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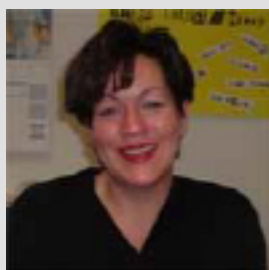
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1. Websites Worth Watching



This issue of GoS news features five websites that I've wanted to share with you since the first of the year. I find so many interesting and wonderful sites at times that I can't fit them all into my monthly Featured Site.

So this month the whole newsletter is devoted to sites worth note. WE LEARN is the first site I want to share with you.

[WE LEARN](#) (Women Expanding / Literacy Education Action Resource Network) promotes women's literacy as a tool for personal growth and social change through networking, education, action, and resource development. Educators and women's advocates can become members of WE LEARN. WE LEARN also holds an annual conference in March. I think this is a fantastic resource for any one who works with women living in shelters, with victims of domestic violence or for those who teach female inmates.

Please contact me if you see an interesting news item about women. My email is:
[lizkentgos at yahoo dot com](#)

Thanks for reading,
Liz Kent

2. NCADV

[National Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#)

(NCADV) works for major societal changes necessary to eliminate both personal and societal violence against all women and children.

NCADV's work includes coalition building at the local, state, regional and national levels; support for the provision of community-based, non-violent alternatives - such as safe home and shelter programs - for battered women and their children; public education and technical assistance; policy development and innovative legislation; and efforts to eradicate social conditions which contribute to violence against women and children.

Their 30th anniversary conference will be held in Washington, D.C. July 18 - 23, 2008. See the link below for more information.

Link: <http://www.ncadv.org/>

3. Women's Rights Watch

[Human Rights Watch: Women's Rights](#) -

Human Rights Watch is dedicated to protecting the human rights of people around the world. The Women's Rights Division of Human Rights Watch fights against the dehumanization and marginalization of women. They promote women's equal rights and human dignity.

Their mission says, "The realization of women's rights is a global struggle based on universal human rights and the rule of law. It requires all of us to unite in solidarity to end traditions, practices, and laws that harm women. It is a fight for freedom to be fully and completely human and equal without apology or permission. Ultimately, the struggle for women's human rights must be about making women's lives matter everywhere all

the time. In practice, this means taking action to stop discrimination and violence against women." Read more at the link below.

Link: <http://www.hrw.org/women/>

4. Men Can Stop Rape

[Men Can Stop Rape](#) develops ways to "mobilize young men to find and use their strength for creating a culture free from violence, especially men's violence against women."

"In contrast to traditional efforts that address men as 'the problem,' MCSR mobilizes men as vital allies who can make informed, healthy choices, as well as foster safe, equitable relationships and communities." (From their website)

Learn more at the link below.

Link: <http://www.mencanstoprape.org/>

5. April Site of the Month

[Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women](#)
(GAATW)

is an Alliance of more than 80 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) from all regions of the world. The International Secretariat of GAATW based in Bangkok, Thailand, coordinates the activities of the Alliance, collects and disseminates information and advocates on behalf of the Alliance at regional and international levels.

The member organisations include:

- Organisations whose aims and programmes are aligned with a human rights based approach;
- Organisations which are working autonomously on anti-trafficking and/or the related areas of migration/migrant labour, in the areas of policy and advocacy, research, direct assistance, prevention;
- Organisations advocating for women's rights;
- Organisations advocating for migrants' labour rights;
- Self-organised groups of migrant workers, domestic workers, survivors of trafficking, and sex workers.

GAATW sees the phenomenon of human trafficking intrinsically embedded in the context of migration for the purpose of labour.

GAATW therefore promotes and defends the human rights of all migrants and their families against the threat of an increasingly globalised labour market and calls for safety standards for migrant workers in the process of migration and in the formal and informal sectors – garment and food processing, agriculture and farming, domestic work, sex work -- where slavery-like conditions and practices exist.

Link: <http://www.gaatw.net/>

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