

The Women's Festival was held in Kyoto for ten years from 1986 to 1995, originally conceived as a handmade event by women to mark International Women's Day. Today, we have decided to revive it under the new name "Women Plus Festival" to create a gathering open to women navigating intersecting identities and sexual minorities.

Date: Sunday, March 8, 2026, 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Venue: Kyoto Gender Equality Center Wings Kyoto

(Higashinotoin-dori Rokkaku-sagaru, Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto City)

Participation Fee: ¥1,000 (self-declared discount available)

★Donations welcome!

★Information support via UD Talk available

【Schedule】

9:10 Doors open

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM "Why a 'Women's Festival' Now?" (2nd Floor Event Hall)

Guests: Utoro Nōgakutai (the Utoro Nongak Group)

Saito Mariko (Korean Translator / Han Kang's "We Do Not Part", etc.)

Moderator: Onna Plus Festival Executive Committee

1:00 PM – 3:15 PM

Four Sectional Meetings

1. Expanding Horizons from Buraku Feminism

We want to understand the structures and norms of Japanese society that make it difficult for women + to live, and learn from past struggles. Without dismissing individual experiences, we seek words that connect us to others, aiming to change ourselves and transform society. Buraku women are taking the lead. Let's all speak up and empower each other!

✓Coordinator: Anarcha Buraku Feminist Association

2. The Personal is Political: Let's Talk Together! Multicultural Coexistence

This is a workshop where women of diverse backgrounds and cultural origins can freely share their experiences.

Let's create a space to discuss the direct and indirect experiences each of us encounters daily in our respective communities. We will also introduce examples of Kyoto's multicultural coexistence initiatives that connect living spaces like shopping districts and housing complexes with diverse learning environments.

✓Coordinators: Kang Heedae, Kang MunHee

3. Value Yourself, Protect Yourself: Speak Your Truth

“My mind and body belong to me” is a vital message of feminism. Let's explore together how to value ourselves, protect ourselves, and assert our needs.

Includes a yoga experience session (Instructor: Yoshino Yugi).

✓Coordinator: Suto Yumiko (Women's Counseling Kyoto)

4. Don't Mess with Us! Women's Labor – What Gets Valued, What Gets Excluded

In an era where unstable employment and low wages have become the norm, and the “self-responsibility-doctrine” prevails, discrimination based on gender and employment status is spreading. We aim to make women's work visible and explore pathways toward dignified working conditions and the realization of equal pay for work of equal value.

✓Coordinator: Yakabi Fumiko (Pay Equity Consulting Office)

【Registration】

Access the ticket purchase page below (Discount tickets available • Donations welcome!)

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※Deadline: February 28 (Those requesting childcare must register by February 8)

【Important Notes】

There is no parking for general visitors at the venue. Please use trains or buses.

If you cannot purchase tickets via Peatix, please contact us at the following address

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