## WOMEN'S RESOURCE DIRECTORY

## **Women's/Feminist Organizations**

- 1. Equality Now <u>http://www.equalitynow.org/</u>
- Description: Equality Now works to end violence and discrimination against women and girls around the world through the mobilization of public pressure. Issues of concern to Equality Now include: RAPE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS TRAFFICKING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION POLITICAL PARTICIPATION GENDER DISCRIMINATION
- 2. Feminist Majority Foundation <u>http://www.feminist.org/</u> Description: The Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF), which was founded in 1987, is a cutting edge organization dedicated to women's equality, reproductive health, and non-violence. In all spheres, FMF utilizes research and action to empower women economically, socially, and politically. Our organization believes that feminists - both women and men, girls and boys - are the majority, but this majority must be empowered.
- 3. National Organization for Women <u>http://www.now.org/</u> Description: The National Organization for Women (NOW) is the largest organization of feminist activists in the United States. NOW has 500,000 contributing members and 550 chapters in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Since its founding in 1966, NOW's goal has been to take action to bring about equality for all women. NOW works to eliminate discrimination and harassment in the workplace, schools, the justice system, and all other sectors of society; secure abortion, birth control and reproductive rights for all women; end all forms of violence against women; eradicate racism, sexism and homophobia; and promote equality and justice in our society.
- 4. The Younger Women's Task Force <u>http://www.ywtf.org/ywtf/home.aspx</u> Description: The Younger Women's Task Force, a project of the National Council of Women's Organizations, is a nationwide, diverse and inclusive grassroots movement dedicated to organizing younger women and their allies to take action on issues that matter most to them.
- 5. Third Wave Foundation <u>http://www.thirdwavefoundation.org/</u> Description: Third Wave is a feminist, activist foundation that works nationally to support young women and transgender youth ages 15 to 30. Through strategic grantmaking, leadership development, and philanthropic advocacy, we support groups and individuals working towards gender, racial, economic, and social justice
- 6. Black Women United for Action <u>http://www.bwufa.org/</u> Description: BWUFA's mission is to voice the needs of African-Americans, to heighten their achievements and to improve the lives of vulnerable families, especially women. In doing so, BWUFA seeks to provide citizens with a variety of community programs that assist them in obtaining and utilizing information on social, cultural and educational issues.
- 7. National Council of Women's Organizations <u>http://www.womensorganizations.org/</u>

Description: The National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO) includes over 200 member organizations. Together, we subscribe to the core policies listed below. While not all member organizations work actively on each of these concerns, members will not work in opposition to these principles. We recognize the importance of improving programs and policies that address girls' and women's economic, legal, social and physical well-being throughout their lifespan. Our policy agenda comprises building blocks for a society free from the inequality, oppression and discrimination that face a variety of women and girls from many different backgrounds and experiences. In order for the following concerns to be fully addressed, the government must appropriately allocate its resources to invest in the needs of its citizens. Domestic spending should not be sacrificed for increased defense spending. Spending should be balanced to invest adequately in the economic security of women and families.

- 8. Sista II Sista: Hermana a Hermana <u>http://www.sistaiisista.org/main.html</u> Description: Sista II Sista launched its first program during the summer of 1996. Sista II Sista was created as a response to the lack of community spaces that focused on the experience of young women of color. It was also seen as a proactive space where young women of color could tap into their collective power to fight against injustice. Sista II Sista is a collective of women of color of different ages. As a collective we believe that it is important to create structures that model our vision of a society based on justice. For this reason, we have decided to work in a way where everyone is part of making decisions. We have developed an organizational structure based on the idea of a flower that has various petals, which are all equally important.
- 9. National Black Herstory Task Force <u>http://blackherstory.org/about.html</u> Description: The National Black Herstory Task Force, Inc. is a non-profit educational and cultural organization founded to provide vehicles to collect, research, authenticate, document, archive and celebrate the legacies and lives of women of African descent and their alliances.
- 10. National Women's Studies Association <u>http://www.nwsa.org/</u> Description: Established in 1977, NWSA is a professional organization dedicated to leading the field of women's studies and gender studies, as well as its teaching, learning, research, and service wherever they be found. Our members actively pursue a just world in which all persons can develop to their fullest potential – one free from ideologies, structures, or systems of privilege that oppress or exploit some for the advantage of others.
- 11. American Association of University Women <u>http://www.aauw.org/</u> Description: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.
- 12. The Women's Media Center <u>http://womensmediacenter.com/</u> Description: The Women's Media Center makes women visible and powerful in the media. Led by our Interim President, Julie Burton, the WMC works with the media to ensure that women's stories are told and women's voices are heard. We do this in three ways: through our media advocacy campaigns; by creating our own media; and by training women to participate directly in media. We are directly engaged with the media at all levels to ensure that a diverse group of

women is present in newsrooms, on air, in print and online, as sources and subjects.

13. Women in Media and News <u>http://www.wimnonline.org/</u>

Description: WIMN works to increase women's presence in the public debate, emphasizing those who are least often heard, including women of color, lowincome women, lesbians, youth and older women.

14. Legal Momentum <u>http://www.legalmomentum.org/</u>

Description: Legal Momentum is the nation's oldest legal defense and education fund dedicated to advancing the rights of all women and girls. Over the past 40 years, Legal Momentum has made historic contributions through litigation and public policy advocacy to advance economic and personal security for women.

## All Descriptions Were Taken From the Websites Listed