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## International Women's Day Global Solidarity Strike

### Social Media and Talking Points Toolkit



#### Sample Facebook Posts

1. I'm on strike today. I'm withdrawing consent from the global economic system that undermines our beautiful planet and our livelihoods. #IWD2017#GlobalStrike #DayWithoutWomen #WomenStrike
2. Women are equal pillars of society, and our role can and should be recognized. Just as other brave and heroic women have in the past, I'm protesting to demonstrate just how much women contribute. #IWD2017 #GlobalStrike #DayWithoutWomen #WomenStrike
3. I'm striking in solidarity with sisters around the world. Today we are protesting against the ongoing social, legal, political, moral, verbal, economical violence against women worldwide. #IWD2017 #GlobalStrike #DayWithoutWomen #WomenStrike
4. Despite being guaranteed equal rights, women continue to see inequalities and face marginalization. Today, I am on strike in solidarity with women who want to see a better, fairer future. #IWD2017#GlobalStrike #DayWithoutWomen #WomenStrike
5. Today, I join women worldwide as we demonstrate our vital contributions to society and protest the discrimination faced in public and in private, in the workplace and at home. #IWD2017#GlobalStrike #DayWithoutWomen #WomenStrike

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6. I strike because I'm withdrawing consent from a world where only 8 men own more wealth than half the world's population. #IWD2017#GlobalStrike #DayWithoutWomen #WomenStrike
7. I strike because I'm withdrawing consent from a world where just 10 corporations have more wealth than 180 countries combined. #IWD2017 #GlobalStrike #DayWithoutWomen #WomenStrike
8. I'm on strike in solidarity with women affected by climate change and demanding climate justice. #IWD2017 #GobalCall #WomensGlobalCall #WomenClimateJustice
9. Women are the most affected by the impacts of climate change. Today, I join them in solidarity to demand that the root causes of climate change be addressed. #IWD2017 #GlobalStrike #WomenClimateJustice #SolidarityforClimateJustice
10. Climate change threatens the survival of many women, in particular the most marginalised. I stand with them today for a more just future built on climate justice. #IWD2017 #GlobalStrike #ClimateJustice #IWD2017 #WomenClimateJustice



### Sample Twitter Posts

1. In solidarity with women worldwide, I'm on strike today #GlobalStrike #DayWithoutAWomen #WomenStrike
2. Today, I'm taking a stand for equal rights to women worldwide #GlobalStrike #DayWithoutWomen #WomenStrike #IWD2017
3. I am on strike for the ongoing social, legal, political, moral, economical violence against women worldwide #GlobalStrike #WomenStrike
4. I am protesting for all women who wish to see an equal future. #GlobalStrike #DayWithoutWomen #WomenStrike #IWD2017
5. Today, I am joining women worldwide in raising our voices for equal rights and recognition. #GlobalStrike #DayWithoutWomen #WomenStrike
6. History comes from participation. I stand with women worldwide in protest to unfair and unequal treatment to demand a change. #GlobalStrike
7. By taking a stand today, I represent women's worldwide struggle against political, social, economic and physical violence. #GlobalStrike
8. Change comes from solidarity and understanding. I strike today the treatment of women worldwide, in the workplace and at home. #WomenStrike

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9. I strike in response to systems that fail women's rights. #GlobalStrike #DayWithoutWomen #WomenStrike #InternationalWomensDay
10. I am striking today in recognition of the universal rights attributed to women and against the failure to ensure them. #DayWithoutWomen
11. I strike for women affected by climate change and I demand justice now! #GlobalStrike #ClimateJustice #IWD2017
12. Today I strike for a system change NOT climate change for a better, more equal future for women #GlobalStrike #IWD2017
13. I stand in solidarity with women to demand Feminist Fossil Fuel Free Future #WomenClimateJustice

 **Talking Points**

- Our global economic and political systems are failing women. Wealth inequality is higher than we have ever known.
- Wealth Inequality is so high that just 8 men own more wealth than half the world's population
- Just 10 corporations - have more wealth than 180 countries combined
- We can change the system by collectively withdrawing our labour, consumption and consent from the existing system.
- With globalisation, fundamentalisms and militarism entrenched in our system, we can no longer rely on advocacy alone to shift policies.
- Solidarity strikes have been successful in bringing down apartheid, war, colonization and privatization.
- Boycott through solidarity from workers union around the world have shaken South Africa's economy, leading to an end to apartheid.
- Dock workers in Australia also played big role in opposing the Vietnam war and ending Indonesia's colonialism
- Demonstrations by Icelandic women gained nationwide recognition of their crucial roles to society. We can do the same through a unified strike.
- The global dominance of corporate, or neo-liberal, capitalism, has resulted in a life-threatening climate crisis. There is urgency to address the root causes of climate change: a perverse global, extractivist economy.
- The climate crisis threatens our existence but it also provides a profound opportunity -an opportunity to address the gendered and colonial origins of our global economy.