

Dear members!

First of all we would like to wish you a happy international women's day !

As you can see in our calendar, there are lots of new activities for this month. So feel free to join in and to become an active member of the women's movement.

### March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 VAW: Case management 6-9.30 pm	9	10	11	12 Tea Talk: Reclaiming Rights 1.30 pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 AGM 2.30-7pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 AWAM orientation 10am-5pm
27	28					

#### FROM THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN - COMMITTEE (VAW)

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##### Upcoming events:

- Watch out for the next Tea Talk on "Reclaiming Rights" which will be held this 12<sup>th</sup> March in conjunction with International Women's Day month. Come see if you have led a life the way you wanted or can you enhance on your everyday life. We'll take you on a journey of your life!
- On the 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011, a new batch of "legal assistants" are in service for providing legal information at AWAM's Legal Information Clinic. For the year 2010, we assisted in 330 cases requiring legal information. In January 2011, we had 11 cases.

*Date*  
12th March 2011  
(Saturday)

*Time*  
2:00-6:00pm  
(Registration 1:30pm)

*Fee*  
RM10 per person

**FOR AWAM  
CLIENTS &  
MEMBERS ONLY**

## TeaTalk: Reclaiming Rights

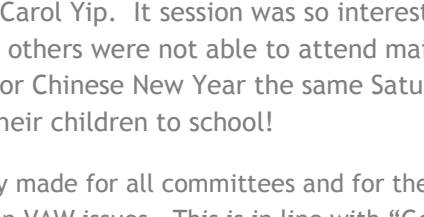
FACILITATOR: MS. BETTY YEOH

### WOMEN'S RIGHTS = HUMAN RIGHTS

*Have you experienced a time when you were not allowed to do something you wanted? Do you have a right to decide on what you want? Where did you get this right? What happens if these rights are violated? How do you reclaim these rights?*

*Come & find out:*

- what are some fundamental human rights
- what gender equality means.
- what the Universal Declaration of Human Rights guarantees
- what CEDAW is committed to



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- Look out for this space in the next issue of E-Link for the programs and activities of VAW Committee for 2011.
- Join us if you are interested in any of these activities: para-counseling, legal outreach, supporting women with living skills and other project activities

##### Past events:

- Tea-Talk "101 Series" : "Money Matters" Part II workshop - Out of a total of 15 participants who had signed up initially, only 4 attended. These 4 really benefited from individually coaching from Carol Yip. It session was so interesting that we had to extend the session time. The others were not able to attend mainly because of additional replacement classes for Chinese New Year the same Saturday. Most of these super-mums had to send their children to school!
- Several decisions were collectively made for all committees and for the VAW committee it was to strengthen our training on VAW issues. This is in line with "Gender Sensitization of Service Providers" being the main project for VAW Committee in 2011. We will need trainers and facilitators. Do write to offer your service if you like to be a trainer or help in this project.

#### FROM THE ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP (OD)

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##### Upcoming events:

- AGM: AWAM invites all of you to come to the Annual General Meeting on the 19th of March which begins at 2.30pm, ending with a high tea. Please come as some interesting highlights await you!

#### FROM THE TRAINING COMMITTEE

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##### Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop

For those who want to be trained in:

- gender & sexuality
- women's rights & leadership
- violence against women issues
- women's human rights
- presentation and facilitation skills

Using a participatory approach, the programme will include exposure trips to help participants understand the issues better.

Date: 8-10 April; Place: TBC; Interested? Contact Shu Shi : 012 8756179/037874221.

##### Report:

- AWAM's strength in carrying training and talks is well-known among both Government and Non-Government sectors. In the last couple of year, it was mainly a coordinated activity unlike other committees.
- A Training Committee was requested to be set up to plan, implement and coordinate training activities of AWAM. The current Training Committee was set up in November 2010.
- This committee oversees training, internally for members and externally, for requests on trainings and talks from various sectors of community and society.
- Last year, AWAM conducted 38 training activities covering 1680 participants from corporate, government and non-government organizations and education institutions.
- Anyone interested to be change agents in stopping violence against women and discrimination and towards gender equality can join us and be trained as facilitators and/or trainers.

#### FUND-RAISING EVENTS

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##### Upcoming Events:

- Running with their hearts

Three generous young men – David, Alvin and Jeff – will be participating in the Singapore Sundown Ultramarathon 2011 (June 25). This is a 100km marathon run to be completed in 16 hours which is quite a feat! The good news is they would like to use it as a charity drive and AWAM has been picked as one of the charities! Please support this venture and cheer these guys on! To pledge, just go to the website [www.runit4charity.com](http://www.runit4charity.com).

- Cut for Charity

Need a change? Try a new hair cut! Renowned stylist Alex Lim of La Mode Coiffure, Mid Valley, has again chosen AWAM as a beneficiary of a special promotion drive! Just buy a RM50 voucher from us, and get a wash and cut service that would normally cost RM88. This special promotion starts 18 March - 15 June 2011. All proceeds benefit AWAM. Our aim is to raise RM30,000 for upkeep of office equipment and maintenance. For further information, please call Bernie at 03-78774221.

Your support is essential to make the events a success! Thank you.

#### AWAM'S PRESENCE IN THE MEDIA

Bernama: "National Service Trainees to Learn Sex Education"

<http://www.bernama.com.my/bernama/v5/newsgeneral.php?id=564463>



AWAM's Constitution – preamble

"... promote mutual understanding, friendship, co-operation and happiness amongst all women."

AWAM's Core Values

" Equality + Justice + Respect

+ Compassion + Integrity + Collectivism + Courage".

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