq/muslima1.htm>>
Language: English
E-mail: <Atariq@cats.ucsc.edu>

12. People Like Us (PLU)

PLU is a Singapore gay and lesbian group focused on advocacy and public education. It is an informal group because the Registrar of Societies refused its registration in 1997.

PLU believes that everyone in Singapore should have a full and equal place in society regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. PLU works for more informed understanding, the removal of barriers, and a fuller integration of sexual minorities with the larger community. Its website features a listing of PLU-related events, research, papers, quotes, a moderated e-mail forum, and useful links for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Singaporeans and Singapore residents.

<Website: <http://www.plu-singapore.com> & <http://www.plu-singapore.com/>>
Language: English
E-mail: <plusg1@yahoo.com>

13. Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA)

RAWA was established in Kabul, Afghanistan, in 1977 as an independent political/social organisation of Afghan women fighting for human rights and for social justice in their country. The founders were a number of Afghan

woman intellectuals under the sagacious leadership of Meena. In 1987, Meena was assassinated in Quetta, Pakistan, allegedly by Afghan agents of the then KGB, in connivance with fundamentalist band of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. RAWA's initial objective was to involve Afghan women in social and political activities aimed at acquiring women's human rights and contributing to the struggle for the establishment of a government based on democratic and secular values in Afghanistan. Despite the suffocating political atmosphere, RAWA soon became involved in different socio-political arenas like education, health, and income generation as well as political agitation.

Since the overthrow of the Soviet-installed puppet regime in 1992, the focus of RAWA's political struggle has been against the fundamentalists' and the ultra-fundamentalist Taliban's criminal policies and atrocities against the people of Afghanistan, in general, and their incredibly ultra-male-chauvinistic and anti-woman orientation, in particular.

Website: <<http://www.rawa.org>>
 Languages: English, Arabic, Spanish, Italian, Catala, French, Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese
 Address: RAWA P.O.Box 374 Quetta Pakistan
 Tel: (92-300) 554 1258
 Fax: (1-760) 281 9855 (USA), (44-870) 831 2326 (UK)
 E-mail: <rawa@rawa.org>

For donations: The Afghan Women's Mission
 Address: 2460N Lake Ave. PMB 207, Altadena, CA 91001, USA

14. Tamilnadu Women's Collective (TWC)

TWC is the collective endeavour of 35 women-headed organisations for the empowerment of women in the state of Tamilnadu, India. TWC facilitates the alternative structure of participatory process to the women's movement in which power is shared equally without any domination. The major areas of TWC's work are awareness education; publication; networking; campaigns; organising women's conferences; exposure visits and village savings/credit groups; land development; organic farming; and food security

programme.

Web site: <<http://www.womencollective.org/>>
 Language: Spanish, English and Portuguese
 Address: E-53, 15th Street, II Cross, Periyar Nagar, Chennai - 600 082, Tamil Nadu, India
 Tel: (91-44) 2550 1257
 Fax: (91-44) 2550 5853
 E-mail: <womencollective@rediffmail.com
sheelu1@vsnl.com>

15. Q Web Sweden

Based on the idea that the way to better life and health for women is through empowerment, the site promotes women's health and equal rights by documenting projects on women's empowerment and health in Sweden and worldwide, with a focus on developing countries.

Website: <<http://www.qweb.kvinnoforum.se>>
 Language: Swedish and English
 Address: Q Web - Kvinnoforum, Karlbergsvägen 77 - SE- 113 35 STOCKHOLM - Sweden
 Tel: (46-8) 5622 8800
 Fax: (46-8) 5622 8820

16. Women's Learning Partnership for Rights, Development, and Peace (WLP)

WLP is an international NGO that empowers women and girls in the Global South to re-imagine and re-structure their roles in their families, communities and societies. WLP achieves this goal by providing leadership training, supporting capacity building, and helping women generate and receive information and knowledge. WLP conducts all of its work in collaboration with partner-organisations located in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, and with members of an international network of experts. The website has many useful sections, including: on legislation, which provides access to international covenants and national legislation, especially family laws that affect women and girls; on profiles, which has the online "Directory of Women Leaders," which particularly has information on women from the Global South and those working on Global South issues; on facts and figures, which has sex-

disaggregated statistics on leadership, technology, globalisation, human rights, and gender violence, among other data; on news and events, where WLP issues periodic alerts and announcements related to promoting women's human rights and gender equity in the Global South; and the quarterly WLP e-newsletter.

The following are examples of useful information/sections provided by the website:

Legislation: In this section, WLP provides access to international covenants and national legislation, especially family laws that affect the lives of women and girls. Most international covenants are readily accessible, but national legislation—which most often has the greatest impact on people's lives—is generally difficult to find on the Internet or through other means. WLP is gathering together national legislative codes relevant to women and girls, and placing them online. Additionally, in the Family Laws section, WLP compiled comparative charts on minimum age of marriage, divorce rights, guardianship, polygamy and the like that may be used for advocacy and legal reform.

