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# WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

## BRINGING THE GLOBAL LOCAL WITH CAWA AND CEDAW

Saturday, August 27, 2016



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Join the conversation. Shape California Women's Agenda (CAWA). Engage with Cities for CEDAW Campaign.



## WELCOME to Women's Intercultural Network's 10th WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

This is a historic year and we have a lot to celebrate. Burned out as we all are we decided to just have a glass of wine, some good food, listen to awesome women's music, watch some film clips, and enjoy conversations that will make a difference.

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS IN LOS ANGELES:

SOON-YOUNG YOON, Past Chair, Ex-Officio to UN NGO

Committee on the Status of Women, NYC and Founder, CITIES FOR CEDAW CAMPAIGN;

SOLMAZ SHARIF, Essayist and Poet, with newly published "Look",

JAN ROBINSON FLINT women's health leader and Founder, Executive Director of Black Women for Wellness, Los Angeles.

GRUPO BELLA, Mariachis; vocals by SHAHLA SAROKHANI and S.H.I.N.E. MUWASI, Drummers

**BACKGROUND:** Every five years WIN 'reboots' California's platform for Action that goes to the women's global agenda at the UN. This year LENKA BELKOVA will share the 2017 **CAWA** report with you for feedback in mapping a state action plan to stop violence against women, focus on girl's needs, climate and water crisis and peace locally and globally

Our overarching focus is **implementing CEDAW ordinances** as a comprehensive policy tool for women's advancement globally and locally. Since there has been no US Women's Platform for Action since 2000, we hope to ignite one for 2017.

PLEASE JOIN US TO MOBILIZE FOR EQUALITY,  
DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE!



## Previous WIN Award Winners

**2015**

**Circle of Courage Award**

Esta Soler  
Patti Chang  
Joanne Hayes-White

**Jedi Knight Award**

Dan Bernal

**2014**

**Circle of Courage Award**

Marily Mondejar  
Krishanti Dharmaraj  
Jene McCovey

**Jedi Knight Award**

George Gascon

**2013**

**Princess Leia Award**

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi

**Circle of Courage**

Lys Anzia

**2012**

**Circle of Courage Award**

Lynne Woolsey  
Graciela Martinez  
Roma Guy  
Carol Norberg

**Jedi Knight Award**

Mark Norberg

**2011**

**Jedi Knight Award**

Hon. Willie L. Brown

**2010**

**Circle of Courage Award**

Elisa Maria Sanchez  
Elahe Amani  
Madeline Duckles

**Jedi Knight Award**

Jeff Adachi

**2008**

**Circle of Courage Award**

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi

**2007**

**Circle of Courage Award**

Yuri Kochiyama  
Dian J. Harrison  
Dr. Raye Richardson  
Gracia Molina de Pick

**Jedi Knight Award**

Jerry Flynn  
Steven Graves  
Reginald Major

**2006**

**Circle of Courage Award**

Aileen C. Hernandez

**2005**

**Circle of Courage Award**

Billie Heller  
Olivia Puentes Reynolds

**2004**

**Circle of Courage Award**

Congresswoman  
Barbara Lee

**2003**

**Circle of Courage Award**

Senator Barbara Boxer



## 2016 WED Circle of Courage Winners



### Janette Robinson Flint

Jan Robinson Flint has been serving her community as a public health professional for over 30 years. She attended the University of Southern California where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She is a community professional at Charles Drew University, where she teaches public health professionals, doctors, and nurses about reproductive justice and the impact of health policies on minority groups. Jan is also a member of the African American Studies Community Advisory Committee at UCLA.

Early in her career, she worked as a peer educator informing women in Los Angeles targeting HIV education and outreach to Black women. Janette Flint is involved in the Women's Health Collaborative, California Pan Ethnic Health Network, the African American Task Force and the Leadership Development in Interethnic Relationships Advisory Council.



