

The Women Creating Change Leadership Council

Columbia University's Women Creating Change Leadership Council is comprised of individuals who are committed to the exploration of issues that affect women and the ways in which women address global gender challenges. The mission of the Council is to promote and support interdisciplinary collaborative research and to sponsor events that publicize this important work. Council members assist faculty in framing how their academic endeavors can create greater impact and in connecting with interested individuals and organizations, providing a critical link between the University's faculty-led projects and global business, academic, and civil society.

About Women Creating Change

Women Creating Change is housed at Columbia University's Center for the Study of Social Difference (CSSD), an interdisciplinary advanced research center founded in 2008. Projects in the Women Creating Change research stream at CSSD engage distinguished feminist scholars from diverse fields throughout Columbia University and the world who focus on global issues affecting women and on the roles women play in addressing these issues.

Council Membership

WCC Council members represent a cross section of thought leaders in business, law, education, government, non-profit organizations, and civil society. A diversity of perspectives is an important aspect of the Council's leadership and thus members represent a wide range of experience, background, and geographic location.

Responsibilities Include:

- 1. Participating in discussions on current WCC projects.
- 2. Working with the faculty of WCC in determining how to enhance the impact of WCC research.
- 3. Serving as an ambassador and advocate for the programs by facilitating connections to and encouraging the ongoing exchange of information and ideas with practitioners, potential research sponsors, interested community organizations and other appropriate external constituencies.
- 4. Attending and inviting other interested parties to panel discussions, lectures, and performances sponsored by WCC.
- 5. Assisting in the identification and recruitment of new Council members.
- 6. Providing objective guidance and feedback on development strategies.
- 7. Supporting WCC projects through direct support and/or by fostering connections to potential funders.