

Momentum 2010

Ohio Women's Summit

Tools for discussion:

What you can say to people in your community to inform, promote and build excitement for Momentum 2010

- **Q: Who is leading the planning for Momentum 2010?**
A: The Governor's Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach (GOWIO) is coordinating the summit.
- **Q: What is your vision? Your mission?**
A: Our vision is an Ohio where women and men work together to achieve gender equity. The mission of the summit is to strengthen our families and communities by promoting the advancement of women through education, economics and health.
- **Q: Why a women's summit?**
A: We need a women's summit in Ohio to gather women of diverse backgrounds to build networks, and concentrate on education, economics and health. These are the primary issues through which we can foster change and promote the status of women in Ohio.
- **Q: Haven't we already achieved equality for women?**
A: Women have come a long way, but we still have a long way to go. For example, Ohio ranks 39th among states for the number of women over the age of 25 who have achieved a higher education.
- **Q: When will the summit take place?**
A: International Women's Day, Monday, March 8, 2010. This date was selected to celebrate this international day of recognition for women and to gather diverse women together to work toward common goals.
- **Q: I am not familiar with International Women's Day (IWD). What can you tell me about it?**
A: IWD is commemorated at the United Nations and designated in many countries as a national holiday. Women and men on various continents often divided by national boundaries and by ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences, come together to celebrate this day. In some countries, such as China, Vietnam and Russia it is even a national holiday. IWD was established in the early 1900s.

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- **Q: Where will Momentum 2010 take place?**

A: Central Ohio, which serves as an approachable travel distance for many Ohioans. It is also the home of state government, which makes it an appropriate fit.

- **Q: How long will the summit last?**

A: Many of these details are still being worked out, but the plan is for the summit to last one day.

- **Q: Will there be a registration fee?**

A: Many of these details are still being created, but a manageable registration fee is likely.

- **Q: What will I gain by attending the summit?**

A: Women who attend the summit will have the opportunity to learn, network, advance their careers and be inspired to create change for themselves, their families and whole communities.

- **Q: Can I bring my daughter? Or my son?**

A: Yes! Momentum 2010 will focus on education, economics and health for all women in Ohio. We also seek to inform community members about what they can do to promote the status of women and girls. We see men and boys as our partners in this endeavor.

- **Q: I don't live in Central Ohio. Can I still become a part of the planning process?**

A: Yes.. Many leaders and community members – from various areas of the state - are involved in the planning process. Many of them are acting as ambassadors in their local communities, while others are involved in planning the content of the summit. You could be involved in either or both.

- **Q: Where can I learn more about Momentum 2010 and become involved?**

A: Visit <http://www.governor.ohio.gov/women/summit>, or call GOWIO at 614-466-3555.