



The Advocates for Human Rights implements international human rights standards to promote civil society and reinforce the rule of law. We are a nonprofit, volunteer-based organization that investigates and exposes human rights violations; represents immigrants and refugees in our community who are victims of human rights abuses; trains and assists groups that protect human rights; and works through education and advocacy to engage the public, policy makers and children about human rights and cultural understanding.

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HUMANRIGHTSPROGRAM

The Human Rights Program provides academic, research and internship opportunities in human rights for University of Minnesota students, especially in the College of Liberal Arts. To achieve its goals, the Program works cooperatively with faculty and other programs across the University, as well as with international human rights professionals in Minnesota and around the world.

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International Women's Day 2010

To use the words of the great African-American freedom fighter Harriet Tubman: "If you're hungry, keep walking. If you're thirsty, keep walking. If you want a taste of freedom, keep walking." For us women of Liberia, this award is a call that we will keep walking until peace, justice and the rights of women is not a dream, but is a thing of the present.

- Leymah Gbowee, accepting the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award

Inspired by the U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing, the 15th Annual International Women's Day event will celebrate the diversity of Minnesota women, highlight advancements in women's rights and equality, encourage activism, and educate participants about human rights issues that affect girls and women locally, nationally, and internationally. This year we welcome Leymah Gbowee, a remarkable woman who led the women of Liberia to demand peace and justice for themselves and for their country – an embodiment of our 2010 theme, **Inspire. Act. Change!** As Caroline Kennedy noted when presenting the Profile in Courage Award to Leymah Gbowee and the women of Liberia, "Their courage has given the women of the world a blueprint for meaningful political change."



Protesting in front of UN Envoy at Mamba Point, Monrovia, Liberia. Photo Credit: Pewee Flomoku

The 1995 Beijing Platform for Action identified the following critical areas of concern for women: poverty; education and training; health; violence against women; armed conflict; the economy; women in power and decision-making; mechanisms for the advancement of women; human rights of women; the media; the environment; and the rights of the girl child. This year's International Women's Day event will address many of these areas through the keynote presentation, workshops, film, and exhibits, and will provide an assessment of how far we have come since Beijing, promising new developments and practices, and opportunities to take action to overcome the remaining obstacles to gender equality, justice, and the elimination of violence against women.

Join us on March 6th to inspire, act, and change!



650 Third Avenue S., Suite 1240
Minneapolis, MN 55402-1940



the 15th annual
International women's day
2010
celebration!



**Inspire.
Act.
Change!**

Saturday, March 6, 2010
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Coffman Memorial Union
University of Minnesota

Free and Open to the Public

Presented by
The Advocates for Human Rights
and the Human Rights Program at
the University of Minnesota

schedule of events

- 8:00 – 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 – 10:15 Welcome, drumHeart performance and **keynote presentation by Leymah Gbowee**
- 10:30 – 11:45 Workshops
- 11:45 – 12:30 Lunch, exhibits, and vendors
- 12:30 – 1:00 Twin Cities Women’s Choir
- 1:15 – 2:30 Workshops
- 2:45 – 4:00 “Pray the Devil Back to Hell” film screening and closing remarks

international women’s day co-sponsors

- Africa Network for Development, Inc.
- African Health Action Corporation
- African Rights Monitor
- African Women Connect
- Alexandra House
- Altrusa International of St. Paul
- American Association of University Women of MN
- American Refugee Committee
- Americans for UNFPA
- Amnesty International at the U of M
- Amnesty International St. Paul
- Asian Media Access
- Aurora Center for Advocacy & Education, U of M
- Breaking Free
- Casa de Esperanza
- Center for Global Education at Augsburg College
- Center for Leadership Education in Maternal & Child Public Health, U of M
- Center for Victims of Torture
- Centro, Inc.
- Day One of Cornerstone
- East Metro Women’s Council
- Falun Dafa Twin Cities Club
- Feminist Eclectic Martial Arts
- Girl Scouts of MN & WI River Valleys
- Girls International Forum
- Graduate Women in Science (Xi Chapter)
- Honoring Women Worldwide
- Immigrant Law Center of MN
- Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project
- Iraqi & American Reconciliation Project
- Justice Commission of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Consociates
- Laura Jeffrey Academy
- Luann Dummer Center for Women - UST
- Middle East Peace Now of MN
- Midwest Health Center for Women
- Minneapolis Club of Zonta International
- Minnesota African Women’s Association
- Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- Minnesota Dept. of Health, Sexual Violence Prevention Program
- Minnesota Universal Health Care Coalition
- Minnesota Women’s Press
- Miramid
- Northwest Hennepin Domestic Violence Prevention Network
- Older Women’s League of MN
- OutFront Minnesota
- Oxfam Action Corps Minnesota
- Partners for Women’s Equality
- Planned Parenthood MN, ND, SD
- Pro-Choice Resources
- Rape and Sexual Abuse Center/N.I.P.
- Regional Tibetan Women’s Association of MN
- Resource Center of the Americas
- Resources for the Enrichment of African Lives
- SEWA-AIFW
- Sexual Violence Center
- Sierra Club Global Population and Environment Program
- Somali Women Civil War Survivors
- Sororistomist International of Greater Minneapolis
- St. Cloud State University Women’s Center
- St. Joseph Worker Program
- United Nations Association of MN
- WATCH
- WellShare International
- Women Against Military Madness
- Women of Nations
- Women’s Advocates, Inc.
- Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom
- Women’s Student Activist Collective, U of M

