



MISSION

The International Museum of Women's mission is to value the lives of women around the world.

The International Museum of Women (I.M.O.W.) is a groundbreaking social change museum that connects and inspires people with powerful ideas and new ways of thinking that transform women's lives and the world. I.M.O.W. does this by amplifying the voices of women worldwide through history, the arts and cultural programs that educate, create dialogue, build community and inspire action.

I.M.O.W. is a 501(c)(3) organization and operates under a Board of Directors. I.M.O.W. engages its Global Council and International Exhibition Committee to advise it on its development and programming. A team of fifteen and a dedicated volunteer base of over 100 bring diverse knowledge and experience to I.M.O.W.

PROGRAMS

I.M.O.W. exhibitions, education and events programming are offered globally and locally in the San Francisco Bay Area. I.M.O.W. goals are to:

- Provide world-class arts and cultural exhibitions that educate, engage and entertain visitors around the world;
- Leverage technology to build community and to deliver educational programming that fosters an understanding of global issues affecting women worldwide and serves as a catalyst for positive social change;
- Bring together women world leaders in conversation about extraordinary stories and provocative ideas concerning social change;
- Engage with local, national and international organizations in collaborative relationships that serve girls and women worldwide.

MEMBERSHIP

The International Museum of Women welcomes general members beginning at \$50, with a student/senior membership at \$35. The membership program includes many levels and benefits. For more information or to join, please visit www.imow.org.

HISTORY

I.M.O.W. was founded as the Women's Heritage Museum in 1985. In 1997, the Board began developing plans for a major museum in San Francisco, and subsequently changed its name and scope to the International Museum of Women. Since its inception in 1997, I.M.O.W. has organized seven major exhibitions, hosted public forums, developed educational curriculum for schools and created a speaker series drawing world-class artists, authors and political leaders.

In 2005, I.M.O.W. embarked on a plan to build a new kind of museum and developed multi-faceted strategies to engage and impact women around the world through strategic partnerships, innovative online exhibitions and local events. In 2006, I.M.O.W.'s strategy culminated with the launching of **Imagining Ourselves: A Global Generation of Women**, I.M.O.W.'s first interactive, multi-lingual online exhibition that connected more than a million participants around the world. The wildly successful project garnered worldwide recognition and honors including the Anita Borg Social Impact Award.

I.M.O.W.'s imaginative, unique and cutting-edge approach continues in 2008 with the launch of the global online exhibition, **Women, Power and Politics**, which runs until December 31, 2008 in four languages—Arabic, English, French and Spanish—just as the spotlight intensifies on the groundbreaking campaigns, elections and leadership of women from Liberia to Argentina to the United States.

The exhibition connects visitors to the stories of women who have harnessed politics and power to transform women's lives and society. Through the exhibition, online community and a live speaker series **Women, Power and Politics** sparks conversations to inspire women to take action in their own communities as well as participate in broader political arenas.

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