

International Women's Day 2019

Suggested Agenda and Additional Resources

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Friday, March 8, 2019

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Brief Overview of IWD

- a. What is International Women's Day?
- b. Why are we celebrating it?
- c. Brief discussion of the #balanceforbetter theme

III. Explaining the Problem

- a. Workplace discrimination
- b. Cultural discrimination
- c. Gender-based and sexual violence
- d. What we mean when we say "rape culture"

IV. Connections to the ERA

- a. Brief overview of Equal Rights Amendment
- b. Connections to Democrats Abroad

V. Watch the ERA Documentary

- 30 minutes long
- DA members have access to free use of the link (contact GWC for access)

OR

V. Watch a different video

Recommendations:

- Dr. Kimberlé Crenshaw - "The Urgency of Intersectionality" https://www.ted.com/talks/kimberle_crenshaw_the_urgency_of_intersectionality
- Dr. Michael Kimmel - "Why Gender Equality is Good for Everyone - Men Included" - https://www.ted.com/talks/michael_kimmel_why_gender_equality_is_good_for_everyone_men_included

OR

V. Discuss a reading

Recommendations:

- *Angry White Men* by Michael Kimmel
- *Men Explain Things to Me* by Rebecca Solnit
- *Good and Mad* by Rebecca Traister
- *Bad Feminist* by Roxane Gay
- *Feminism is for Everybody* by bell hooks
- *We Should All Be Feminists* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

VI. Women's History Month Trivia

- 3 rounds

VII. Make #balanceforbetter posters and/or selfie cards

- Link to downloadable posters: <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/Posters>
- Link to downloadable selfie cards: <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/BalanceforBetter-SelfieCards>
- Submit your photos to the GWC!

VIII. End

Notes:

Encourage participants to wear white (an ode to women's suffrage) and/or purple (IWD color and a color long associated with women's empowerment movements).

The accompanying PDF provides slides for items II. - IV and VI.

Link to trivia answers: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nnufk1zd11kVjDIb9xZZFS-x6vMcppAkrDVm0IV6Te4/edit?usp=sharing>