

# International Women's Day 2004

The oppression and exploitation of globalisation and devastation of war falls heaviest on women.

The first victims of today's wars are women and children, with 90 percent of those who die being civilians.

Equal pay is a fundamental right, but women worldwide are still being paid between 10 and 50 percent less than men for doing similar work or jobs of comparable worth.

Fighting for the right to an education, control of their bodies, access to health services, economic independence and a life free from violence is a fight for community.

Powerful conservative and reactionary forces line up against women and workers, placing profits before lives.

Women workers everywhere continue the struggle against oppression and exploitation with dignity, determination and strength.



## Workers change the world

Australia Asia Worker Links was founded to build links between unions and labour organization in the Asia Pacific region. AAWL develops these links by organising union training programmes, solidarity exchange visits and by building campaigns to support worker's disputes and political prisoners in the region.

AAWL meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at Trades Hall, 54 Victoria Street, Carlton South.

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