

# International Women's Day Rally and Walk of Pride

**Friday, 8 March, 2019**

**12 noon**

All welcome...

Assembling at Dewar's  
statue, Buchanan Street

- Songs and Open Mic
- Banners, Placards, IWD leaflets for passers-by.

Stepping off at 1 pm for a Walk of Pride through George Square to City Chambers to honour, in song and with spirit, ourselves and each other, as we demand respect and our rights: in our homes, our neighbourhoods, and our workplaces.

**What a great way to celebrate International Women's Day!**

This event initiated by the members of the Clydeside Branch of the Industrial Workers of the World.

**More information available from:-**

**<https://iwwscotland.wordpress.com/>**

# About International Women's Day

The history of IWD begins in the first decades of the 20th Century and is explicitly against capitalism and patriarchy.

In 1909, the Women's Commission of the Socialist Party of America organises national Women's Day marches to support women's suffrage in the context of women's rights, worker's rights, and social justice. Inspired by this event, the Second International Congress, meeting in Copenhagen in August 1910, approves the proposal of its Conference of Socialist Women for an annual International day of action to protest discrimination against women in all facets of society. The specific date to be decided by each affiliated organisation.

In 1913, Russian women organise International Women's Day rallies. They choose the 8th of March as the date because it coincides, in their new calendar, with the date of the 1909 marches. In 1917 on 8 March, the women in Petrograd take to the streets demanding an end to Russian involvement in the First World War. This sparks a revolution that topples three centuries of czarist autocracy, and establishes 8 March for the worldwide celebration of International Women's Day.

Since then, women have not stopped fighting back against repression-- at the personal, economic, and political levels. The analysis, programme, and actions of these socialist feminist women of our radical past can help guide our way.

So Happy International Women's Day: a day of solidarity, resistance, hope, and joy!