



### **Who we are?**

The International Women's Strike (IWS) is a grassroots movement established by women from different parts of the world. It was created in late October 2016 as a response to the current social, legal, political, economic, moral and verbal violence experienced by contemporary women at various latitudes. IWS plans general strikes and protests for 8 March 2017, under the common call "Solidarity is our weapon."

### **Where are we from?**

IWS consists to date of women of over 49 countries, including Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Chad, Chile, Cambodia, Columbia, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, England, Fiji, France, Finland, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Montenegro, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Salvador, Senegal, Scotland, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay, U.S., Venezuela.

### **Why do we strike?**

We'll strike because we are fed up with misogyny and the persistent permissiveness on the part of elected leaders and public persons about using hate speech, and church support in such crimes. We'll strike because democratic institutions neglect to protect public safety and to ensure justice, and media organizations negligent of their lawful responsibility to provide reliable information and full coverage. We'll strike because women defending their rights are often not receiving support in their homes and communities, instead facing insults and threats.

### **How do we strike?**

Most of the countries decided for an economic strike, however in some, like Russia where expression of beliefs is not permitted on streets anymore, the strike will be sexual and reproductive.

### **How did it start?**

Following the example of Icelandic women in 1975, Polish women went on a day-long strike to halt plans for criminalizing abortion and miscarriage on 3 October 2016. That planned legislation was immediately withdrawn by the government. Similar issues brought Korean women to protest several times that same month against introduction of higher penalties for doctors performing abortions. On 19 October 2016, Argentine women reacted with massive one-hour long strikes and rallies to an inhuman femicide and brutal repression of police of the Women's National Meeting. More protests followed, leading to establishing the International Women's Strike platform.

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**Map of events:**

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FB event: <https://web.facebook.com/events/1043905282422378/>

TT Spanish: <https://twitter.com/MujeresEnHuelga>

TT English: <https://twitter.com/womenstrike>