

# INTRODUCTION

In the United States, people are taught only the skills they need to know in order to do their jobs. Education is used to create citizens who will be useful to those in power. People are not taught to understand how the entire society operates or how society could be changed.

For most women this means that education only fits us for such roles as housewife and mother, follower and listener, secretary and unskilled worker, sex object and emotional comforter. We are taught only the skills and information necessary for us to serve men. Women are almost never given the information which would allow us to control our own lives, or change society. We rarely learn the history of struggles for women's rights. We are almost never taught how a corporation functions, what inflation is, how a car works or about our own bodies. This lack of knowledge not only makes women feel inferior but keeps us passive and dependent upon males for guidance.



The LIBERATION SCHOOL FOR WOMEN is a step toward challenging women's oppression. Through the school we learn about ourselves, our histories, our roles in society, our strengths, and our intellectual capabilities.

The LIBERATION SCHOOL FOR WOMEN is a project of the CHICAGO WOMEN'S LIBERATION UNION, 2748 N. Lincoln, Chicago, Illinois, 60614, (953-6808). Classes meet weekly for eight weeks, and are open to any woman who registers and who gives \$4.00 per class, if possible. To register in advance, call the convener who is listed in the brochure. You may also register at our orientation, where you can learn about the CWLU, and meet and talk with convenors and other women taking classes. Entertainment too!!

**ORIENTATION, OCT. 14, 7.30 P.M.**

**WELLINGTON CHURCH,**

**615 W.WELLINGTON**

# CHILDCARE

Liberation School believes that childcare is a collective responsibility and that women should not be prevented from taking classes because they lack care for their children.

We are in the process of setting up a child care cooperative that we hope women taking classes will be able to use.

If you will be needing childcare for classes and at other times as well, or if you would like to **volunteer** a few hours a week for this important and **rewarding** part of Liberation School, please call Margaret at 477-4271.

Please let us know by October 4, 1974, so that we can make adequate childcare arrangements for the coming session.



## Introductory Readings in Women's Liberation

This course consists of talking and reading about our feelings, our experiences, and our ideas as women. We will discuss our relationships, our bodies, our work, and our sexuality as they have been defined as well as our questions about these pre-determined roles.

For further information call Marian Schriener (283-5481) or Melissa Hessler (953-6416).

## Our Bodies, Ourselves

The purpose of this course is to enable us, as women, to gain greater control over our lives through understanding our bodies and ourselves. The course will be based on the book Our Bodies, Ourselves and additional material supplied by the convenors.

Classes will meet on Wednesdays at the Emma Goldman Women's Clinic at 1317 West Loyola. For further information call Whitney (538-4531) or Emma Goldman Clinic (262-8870).



## Prepared Childbirth

We will introduce the Lamaze method and practice relaxation, body building and breathing technique. We will discuss the history of childbirth, home and hospital deliveries, progressive advances in maternal care, and general baby care. This class provides women the opportunity to explore their feelings during pregnancy. All women are invited to attend.

For information on time and place call Kerry Lacko (761-3856) or Pat Duffy (472-9474).

## Women Workers in Medieval Times

We will learn about the affirmative things women did, rather than about the ways they were oppressed. Women had important knowledge and skills, such as the practice of midwifery and herbal medicine. They held a variety of jobs in the country and in the town. Women also participated in religious movements (both pagan and Christian), and in revolts and revolutions. We will start with the thirteenth century, because capitalism was beginning at that time, and we will study the economic conditions that are the background for both work and revolt.

Tuesdays at 7:30, 5303 S. Woodlawn (possibly with alternate meetings on the North Side). Barbara Morgan (288-6657).

## Early Feminists

The goal of the course is to do research and study on the impact that selected women have had on the course of history. The first two or three weeks of class will deal with the better-known 19th and 20th century feminists, using the book Feminism: The Essential Historical Writings and supplementary articles. During the last six weeks, individuals will do independent research assignments on little known feminists in history. During the research phases of the course the class will probably meet every other week. The data will be compiled and added to the CWLU library. Classes will be held on the north side on Mondays. Call Eileen (525-4861) or Juanita (641-5570).



## How to Organize a Rap Group

A one-day workshop on organizing rap groups for women who are new to the ideas of women's liberation, as well as women who are already involved in the movement and need a political support group. Techniques for forming a group, keeping it going, and giving it direction will be emphasized.

The workshop will be October 27, 1974  
For further information call Sarah (528-5428) or  
Mary Ann (929-4883).