workshops & other events

Why Indigenous Women View Women’s Human Rights Differently
 Maureen L. White Eagle, Partners for Women’s Equality, and Dr. Bianet Castellanos, U of M American Studies

Immigration Relief Specific to Immigrant Women and Children*
 Sheila Stuhlman and Cynthia Anderson, Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota

Beyond the Mirror: Understanding and Responding to Domestic Abuse through Poetry and Dialogue
 Marlene Jezierski, author, and Amy Highness, Alexandra House

Challenge the Media: End the Sexualization of Girls and Young Women in Mainstream Media
 Kathy Seipp, The Advocates for Human Rights, and Mackenzie Ellis, Apple Valley High School

Empowering Women in the United Nations: Gender Equity Architecture Reform
 United Nations Student Association, U of M

The Intersection of Domestic Violence and Family Homelessness
 Trisha Cummins Kauffman, Jo Kurzmann, and Kathy Blegen-Huntley, East Metro Women’s Council

Women and Climate Change
 Jessica Lettween, Leah Sedler, and Lucy Camacho, Oxfam Action Corps Minnesota

Constitutional Protection for Gender Equality: Why an ERA Is Still Necessary for Minnesota, the U.S. and the World*
 Lisa Stratton, U of M Law School, Jill Gaulding, U of M Law School, M. Kathleen Murphy, MN CAFE Coalition

Minnesota’s Report Card: A Post-Beijing Snapshot
 Bonnie Watkins, Minnesota Women’s Consortium, and Bo Thao-Urabe, Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy

Voices of Middle East Women on Peace, Justice and Human Rights
 Kathy Adam, Middle East Peace Now; Duaa and Gaida Azem

Health Care Reform from Dollars to Sense – Are We There Yet?
 Janet Asanchev, Older Women’s League of MN; Dr. Susan Hasti and Amy Lange, RN, Minnesota Universal Health Care Coalition

*Application will be made for one CLE credit.

Performances by drumHeart and Twin Cities Women’s Choir
 Co-sponsor display and information tables
 Exhibit: Women and Water Rights: Rivers of Regeneration – Overview of art exhibition and related programs currently at Nash Gallery

Film screenings
 Arts and crafts vendors

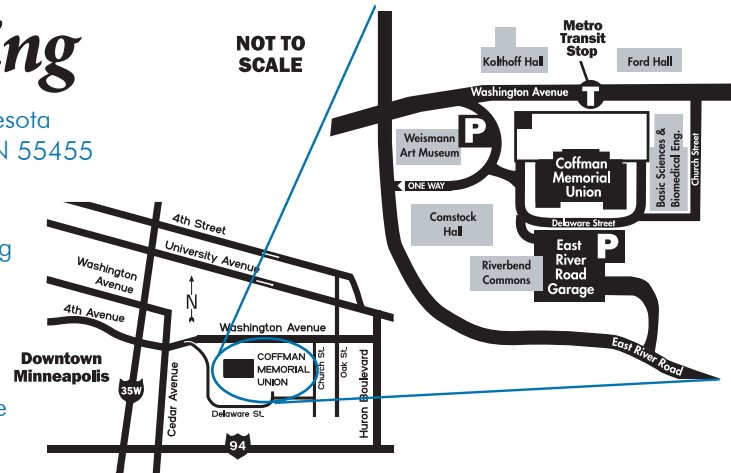
location & parking

Coffman Memorial Union, University of Minnesota
 300 Washington Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455

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Parking is available at East River Road Garage or the Weisman Museum Garage



international women’s day registration form

REGISTER ONLINE!

at www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org
 (click on International Women’s Day) or use the form below

- YES, I plan to attend the International Women’s Day Celebration.
- NO, I cannot attend the celebration, but would like to make a contribution.

This event is offered free of charge. Voluntary donations to help offset the expenses of the day are much appreciated!

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Email: _____

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____

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