

Have You:

- Ever wondered about the common idea that boys "should be exposed" to life and girls "should be sheltered" from it...?
- Ever thought you might like to work on a newspaper, but had no idea of what's involved or how to go about it...?
- Ever wanted to meet and work with people outside your immediate area, and especially with other young women...?

If So,

The Young Women's Journalism and Community Education Project is for you!

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What We Are About:

Started by members of the Center for Women's Studies and Services (an educational, service, and political feminist organization), this project is for young women in the San Diego area. It was begun out of an awareness of the many problems that young people, and young women in particular, face in trying to live dignified, happy lives in the present, while planning for and working toward the future.

For many, the problems are primarily economic: young people have the highest rate of unemployment of any major population group in the U.S. For others, the problems are primarily social: young people have traditionally been excluded — because of a lack of money, transportation, and legal rights — from the social opportunities which legal adults make use of, and which are the basis for developing maturity and an active interest in one's own community. For still others, the problems are mainly political: young people are frequently denied their basic human rights.

And beyond all this is the discrimination young women face because of their sex. Most injustices they experience as young people are invariably worsened because they are also females. For example, young women are far more likely than young men to be arrested for non-criminal "status offenses" such as "promiscuity," curfew violation, or running away from home. Young women are also more likely than young men to be the victims of inadequate or misleading vocational and educational guidance because of the common sexist attitudes which deny the importance of meaningful careers for women and belittle the economic contributions of women to the family. Additionally, young women are likely to have no access to even the limited mobility young men have because of the incorrect assumption that "boys should be exposed" to life and "girls should be sheltered" from it.

The purpose of the Journalism and Community Education Project, then, is to fight against these problems at the psychological, social, economic, and political levels all at once.

What We Do and How You Can Be A Part Of It:

In addition to educating the larger community about young people's and women's rights, and providing a printed forum for the expression of diverse views, the purpose of this project is to offer young women from a variety of schools around San Diego the opportunity to:

- Learn the skills of newspaper reporting, production, and organization by actually working on a community-based, feminist newspaper.
- Contribute to a special "High School Women's News Page" covering news and events of interest to young people throughout San Diego.
- Help distribute the newspaper in your own school and meet other young people with similar interests.
- Attend special training sessions on writing, reporting, graphic design, and newspaper organization.
- Learn more about women's and youth rights by working at the Women's Center and by discussing your concerns with other young women.

For More Information:

To find out how you can be involved (as a participant in the training program, as a subscriber, or as a contributor to the News Page), please contact Lisa Cobbs at 233-8984 or write to CWSS, 908 "F" St., San Diego, Ca. 92101.

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