



Don't be too polite girls!

2009 "Tell Us What You Really Think?" survey results are in!

International Women's Day (IWD) is just around the corner on March 8. With the views of ASU women from our Tell Us What You Really Think? survey now released we have a clear direction on the key issues women are celebrating and fighting for in 2009.

International Women's Day is a celebration and recognition of the campaigns fought, won and still being fought by women around the world to improve their working lives, home lives and their communities.

Every State and Territory across the nation pays tribute to the work of women in many different ways. There will be a variety of events in your local community. Because IWD is on the weekend, look out for ongoing activities across the next week. State government web sites play host to a number of calendars and details of ways you can celebrate IWD for 2009.

The survey says...

Over 600 women from across all States and Territories completed our first online survey directed at hearing the views of ASU women. These views embraced women in their workplace, their homes, activism and community.

We thank each and every one of you who contributed to the survey and took the time to tell us what you think.

- Who were the respondents? Women of all ages but predominantly in the 40 - 54 age bracket.
- Where were they from? All States and mainly from capital cities.
- 99% of respondents declared equal pay a vital issue.
- 94% of women called for the introduction of government funded paid parental leave scheme.

- More than half of the respondents had to take carer's leave using other forms of leave.
- Many women said they are treated equally with men in their workplaces yet they also said men get promoted over women.
- Women are seeking the union to campaign on women's issues, climate change, ending violence, bullying and harassment and many more.

What happens next?

A detailed analysis of the survey will be collated by the National Women's Consultative Committee and presented to all Branches for consideration. For more information on the survey or ongoing campaigns, contact your NWCC rep listed on the table below.

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