# Politics of the Health Care Delivery System

This course is designed as a study group for women who are in health workgroups, women who are or have been or will be health workers, or who have a strong interest in organizing around health issues. We want to share information and resources for understanding the health care delivery system and what seem to be issues in the broader health care movement, since it seems important that the women's health movement take that context into account in planning program and strategy. We also hope to provide a forum for the sharing of information and planning among women's health groups in the city. Monday nights.

Convenors: Lauren Crawford, Miriam Desmond & Jenny Knauss  
(contact Lauren or Jenny at 996-6646 (days) after Sept. 24th)



## China Today

This is a course on the People's Republic of China convened by women who were in China in August, 1973. We will be looking at Chinese history and geography, women in China, peasants and workers, health care, education and other topics.

For further information on time and place call Martha (953-8928) or Pam (929-5004).



## Women as Short Story Writers

This course will be a survey of women short story writers in America from the 17th century to the present. We will study the various writers' techniques, themes, and sources of their works. We will be reading selections from Rebecca Harding Davis, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Sarah Orne Jewett, and Kate Chopin. We will also study Katherine Mansfield, Dorothy Parker, Flannery O'Connor, Tillie Olsen, Grace Paley, Kay Boyle, Carol Emshwiller, and Alice Walker.

We would like to spend two to three weeks reading the works of our closer contemporaries with selections discovered in Aphra and Ms.

Meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 7:30, place to be announced. Call Beth at 525-4673 or Betty at 472-3086.

## Women and Publishing

The staff of Black Maria, a feminist quarterly published in Chicago, are offering a workshop on feminist publishing. We plan to talk about the skills needed to produce a magazine, the distribution of it, and the staff's point of view on publishing women's writing in relation to the women's liberation movement.

For further details call Fran (929-4883) or Betty (472-3086).

## Layout and Design

This will be a two-session workshop to teach the elements of layout and design. The emphasis will be on layout for photo-offset printing, but there will also be information on other methods of printing, such as mimeograph and silk-screen. We will discuss designing leaflets, posters, pamphlets, and other things, and will spend some time actually designing these things. This workshop should be particularly useful for women who expect to be designing leaflets and other material for their work in the women's movement; it should also be useful for women who are interested in getting more involved in the women's movement. Sunday, Nov. 17th and Sunday, Nov. 24th - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (place to be arranged)

Convenors: Judy Sayad, Ph: 278-0949 and  
Elaine Wessel Ph: 643-0969(H)  
or 341-3650(W)



## Political History of the C.W.L.U.

The purpose of this workshop is to help women just getting active in the CWLU to know the organization and talk about events like the founding Palatine conference and the April, 1971 membership conference and what the implications of these events have been for us. The workshop is intended for women who have some commitment to the CWLU and need a group to find their way around in.

The workshop will be held on December 15, 1974 at 2748 N. Lincoln. The cut-off date for registration is November 27, 1974. Call Chris ( 953-6808 ) or Elaine ( 643-0969 or 341-3650 ) for further information.

## Outreach

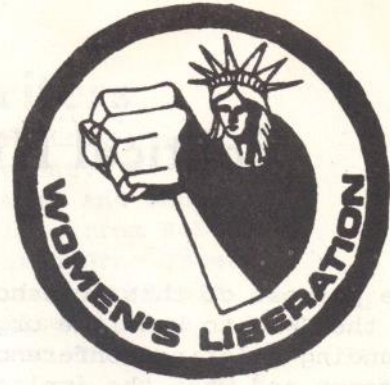
The Outreach Workgroup of CWLU will hold a workshop at 2748 N. Lincoln ( CWLU office ) on October 27 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Discussions will consist of the work that has been done in the neighborhood parks to promote more organized activity for women. There will be role-playing by the audience and workgroup members so that participants will have an opportunity to practice outreach skills. A short history of the group, followed by a brief discussion on women's liberation will also be in the program. For further details call the Chicago Women's Liberation Union office at 953-6808.

## Speaker's Training

During this speaker's training session, we will find out how to do public speaking and do role playing to give us experience in it. There will be resource people who have had experience in public speaking on women's liberation. We will also have available handouts with information on various topics.

The workshop will be held Sunday, October 20 at the CWLU office, 2748 N. Lincoln. For more information call Chris at 953-6808.





## Self-Defense

A basic self-defense course that combines technique of karate, judo and common sense. Designed for women of all ages - with or without some kind of previous experience - the emphasis is on practical, workable solutions. For more information call the YWCA, 37 S. Wabash, Ph: 372-6600.

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