

Netherlands Association for Women's Interests, Women's Work and Equal Citizenship

The Netherlands Association for Women's Interests started in 1894 as the Association for Women's Suffrage. It is not linked to any political party. Its members form a cross-section of political and non-political women from different social sectors, all involved in placing women's issues on the political agenda. It is affiliated with the International Alliance of Women (IAW). The IAW's aim is Equal Rights - Equal Responsibilities. Equal political participation is one of its most important prerequisites. IAW has an NGO-consultative status with various UN and other official international bodies.

The Action Men/Women 50/50 of the Netherlands Association for Women's Interests started in 1985 and aims at achieving equal representation of women and men - 50/50 - in political functions - by the year 2000! The Action M/W 50/50 wants to realize the democratic principle that representative bodies should reflect the composition of the population.

The Association for Women's Interests uses four strategies:

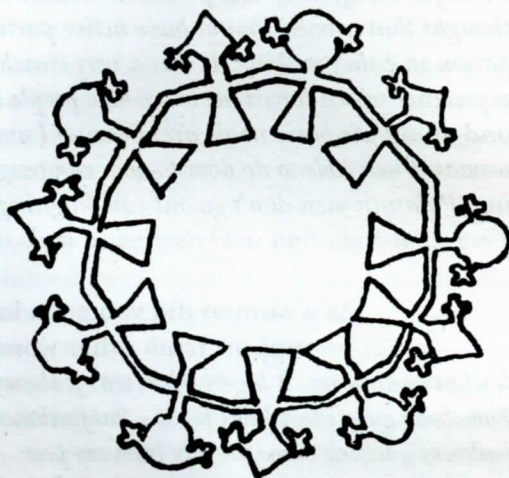
- ★ to broaden public support through consultation and cooperation with women's organizations and national machineries;
- ★ to emphasize the tremendous disadvantage women have in politics compared to men and seek ways to improve the situation;
- ★ to influence the attitudes and behavior by stimulating discussion on positive action and by propagating measures why and how the

number of women in politics can and should be increased; and

- ★ to issue press releases and letters to both print and broadcast media.

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Liberal Women's Brain Pool in Mongolia

Liberal Women's Brain Pool (LEOS) is a voluntary non-governmental organization uniting the women supporting democratic views and processes. Its aim is to study the possibility of promoting talented professional women to serve the state and government 's economic and political decision-making positions.

It was founded on October 20, 1992 on the basis of a historical tradition admiring Mongolian women's wisdom, knowledge and ability; Mongolia's present social demand and con-