

# International Women's Day

March 8 is International Women's Day, but the global campaign for equal rights for women continues all year round.

International Women's Day on 8 March is a day to celebrate the social, economic and political achievements of women, reflect on progress and demand gender equality. For over a hundred years, International Women's Day has put the spotlight onto issues affecting women all over the world. Today, International Women's Day belongs to everyone who believes that women's rights are human rights.

Across the world, less than 15 percent of the world's countries have a female leader. Only 24 percent of senior managers at all. Women do the lowest paid jobs and earn less money for the same work. This difference in pay is called the gender pay gap, and for young women in many places, including Britain and America, the gap is getting worse. Women are also more likely to do most of the work and childcare. All of these problems affect women of colour even more than they do white women.