

IWD Meanjin Brisbane

Sending greetings, solidarity and congratulations to AAWAA
on the occasion of your 2024 Summit



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IWD Meanjin Brisbane began as a Facebook page in 2017 in response to the takeover in Brisbane of annual IWD events by liberal and 'socialist' feminists captured by gender ideology. A few women's rights advocates made plans to host a genuinely feminist IWD rally and march for 2018. Aware that Socialist Alliance and the Greens had called for violence against us, we alerted Police to the likelihood of our rally and march being disrupted. The Police turned up in adequate numbers to quickly prevent women being shoved and jostled by the anti woman interlopers. They did not prevent our march being taken over however by loud male voices shouting hostile slogans to drown out the women's slogans which focussed on lesbian rights and the prevention of men's violence against women.

The annual feminist IWD rally and march has continued since 2018 – in 2023 the rally had to be delayed until Police reinforcements arrived to hold back the trans who were determined to disrupt. While the rally was eventually held, that year we cancelled the march on Police advice.

In 2019 IWD Meanjin Brisbane began a series of in real life public meetings with speakers who focus on the harms to women, lesbians, girls and children of gender ideology and sex self identification - and related issues such as men's violence against women, lesbian struggles against discrimination, the rise of porn, prostitution and surrogacy. Some parts of some of the meetings are recorded on the IWD Brisbane YouTube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/@iwdbristbane3116>

In 2020 IWD MB initiated an annual Women's Liberation Conference. As with the public meetings, some parts of some of the conferences may be viewed on the YouTube channel. Plans are underway for the 6th annual Brisbane Women's Liberation Conference to be held 7 and 8 March 2025. From 2025 the annual IWD rally is being organised by a separate pro woman group.

If you would like to submit a proposal to present at the 2025 Women's Liberation Conference contact iwdbrisanemeanjin@gmail.com as soon as possible. Formal proposals must be in by 8 November 2024.

In 2021, in addition to the annual IWD rally, a small group of IWD MB women and men began to take to the streets to highlight our opposition to Qld Government plans to legislate for sex self identification. We'd walk through Southbank and Brisbane's CBD holding our corflutes. The next

year, 2022, we hosted a number of monthly rallies with speakers, followed by a walk through Brisbane's CBD. Following the Posie Parker visit to Brisbane, hosting of the monthly speak out protests was taken over by Woman Up Qld. We occasionally hold other street events in conjunction with Woman Up.

Since June 2023 when sex self identification was legislated for by the Qld Labor Government, we've held monthly street protests at the electorate offices of Labor MPs on the Southside of Brisbane. To date we've held 17 protests. Usually there are only 2 or 3 of us but we enjoy motorist support. Sadly there are not yet enough women's rights activists on the Northside of Brisbane to hold similar protests there.

2023 also saw IWD MB host the 2 day conference "Lesbian Lives: Visibility, Activism, Women's Rights". Although it was open to non lesbian women as well, all presenters were lesbians. It was the first lesbian conference to be held in Australia since 1994.

Onwards the struggle. Enjoy your activist Summit.

