

Dear Friends;

We are writing to you as radical women, women who have come to realize that there are overwhelming prejudices and problems involved in being a woman in our society.

At Simon Fraser University a Women's Caucus was formed in the summer of 1968, which rapidly expanded and became very active. The original group has now divided into various co-ordinated sub-groups--one group involved in research, another in action programs, and another in internal political education within S.D.U. (Students for a Democratic University). New people are continuing to become interested and the whole movement towards women's autonomy is growing.

One of our members has recently been in contact with some of the University women's groups across Canada and from this a Western Regional Conference has been suggested. The actual structure and nature of the conference are tentatively centered around the theme of Women: Reform or Revolution? Ideally it will provide an opportunity to exchange group experiences and ideas, hopefully culminating in new possibilities for action. If it provides a focal point for your group in terms of position papers and strategies we can center the conference around these.

At the moment, however, we are only interested in the practicalities of organization. The conference is to be held in Vancouver. Two dates have been proposed, starting on a Friday evening and continuing through to Sunday. They are either April 25, 26, and 27 or May 2, 3, and 4. Would you please advise us on the date best suited for your group. We will provide billeting for all delegates but in some cases the accommodations may be somewhat primitive (eg. sleeping bags on the floor). We will make every effort to help subsidize transportation costs. However, we need fairly specific information on the number of delegates planning to attend, the means by which they will be travelling and a rough estimate on the cost. Once this information is attained we can give you more detailed plans. Could we therefore ask you to reply, either negatively or affirmatively, to the proposal of a conference and to answer, as accurately as possible, the preliminary questions. We would appreciate an answer before Feb. 28, 1969, as all our organizing hinges on your response to these questions.

We would be interested in any information regarding your group, as well as possible addresses for people to contact with conference information. Please send along your suggestions and comments. If there are questions, please ask! They may be directed towards:

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Yours truly,

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