Profiles: This section contains the online "Directory of Women Leaders," particularly those from the Global South and those working on Global South issues. Designed to be used as a reference resource, the Directory seeks to increase the visibility of women leaders and help connect individuals, organisations, and networks that focus on women's human rights, democracy and civil society, peace and conflict resolution, information and communication technologies, and international development, among other issues.

Facts and Figures: This section provides sex-disaggregated statistics on leadership, technology, globalisation, human rights, and gender violence. There are also facts on women and political participation, economic decision-making, education, work, and human security as well as inequitable global consumption and distribution patterns, among other areas of interest..

News and Events. WLP issues periodic alerts and announcements related to promoting women's human rights and gender equity in the Global South. WLP's quarterly eNewsletter features interviews with prominent women leaders and updates on WLP's programmes implemented in cooperation with their partner- organisations.

Website: <<http://www.learningpartnership.org/>>

Language: English

Address: 4343 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 201, Bethesda, MD 20814, USA

Tel: (1-301) 654 2774

Fax: (1-301) 654 2775

E-mail: <wlp@learningpartnership.org>

17. Center for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics (CAPWIP)

CAPWIP is a non-partisan NGO dedicated to promoting the political empowerment of women. It was established in 1992 by a group of Asia-Pacific women who shared a vision of governance that affirms gender equality, integrity and accountability, excellence, sustainable development, and peace. Operating through a network of national affiliates in Central Asia, East Asia, Pacific, Southeast Asia, and South Asia, CAPWIP provides technical assistance in organisational and programme planning, training, research and information-sharing.

CAPWIP's user-friendly website features conference updates, interesting papers, tools and publications. A page gives facts and figures on women's participation in politics since the Beijing Conference, while the "What Worked and What Didn't" page highlights the organising and networking experiences of some women in the region.

Website: <<http://www.capwip.org/>>

Language: English

Address: 4227-4229 Tomas Claudio Street, Baclaran 1700 Parañaque City, Philippines

Tel: (63-2) 832 2112, 832 0680

Fax: (63-2) 832 2263

E-mail: <capwip@capwip.org>

18. Shirkat Gah Women's Resource Centre

In 1975, which was the International Year of Women, this resource centre (its name literally meaning a place of participation) was formed as a non-hierarchical collective to integrate consciousness-raising with a development perspective, and to initiate projects translating advocacy into action. Shirkat Gah advocates the increase of women's autonomy and gender equality while focusing on the fields of law and status, sustainable development and women's economic independence.

Shirkat Gah seeks to promote women-appropriate development schemes, programmes, policies and laws; to enhance women's autonomy, access to resources, and involvement in all levels of decision making; and to help catalyse a socio-cultural perspective premised on gender equality at all levels.

Website: <<http://www.net-ngo.com/detailpage.cfm?ngoid=94>>

Mailing Address: PO Box 5192, Lahore, Pakistan

Visiting Address: 14/300 Nisar Road, Lahore, Lutt, Pakistan

Tel: (92-42) 372 414

Fax: (92-42) 874 914

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19. Sancharika Samuha (SAS)

The word "Sanchar" means communication in Nepali. "Sancharika" is a woman communicator and "Samuha" means group. Thus, Sancharika Samuha means "Forum of Women Communicators." It advocates the need for a gender-sensitive media and increased participation of women in decision-making in media. It focuses on women's inheritance rights and violence against women through its workshops and interactive programmes, which are open to women and men in media. It is campaigning for the integration of gender-sensitivity training modules in the journalism curriculum of academic institutions. SAS is actively monitoring the Nepali government's implementation of its commitments to international agreements like the BPFA and CEDAW, particularly the gender and media aspects.

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20. Asian Women in Co-operative Development Forum (AWCF)

AWCF is a regional advocacy and resource body on gender and co-operatives, with members in Asia that are national co-op federations and a co-op-promoting NGO. It was set up in 1990 as an informal grouping among its members-to address gender issues in their organisations. It has since engaged in various programmes and services to promote gender advocacy in of co-operatives, of which a large number of the members are women. AWCF works for the interest of both women and men co-op members, with emphasis on equal opportunities and benefits for the women. Its programmes are gender mainstreaming, women in leadership and decision-making (including transformative leadership for women and men), women entrepreneurship development, and regional policy advocacy.

The website features AWCF's programmes, activities, publications, and members. There are also links to members' and partner-organisations' sites. There are Downloadable documents include the newsletter "AWCF Bulletin," and declarations made at AWCF's regularly held regional conferences. The website also has the "Discussion Corner," where users can post topics and messages on gender and co-op development.

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