

GWC-UAW Local 2110 ENDORSES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S STRIKE ON MARCH 8TH: STUDENT WORKERS TO RALLY AGAINST GENDERED HARASSMENT & ATTACKS ON LABOR RIGHTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

On March 8th union members and students from Graduate Workers of Columbia, GWC-UAW Local 2110, will convene at Washington Square for the second annual International Women's Strike march and rally. There they will be joined by other trade unions and feminist organizations from around the city, with sister rallies planned at other locations around the world.

The International Women's Strike is a feminist coalition of international anti-imperialist, anti-racist, anti-capitalist organizers aiming to build and practice a feminism for the 99%. Its platform stresses economic, reproductive, and inter-racial justice for all.

This year's event is especially significant to graduate students given the multiple revelations of harassment in higher education such as Columbia's William V. Harris or NYU's Bradley Garner's decades of sexual predation on their students. Columbia students and workers will be marching to speak out against the persistence and personal costs of gendered harassment in their working and learning environments, disproportionately affecting parents, women, and gender-nonconforming students.

Also at stake is the continued attack on graduate students' rights to collectively organize and bargain over their labor conditions. As we at Columbia, alongside our colleagues at other universities across the country, continue to struggle for fair bargaining with our administrators, and as students at New York University have been denied their full rights to paid parental leave under New York State law, it is all the more important that students continue to come together as workers with a common cause.

While the GWC has not yet authorized a strike, many graduate students will be participating in a personal work stoppage from 4-5pm, withholding their academic, domestic, and emotional labor to make this work more visible, in addition to attending the rally and march.

All participants are welcome and are encouraged to wear a red ribbons and clothing.

Event Details:

March 8th

Flexible 1 hour work stoppage: 4-5 pm

Rally at Washington Square: 5 pm

March: 6 pm

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/564207337266439/>

Website: <https://www.womenstrikeus.org/>

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