



# Women's Declaration International

## WDI statement on Non-Violent Direct Action – 27th December 2023

Women's Declaration International has not adopted Non-Violent Direct Action as an activist tactic. WDI is committed to non-violence but does not advocate the objective of NVDA, which is understood by some to be aimed at making the violence of men's rights activists visible by placing women protesters in situations where they may be targeted.

Women's Declaration International (WDI) is a group of women volunteers from around the world who are dedicated to protecting women's sex-based rights. Our volunteers include academics, writers, organisers, journalists, activists and health professionals, and aim to represent the totality of women's human experience. The Declaration on Sex-Based Women's Rights was created by WDI's founders to remind nations of the need to maintain law and policies that protect women and girls on the basis of sex, not "gender" or "gender identity," and has been signed to date by more than 37,000 people, from 160 countries. There are 518 organisational signatories. The Declaration calls for the continued use of the language agreed to in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women which most countries in the world have ratified.

Country Chapters of WDI work in their own country to promote the Declaration in a variety of ways, including hosting meetings, running webinars, attending and speaking at conferences and networking events, creating briefing documents for policy makers and more. It is not WDI's practice to tell Country Chapters how to organise.

The US WDI chapter organized a Gender Abolition Tour in 2023 using the tactic of non-violent direct action, with the aim of making it clear that US WDI is a non-violent organisation and rejects violence. The Gender Abolition Tour involved women speaking out about the threat to women's sex-based rights posed by gender identity ideology. Unfortunately, the recent Portland event was the target of trans rights activists who injured women and damaged property. The level of violence against women concerned some who feel that WDI was unnecessarily putting women in harm's way, even though all the women who participated did so with a complete understanding of all the risks, and all the participants have said they would take those risks again to stand up for the sex-based rights of women and girls. The US chapter will continue championing the Declaration on Women's Sex-Based Rights in 2024, taking note of these concerns, and maintaining its commitment to nonviolence.

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