

# HOUSTON '77

NEW YORK 2007

## 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](http://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 **Carol Jenkins** from The Women's Media Center

- **Panel Discussion**

10:30 AM "The Spirit of Houston" – Chaired by **Carol 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 (Ticket included in Conference Registration; otherwise, \$20) 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

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## ***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)  
Casa Atabex Ache  
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  
NOW-NYC  
NYCharities.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