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Women's Advocacy & Empowerment – Social, Economic & Political

Date: Sunday, March 18, 2018

Time: 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Venue: Martin Van Buren High School, 230-17 Hillside Avenue, Queens Village, NY 11427

Theme: Women's Advocacy & Empowerment - Social, Economic & Political

Summary Description: A timely keynote presentation and panel session on “Women Advocacy & Empowerment – Social, Economic and Political.” Exploring pathways for more equality for women’s rights, equality, safety and justice, highlights empowering women to realize their full potential in all segments of society: Social, economic and political.

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Preceding program on:

“Celebrating the diversity, strength, achievements and contributions of the Indian Diaspora marking the 100th Anniversary of Abolition of Indian Indentureship”.

Program

- Welcome & Introductions
- Remarks by Officials
- Remarks by Co-Sponsoring Organizations
- Keynote Presentation
- Panelists’ Presentation
 - Panelist #1: Adrienne Adams, NYC Council Member
 - Panelist #2: Bomsinae Kim, Exec Dir, KAFSC
 - Panelist #3: Soma Syed, JD
 - Panelist #4: Taij Moteelall, Jahajee Sisters
 - Panelist #5: Prof. Lynn William
 - Panelist #6: Ann Gawin, CWNY
- Open Discussion (Q/A)
- Summary & Conclusions
- Announcements & Upcoming Events
- Thanks and Appreciation
- Refreshments & Networking

International Women's Day 2018

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Moderator:

Sharla Madho-Khargi, PhD

Director, Community Based Rehabilitation
IDC International

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“We pay homage to all women who have struggled, and continue to struggle, for their rights and equitable treatment, and persevered under very harsh conditions and obstacles to achieve respect and dignity. Women have made significant advances in almost all segments of society yet there remain many hurdles to overcome and many obstacles to be removed for women to advance and achieve full potential to bring about equity at all levels. Women account for more than 50% of the population of the world while their untapped resources of talent, skills, aspirations and skills can help society as a whole. IDC’s Women’s Forum has taken many initiatives on women’s issues. Women of the Indian Diaspora (and women everywhere) must be encouraged to advance this agenda forward, to be examples to women of the developed and developing world alike” - IDC

Adrienne Adams – NYC Council member district #28, first woman elected to this seat. Two-term chairperson of Queens Community Board 12. Previously an appointed member of Queens Public Library board of trustees; appointed to Governor Cuomo’s Local Planning Committee for the Jamaica Downtown Revitalization Initiative; served as co-chair of the Jamaica NOW Leadership Council.

Sharla Madho-Khargi, PhD – Director, Community Based Rehabilitation, Indian Diaspora Council International; Clinical psychologist; director at one of New York state mental health facilities that serves families and individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder; adjunct professor at the City University of New York. Collaborative work in Guyana & Trinidad.

Nazrin Ahmad - From Uganda to UK to USA. Co-founded and chaired the Human Dignity Committee in the mid-1990s, helping blend foreign cultures into East Meadow schools and curricula East Meadow School District. Elected Hempstead town clerk in November 2013.

Bomsinae Kim - Executive Director, Korean American Family Service Center, serving victim-survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. Served as Executive Director of Korean American Community Foundation raising and distributing funds to social service organizations serving the disadvantaged; was staff reporter for the Korea Central Daily covering issues in NY Korean and Asian community. Previously on boards of Korean American Family Service Center, Korean American Community Foundation, Asian Women Giving Circle and Seoul Foreign School in Seoul, Korea. An avid advocate of issues affecting women, under-served Asian Americans.

Taij Moteelall - A visionary and change-maker who has blazed a successful path in the arts, activism and philanthropy. Founder and Steering Committee Member of Jahajee Sisters, building ‘power within’ women to operate from a place of wellness and agency and make empowered choices; building ‘power with’ each other to catalyze a movement for gender justice; co-founder of Media Sutra, a creative services and strategic consulting firm.

Soma Syed, JD - New York civil litigation and transactional attorney at Soma Syed & Associates. Chairperson of the Queens County Women’s Bar Foundation; officer of Queens County Women’s Bar Association; member of NYS Bar Association and committee member of the Lawyer Referral and Information Service, member of the Queens County Bar Association, Muslim Bar Association of New York, and South Asian Bar Association of NY.

Prof. Lynn Williams – Small business owner, mediator, writing consultant, mentor, educator, workshop creator and facilitator. Master’s Degree in counseling; certificate in family counseling. Worked with families with children with developmental delays and medical issues and served as an adjunct at a private college and within CUNY. Currently on hiatus from the classroom, she became a mediator and now serves as a community mediator in the Bronx and a NYU mediation mentor for mostly second and third year law students who mediate cases at Small Claims Courts.

Ann Jawin - President, Center for the Women of New York (CWNY) – Est. 1987. Kew Gardens, New York. CWNY has proven that women working together can be an effective force. A voluntary, non-profit organization funded primarily by membership dues and on the volunteer efforts of business, professional and community women

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Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage, and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations, and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.



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