



NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

FOR WOMEN

STRONGER

TOGETHER



NOW FACTS

People of good will are joining us in the fight for social and economic justice. The barriers are high, but our cause is righteous.

1 in 3

One third of all women around the world are victims of violence.

78¢

Globally, women earn 78¢ for every dollar men are paid for the same work.

550+

Local NOW chapters in the U.S.

4 million+

Nationwide participants in the 2017 Women's March.



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WHO WE ARE

We are McHenry County residents who have come together to advocate for women's rights, promote feminist ideals, lead societal change, eliminate discrimination, and protect the equal rights of all women and girls.

WHO CAN JOIN

Anyone who supports our six key issues may join McHenry County NOW. We do not discriminate based on political party affiliation, sex, gender identity or sexual preference/orientation. Find out more by joining our email list here: <https://bit.ly/NOW-signup>

HOW WE FIGHT

We take action to bring women into full participation in American society, exercising all available privileges and responsibilities. We mobilize at the grassroots level. We march, we lobby and we educate. But most importantly, we resist oppression in all its forms wherever we find it.



WHAT WE DO

We work to build a feminist future by focusing on six key issues.

Equal Rights Amendment

Women deserve the same rights as men in the United States Constitution.

Violence Against Women

Misogynous attitudes in our nation perpetuate oppression through violence.

Reproductive Justice

Access to safe, legal abortion, and reproductive health care and education are essential to gender equity.

LGBTQIA Rights

We are committed to fighting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in all areas.

Economic Justice

Inequities in pay and housing, job opportunities and other economic issues limit women's freedom and success.

Racial Justice

We are fighting for equal opportunities for women of color in all areas including employment, education & health care.



OUR HISTORY

Since the founding of the National Organization for Women in 1966, NOW has been the most influential grassroots feminist organization in the United States. We were inspired to action by weak Federal enforcement of Title VII of the Civil Right Act of 1964 which "prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex and national origin." Over the years a number of major amendments have given this Act more strength and encouraged NOW to continue the fight to reinforce federal and state laws against sex discrimination. The passing of the Equal Rights Amendment is a key goal. >> In 2019 we recognized the need for activism in McHenry County, and Anna Gifford led the formation of our local chapter. Since then we've hosted rallies in support of women's rights, lobbied for acknowledgement of the LGBTQIA community by our local governments, and conducted numerous educational programs to increase knowledge and awareness of our core issues.



The truth will set you free, but first it will piss you off. — Gloria Steinem



Women belong in all places where decisions are being made. It shouldn't be that women are the exception. — Ruth Bader Ginsburg



Who knows what women can be when they are finally free to become themselves? — Betty Friedan