CALL TO ALL WOMEN

WOMEN’S STRIKE
FEMINIST STRIKE

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In Switzerland as in many countries we demonstrate for equality and against sexism and discrimination. But today we want to go further. We want a women’s strike, a feminist strike on 14th June 2019.

We are fed up with waiting. 37 years ago, an article on equality was introduced in the Swiss constitution and for 22 years, Switzerland has had a law on equality. But our salaries and pensions keep decreasing and often remain pitiful. Many of us work part-time because women* still provide two thirds of domestic, educational and care work. Because we do the cleaning, cooking and washing, and we look after the children, grandchildren, as well as our ill and elderly relatives. This work is unpaid, although it produces wealth and Switzerland could not function without it. Our work must be valued!

We have had enough of sexism and violence. Equality means living without the fear of being attacked, working without the fear of being harassed. It means going home without the fear of being abused. It means respecting our bodies and our lives, putting an end to all violence against women* and recognising our right to decide by and for ourselves.

We want a society based on equality and solidarity, without discrimination, without sexism and violence against women*, regardless of the colour of our skin, our culture, our origin or religion, our passport, our sexual and gender identity, our age or social status.

This is why we will be on strike on 14th June 2019.

Our strike will be global. It will take place at workplaces and at home. Each and every one of us will do as much as they can, whether this means refusing to work, disrupting instead of cleaning, occupying public space day and night! We will strike not against men, but against a patriarchal system that has run its course. On 14th June 2019, solidarity men will be invited to support all women* on strike.

Join us!

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* Everyone except cisgender men (men whose gender identity corresponds to the sex they were assigned at birth).