

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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Nowadays sexual harassment, gender inequality and sexist patriarchy are still occurring. Society is fighting against these abuses and the 8th of March was an opportunity to protest against them. But, why is it such an important day?

The International Women's day is celebrated on March 8 to honour the thousands of women that decided to protest in 1857 against their horrible work conditions. Today, after we have gained the right to vote as well as a lot of social improvements, we have to keep protesting to reach full equality, which we don't have yet.

It is said that a feminist strike nowadays isn't necessary because some people still believe that men and women are treated equal and have the same rights. However, surveys have shown that the glass ceiling, women's rapes, gender violence and unfair differences between men and women's salaries still exist. Because of that, we all need to join in the feminist movement and support the initiatives -such as the 8th of March strike- that will improve our situation.

To conclude, this historic day is the proof that our society is fighting against sexist situations, even though not everyone is supporting our movement. Finally, if all of us join together, we will be able to change it.