

media web resources

girls, women + media project

The Girls, Women + Media Project is a non-profit network initiative seeking to increase awareness of how pop culture and media represent, affect, employ, and serve girls and women, and to advocate for improvement in these activities. The Project also aims to educate citizens about consumer rights and responsibilities regarding the media, and to promote universal media literacy. The Website has two major areas:

- resources for the enhanced awareness of students, teachers, parents, community leaders, media-makers of the particular consumer issues relating to women and girls, and suggestions on how to be active for change; and,
- "I-CAN!" or the "Involved Consumers Action Network," a large and growing list of concerned individuals and organisations.

Language: English

<http://www.mediaandwomen.org/>

African Women's Media Center

The African Women's Media Center (AWMC) works with women's media networks, media associations, NGOs, and media companies and individuals. Its programmes for women journalists throughout Africa include:

- training workshops and seminars on media management and leadership, specialised business and economics reporting, development and politics, and computer-assisted reporting;
- networking opportunities for the exchange of experiences and development of common strategies to deal with discrimination and sexual harassment in the newsroom, balance work and family responsibilities, and build coalitions; and,
- a clearinghouse of information on fellowship, scholarship and exchange opportunities in Africa and abroad and a database of African women journalists and their expertise.

Language: English and French

<http://www.awmc.com/>

Arab Women's Media Centre

Arab Women's Media Centre is concerned with media work (print, audio and video) that focuses on women, children and family rights. The group's concerns are:

- the status of Arab women and their human rights;
- data collection about Arab women;
- conducts research work, workshop and seminars;
- reports, cases, and status briefs open to possible publishing and feedback—whether from NGOs of governmental bodies; pamphlets, and documentary films;
- offers on-the-job training for new women graduates of media-related courses; and,
- provides support to unemployed media women through regular or part-time employment with the group's reconnaissance's project.

Language: English and Arabic

<http://odag.org/awmc/>

Asociación de Comunicaciones Feminist Interactive Radio Endeavour (AC FIRE)

AC FIRE was borne out of Feminist International Radio Endeavour or FIRE, originally a short-wave radio programme by and about women. Since its beginning, FIRE sought to create a communication channel on short-wave where women's diverse voices can be heard by the international community. It also re-broadcasts radio productions by women around the world. FIRE, in turn, has also been broadcast worldwide by women producers of radio programmes. It has been featured several times in alternative and mainstream press and books, and on the television and the Internet.

Language: English and Spanish

<http://www.fire.or.cr>

Association for Women in Sports Media

The Association for Women in Sports Media (AWSM) is a 14-year-old worldwide organisation of more than 600 women and men employed in sports writing and editing, sports broadcasts and productions, and public relations. Although the presence of women in sports journalism may no longer be unusual, women in sports media still face the same obstacles Melissa Ludtke did as a reporter for *Sports Illustrated* in 1977 when major league baseball excluded women from interviewing players in the locker rooms. AWSM seeks to hurdle these roadblocks with a unified voice.

Language: English

<http://www.awsmonline.org>

International Women's Media Foundation

The International Women's Media Foundation (IWMF) was launched in 1990 to strengthen the role of women in the news media around the world, on the belief that no press is truly free unless women share an equal voice. Since then, the IWMF has built a network of women journalists from more than 100 countries who are committed to strengthening the role of women within the media. In a profession where women are often isolated from their colleagues and have little access to support systems, the IWMF network serves as a vehicle to make connections and build alliances. A key component in all IWMF programmes is the exchange of ideas, skills and knowledge to enhance women journalists' professional capabilities. The IWMF responds to women journalists' needs for learning and growth by offering critical leadership development tools and training in the techniques of a free press and in the business of the news media.

Language: English

<http://www.iwmf.org>

Media Channel: As the Media Watch the World, We Watch the Media

MediaChannel.org is a public-interest Website dedicated to global media issues. It offers news, reports and commentary from an international network of media organisations and publications, as well as original features from contributors and staff. It is concerned with the political, cultural and social impacts of the media, large and small. Media Channel exists to provide information and diverse perspectives and inspire debate, collaboration, action and citizen engagement. Media Channel aims to improve journalism, secure communication rights, support independent media, and defend cultural diversity and free expression worldwide.

Language: English

<http://www.mediachannel.org/>

Media Report to Women

Media Report to Women provides information on all types of media—television, cable, film, radio, newspapers, magazines, newsletters, the Internet and other emerging media—and the ways they depict women and issues of interest to women. Founded in 1972, Media Report to Women pioneered the discussion of the ways that advertising, print and TV journalism and broadcast, and movie programming depict the lives of women. It also reports on how audiences respond to those images, and what effects these images have on women and girls, and men and boys.

Language: English

<http://www.mediareporttowomen.com>

National Women's Media Centre

The National Women's Media Centre (NWMC) is a national women's organisation dedicated to developing media ethics in Australia that assumes the equality of women and men in all aspects of its operations. The NWMC provides a focus for issues related to the portrayal of women in the media. It has branches in all States and Territories of Australia, except the Northern Territory.

Language: English

<http://www.nwmc.org.au/>

Sancharika Samuha

Sancharika Samuha (SAS) is a Forum of Women Communicators established in April 1996 following the Beijing Conference. In line with the strategic objectives of section J (Women and Media) of the Beijing Platform For Action (BPFA), SAS focuses on programmes designed to increase the participation and access of women to expression and decision-making through the media and to promoting a balanced, non-stereotyped portrayal of women in media.

Language: English

<http://www.sancharika.org/>

WINGS: Women's International News Gathering Service

WINGS, an all-women independent radio production company producing and distributing news and current affairs programmes by and about women around the world. WINGS' programmes are used by non-commercial radio stations, women's studies institutions, and individuals. Programmes can be heard on local radio stations, on short-wave, on the Internet, and on cassettes. The site offers consultations and training for women in community radio production. There are also updates on stories about women's media. Listen to broadcasts in Real Audio format on the Website.

Language: English

<http://www.wings.org/>

Women's Educational Media

The mission of Women's Educational Media (WEM) is to produce and distribute documentary films and video that offer a perspective of how economic and social justice can be achieved, and to inspire diverse audiences to put their beliefs to action. WEM also undertakes independent projects for non-profit, public-interest clients as support to

these organisations' public education, organising, and fund-raising capabilities. WEM also provides technical assistance and fiscal sponsorship for other social-change media projects and filmmakers.

Language: English

<http://www.womedia.org>

Women On the Web/ElectronicMedia

Women On the Web/ElectronicMedia (WOW/EM) is oriented to young women in high school and college interested in music and art—whether choral or instrumental, pottery and drawing, as well as those who like mathematics, science or computers. WOW/EM features a variety of articles and pages on the media arts, along with career choices, schools and degrees, technical information, and even historical facts about the technological arts.

Language: English

<http://music.dartmouth.edu/~wowem/>

Women's Online Media

Established in August 1995 by seven women in Japan, Women's Online Media (WOM) is an independent non-profit organisation of women from diverse backgrounds, including company employees, homemakers and students. WOM aims to introduce women to the use of the Internet for their various activities. With the spread of the use of the Internet throughout the world, WOM wants to serve as an accessible conduit to the overwhelming amount of information about women, women's studies, and women's issues on the Net. It hopes to dispatch information not typically available in official publications and government announcements on the current situation of Japanese women, as well as to assist in building a network of the different women's groups throughout Japan.

Language: English and Japanese

<http://wom-jp.org/indexE.html>