Houston '77

Freedom on our terms

November 10 - 11, 2007 • Hunter College, New York City
The Kaye Playhouse at 68th St. betw. Park & Lexington Ave.

Conference sponsored by:
The Bella Abzug Leadership Institute
and over 60 other women's organizations celebrating the
30th Anniversary of the National Women's Conference
(Houston '77) and creating a 21st Century Agenda for Action

CONFERENCE PROGRAM
Registration begins at 8 AM on Saturday, November 10th.
Conference starts at 10 AM sharp on both Saturday and
Sunday! Please join us for panels, workshops, issue
caucuses and a concert.

Please pre-register for the Conference online at:
Bella Abzug Leadership Institute, www.abzuginstitute.org;
credit cards will be accepted online only.

Registration at the Conference will be cash or check only:
$30 per person; Student/Low Income Rate $7
For more information, call (212) 650-3071
The 1977 National Women's Conference in Houston was the first and only time the federal government authorized and financed a national gathering “to promote equal rights, equal opportunities and equal responsibilities for women.” Thirty years after “The Spirit of Houston,” many of the recommendations adopted at the Conference have still not been achieved, there have been no other such events held, and many people are totally unaware that the Houston Conference even happened. It’s time to reignite the fight for equality!

FREEDOM ON OUR TERMS CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, November 10th

- **Slideshow**
  9:45 AM Photos from 1977 National Women’s Conference by Diana Mara Henry

- **Opening Plenary Session**
  10:00 AM Greetings: Liz Abzug, Founder & President of the Bella Abzug Leadership Institute and Conference Co-organizer; Pam Elam, 1977 National Women’s Conference Delegate and Conference Co-organizer; Hunter College President Jennifer Raab and representatives from endorsing organizations including Ana Oliveira from The New York Women’s Foundation, Margaret Chin from Asian Americans for Equality, Terry Lawler from New York Women in Film and Television and Caroi Jenkins from The Women’s Media Center

- **Panel Discussion**
  10:30 AM “The Spirit of Houston” - Chaired by Caroi Jenkins, President of The Women’s Media Center; panelists include Loretta Ross, National Coordinator of Sister Song and 1977 National Women’s Conference Delegates Gloria Steinem, Lupe Anguiano, Pam Elam, Goldie Chu, Charlotte Bunch and Ellie Smeal

- **Keynote Speech**
  1:00 PM Rosie O’Donnell (Introduction by Liz Abzug and Ms. Shabazz)

- **Presentation**
  1:30 PM Meredith Wagner, Executive Vice President, Public Affairs & Corporate Communications for Lifetime Entertainment Services

- **Afternoon Plenary Session**
  1:45 PM Greetings: NOW President Kim Gandy, Former Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman, Author Robin Morgan, Susan Scanlan, Chair of the National Council of Women’s Organizations, and others

- **Panel Discussion**
  1:45 PM “Riding the Waves: Learning from Intergenerational Feminists” – Co-Chaired by Andrea Johnson from Girls Speak Out and Emily Bent from Girls Learn International; panelists include veteran Feminist activists Gracia Molina Pick and Amy Swerdlow, Elizabeth Hines from the Ms. Foundation for Women, Monique Mehta from The Third Wave, Stefanie Lopez-Boy from the Metro Chapter of the Younger Women’s Task Force and Jordana Alter Confino, Girls Learn International Co-Founder

- **Workshops**
  3:30 PM • Violence Against Women: A Global Crisis • Shaping a New Discussion of the Body: Women’s Health Initiatives • Examining the Interconnections of Oppression • Saving the Planet: Going Green • Reigniting the Fight for Legal and Political Equality • Working Nontraditionally • OurSpace: Exploring the Role of the New Media and Evaluating the Role of the Old Media • The Politics of Immigration • Spiritual Equality • A World of Our Own: Issues of Peace and War
  5:00 PM • Smashing the Glass Ceiling: Women, Work and Power • Queering the Lines: The Politics of Gender and Sexuality • (Re)Defining Girl in a Sexist World • Racism and Sexism: Learning from History • Feminist Activism • Redefining Family: The Evolving Role of Women and the Expanding Role of Government • Feminism and Men • Women as Community Builders • Thinking Internationally

- **Reception**
  7:00 PM For members of endorsing organizations and panel/workshop participants; Co-hosted by Bella Abzug Leadership Institute, Hunter College President Jennifer Raab, Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer and NYS Assembly Member Pat Eddington (Chair of Women’s Caucus)

- **Concert**
  8:00 PM Featuring Lesley Gore, Helen Hooke and the Honey Spots, Julie Gold, Morley, Sandy Rapp and others

Sunday, November 11th

- **Panel Discussion**
  10:00 AM “The Pathways to Equality: Devising New Strategies for Change” with Linda Basch from the National Council for Research on Women; Mary Lynn Hopps from the Women in Learning and Leadership Program at the College of New Jersey; Faye Wattleton from the Center for Advancement of Women; Rupal Oza from the Hunter College Women and Gender Studies Program; Lala Wu from the Bella Abzug Leadership Institute; and Diana Salas from the Women of Color Policy Network at Wagner School of Public Service

- **Issue Caucuses**
  11:45 AM • Health • Work • Education • Sexuality • Equality • Violence • International Affairs • Family • Girls • Housing/Homelessness

- **Discussion & Drafting of Freedom on Our Terms 21st Century Agenda for Action**
  2:30 PM Open Forum

- **Closing Ceremony**
  4:30 PM
Endorsing Organizations:
American Association of University Women-New York Chapter
Asian Americans for Equality
Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice
Bella Abzug Leadership Institute, Inc.
Barnard Center for Research on Women
California Women's Agenda (CWA)
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Center for Advancement of Women
Center for Law and Social Justice, Medgar Evers College
Center for Women and Government, Rutgers University
Center for Women's Policy Studies
Choices Women's Medical Center
Code Pink
Columbia University Institute for Research on Women and Gender
Ellen Frank Illumination Arts
Feministing.com
Girls Inc.
Girls Learn International, Inc.
Girls Speak Out Foundation
Global Kids Inc.
Hunter College Women's Rights Coalition
Hunter College Women's and Gender Studies Program
Legal Momentum
Living Beyond Belief
Minnesota Women's Consortium
Ms. Foundation for Women
NARAL Pro-Choice New York
National Conference of Puerto Rican Women
National Council for Research on Women
National Council of Women's Organizations
National Institute for Reproductive Health
National Organization for Women
National Women's Law Center
New York Metro Chapter of the Younger Women's Task Force
New York State NOW
New York Women in Film and Television
NGO Committee on Unifem
NY-Charities.org
Out Professionals/Lynx
Renna Communications
RightRides for Women's Safety, Inc.
SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective
Stewards of the Earth
The Elizabeth Cady Stanton Trust
The Feminist Majority
The National Women's History Project
The New York Women's Foundation
The Third Wave Foundation
The White House Project
The Women's Institute at GMHC
The Women's Media Center
US Women Connect
Veteran Feminists of America
WE ACT for Environmental Justice
Women in Learning and Leadership, College of New Jersey
Women of Color Policy Network at Wagner School of Public Service
Women's City Club of NY
Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO)
Women's Intercultural Network (WIN)
Women's Research and Education Institute (WREI)
Zonta International