### Solmaz Sharif

Born in Istanbul to Iranian parents, Solmaz Sharif holds degrees from U.C. Berkeley, where she studied and taught with June Jordan's Poetry for the People, and New York University. Her work has appeared in *The New Republic*, *Poetry*, *The Kenyon Review*, *Jubilat*, *Granta*, and others. The former managing director of the Asian American Writers' Workshop, her work has been recognized with a "Discovery"/Boston Review Poetry Prize, scholarships from NYU and the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, a winter fellowship at the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, an NEA fellowship, and a Stegner Fellowship. She was recently selected to receive a 2014 Rona Jaffe Foundation Writer's Award as well as a Ruth Lilly and Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Fellowship. She is currently a Jones Lecturer at Stanford University. Her first poetry collection, *LOOK*, is published by Graywolf Press, 2016.



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### Soon-Young Yoon

Soon-Young Yoon' serves as the UN representative for the International Alliance of Women and Chair of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women/NY and First Vice-President of the Conference of NGOs in consultative relationship with the UN, she helps to organize the world's women in support of CEDAW and the Beijing Platform for Action.

In 1995, she served as the UN Liaison for the NGO Forum held parallel with the UN Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China - an event that hosted more than 30,000 NGO participants.

She often says "I work for the UN and sometimes I get paid". Ms. Yoon is a board member of the Global Advisory Council at the Harvard AIDS Initiative, Women's Environment and Development Organization and the International Foundation for Ewha Womans University. A former columnist for the *EarthTimes* newspaper, she works as a senior advisor/consultant for the World Health Organization. She received her PhD in Anthropology from the U of Michigan and earned a certificate in computer graphics from Pratt Institute of Art. She is known more recently as the visionary and 'founder' of the Cities for CEDAW Campaign that was launched at the UN CSW in March 2014 and has 65 cities engaged. In November 2016 she took the Campaign global.





**WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY 2016  
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EMCEE: Gabriela Valle

**Grupo Bella** Mariachis welcoming you as you **Arrive**,

**Register, and Network** with light foods, wine and music

**Welcome and Acknowledgements:**

- **Jan Robinson Flint** , Co-Chair, Women's Intercultural Network (WIN), Founder and Executive Director, Black Women for Wellness
- **Marilyn Fowler**, President/CEO, Women's Intercultural Network (WIN)

**Video Clips:** CAWA, WIN and Beijing Platform 'Conversations'

WIN Circles of Courage Award to **Solmaz Sharif**, Essayist and Poet of award winning "Look", presented by **Elahe Amani**, WIN Global Council Chair, Director of Technology Services , California State University Fullerton

Community Conversations: "**Peace and Conflict: Women as Peacemakers – Locally and Globally**"

Moderated by **Elahe Amani**

Conversants:

- **Jan Robinson Flint**, Founder & Executive Director Black Women for Wellness
- **Fran Faraz**, Faculty & Coordinator, Peace Studies at Golden West College
- **Annie Pirmoradi**, International entrepreneur, pianist, Academies of Music in 3 countries

**Video Clips:** WIN global Circles, United Nations and CEDAW Projects

**Break**



WIN Circles of Courage Award to **Soon-Young Yoon** , Former Chair, **UN NGO CSW** and Founder, **Cities for CEDAW Campaign**, Presented by **Marilyn Fowler** and **June Zeitlin** , Director, Human Rights Policy, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights & The Leadership Conference Education Fund

**Streaming Soon-Young Yoon's remarks** to WIN's Women's Equality Day at African American Art and Culture Complex, San Francisco, California

Community Conversation: "**Implementing CEDAW locally and globally, a tool for equality, development and peace**",

Moderated by June Zeitlin

**Video Clips:** 2016 CAWA Report & Platform for Action, Lenka Bekova, Associate Director, WIN

Conversants:

- **Soon-Young Yoon** , see bio page
- **Tanya Pineda**, Los Angeles Mayor's Office, Budget, Innovation and Excellence, the LA I-team, @lainnovates
- **Gloria Salas**, Board of Directors, CEDAW, Zonta Club of Burbank
- **Nazanin Amani**, Iranian Circle of Women's Intercultural Network (ICWIN)
- **Shahla Sarokhani** "The Jewel of Persia", Vocals in Turkish, Farsi and English, Pianist: Mr.Yousefzamani

WIN Circle of Courage Award to **Jan Robinson Flint**, presented by **Nourbese Flint**, MPH, Program Manager, Black Women for Wellness

**S.H.I.N.E. Muwasi**, Drummers

**Networking** – Continue the Conversation

**Adjourn in Peace**