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The Unfinished Agenda: New England Women's Policy Conference

Friday, November 7th, 9 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, Massachusetts

It's been 51 years since the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women* issued its report to President John. F. Kennedy. Tremendous progress has been made, yet battles continue for elimination of the wage gap; for healthcare access and parity; for workplace flexibility; for paid family and medical leave; for affordable quality child care. *The Unfinished Agenda: New England Women's Policy Conference*, held in Boston next month, will serve as a call to action to address these unfinished agenda issues. Join us Friday, November 7th, 9 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, Massachusetts for an exciting day to plan measurable progress for women in our region. Here are links for more information about the conference. [Please register now](#), space is limited.

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**Fun fact: The Commission was chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt and membership included Vermont's Senator George Aiken.*

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Let's Grow Kids Community Discussions

Last 2 weeks of October, in 10 venues across the state:

- Addison: Middlebury College, Twilight Auditorium, October 30, 5:30-7:30 PM
- Bennington: Bennington Museum, October 20, 5:30-7:30 PM

- Caledonia: St. Johnsbury Academy, Stuart Black Box Theater, October 27, 5:30-7:30 PM
- Chittenden: Main Street Landing Film House, October 22, 5:30-7:30 PM
- Franklin: St. Albans Historical Society, October 21, 5:30-7:30 PM
- Lamoille: Green Mountain Technology and Career Center, October 30, 5:30-7:30 PM
- Rutland: College of St. Joseph, Tuttle Theater, October 29, 5:30-7:30 PM
- Washington: Pavilion Building Auditorium, October 28, 5:30-7:30 PM **Moderated by Vermont Commission on Women's Cary Brown**
- Windham: Latchis Theater, October 28, 5:30-7:30 PM
- Windsor: Wilder Center, October 23, 5:30-7:30 PM

72% of children under the age of six have all of their parents in the workplace, which means they're likely in care outside of the home up to 40 hours a week. 40-50% of Vermont's children enter kindergarten unprepared. Vermont Commission on Women is one of 18 organizations collaborating with Vermont's Let's Grow Kids campaign to present these discussions addressing the importance of the early years. Panels of compelling thinkers who bring different perspectives and experiences to the table—business leaders, parents, educators, providers and pediatricians—will jump start the hour-long community conversation. Participants will learn what they can do to create positive, lasting change for children. *The Raising of America* takes an in-depth look at how a strong start for all of our children leads to greater individual success and a more prosperous and equitable society. [Click here](#) to find all of the details for the event nearest you. [Please RSVP](#).

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Request for Contractor: DIVAS Education and Support Co-Coordinator

DIVAs provides domestic and sexual violence education, support, skill-building and advocacy to women who are incarcerated or detained to women at the Chittenden Regional Correctional facility, in order to improve outcomes during incarceration and upon community reentry. This coordinator will provide educational groups using evidence-based curricula as well as individual support to incarcerated women housed at the facility in Burlington. The Contractor will provide services on-site an average of 10-15 hours per week for 48 weeks per year, and may include evening and possibly weekend hours. The Contractor works collaboratively with the DIVAS Administrative Coordinator and Education and Support Co-Coordinator to deliver a set of deliverables negotiated between the Vermont Network and the Department of Corrections. The Contractor is reimbursed for hours provided and is not an

employee of the Vermont Network. Contract Start Date: November 1, 2014 (approximate).
Send a letter of interest and resume to rebeccag@vtnetwork.org.

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League of Women Voters of Vermont Candidate Forums

VCW Advisory Council member The League of Women Voters, is a nonpartisan civic organization, and a trusted voice of reason and civility in local, state, and national communities. The League encourages informed and active participation in government and neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate.

Candidates for Washington County State Senate

Tuesday, October 14th, 7 to 8:30 PM

Barre's Old Labor Hall on Granite Street

Moderating the event is Susan Clark, author of *Slow Democracy* and moderator of Middlesex Town Meeting. Questions will be posed by the LWV and from the audience, and there will be time to chat with the candidates before and after the forum.

Candidates for Lieutenant Governor

Tuesday, October 21st

Old Labor Hall from 7-8:30 PM

A debate for Washington County States Attorney candidates was be prerecorded by ORCA on Friday, October 10th

Chittenden County Senate Candidate Forum

Saturday, October 18, 11AM-1 PM

Miller Community Center, 130 Gosse Court, Burlington

All forums are free and open to the public. The League asks that no campaign signs, shirts, hats, badges or other displays be brought into the Hall. Candidates may place informational literature on their campaigns at designated tables. For additional information, contact Kate Rader, 802.229.4737 or Catherine.rader@myfairpoint.net. The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan civic organization, is a trusted voice of reason and civility in local, state, and national communities. The League encourages informed and active participation in government and neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate.

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Loretta Ross on The History and Future of Reproductive Justice

Tuesday, October 21, 7 p.m., in Memorial Lounge, Waterman, UVM

Ms. Ross, a pioneer in the reproductive justice movement in the United States, is co-founder and former National Coordinator of the SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective, a network founded in 1997 of women of color and allied organizations in the reproductive justice movement. She was National Co-Director of the 2004 March for

Women's Lives in Washington DC, with more than one million participants. She was the founder and executive director of the National Center for Human Rights Education in Atlanta, and the Program Research Director at the Center for Democratic Renewal/National Anti-Klan Network. She launched the Women of Color Program for NOW in the 1980s, and was one of the first African American women to direct a rape crisis center in the 1970s. She is co-author of *Undivided Rights: Women of Color Organize for Reproductive Justice*, published by South End Press in 2004.

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[The Translating Identity Conference \(TIC\)](#)

Saturday, November 1st, 9am-6pm

University of Vermont Davis Center

Opening its doors to the public for the 12th time in eleven years, the Translating Identity Conference (TIC) explores a wide array of topics in discourses regarding gender and transgender identities, expressions, communities, and intersections. TIC is a free, student organized, non-profit conference that seeks to reach not only the University of Vermont & the Burlington community, but the nation as a whole. A one-day event, TIC has numerous sessions to choose from at any time that are directed towards people at all levels of inclusion in the trans and allied communities. The keynote speaker is DarkMatter, a queer South Asian performance and literary arts duo. This conference is open to the national public, but space is limited with 600 spaces open to the public and 300 available to UVM affiliates. Please register as soon as possible to guarantee your spot. Registration and attendance are free!

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[Celebrate 20 Years of Empowering Women and Girls](#)

[A benefit for the Vermont Women's Fund](#)

Monday, November 10th, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The Davis Center at the University of Vermont, Burlington

Features guest speaker Maureen Dowd, New York Times Columnist and Pulitzer Prize winner

General Admission: \$50 open seating starting in row 7 and general reception at 5:30 p.m.

Premium: \$100 includes tickets in rows 3-6 and general reception at 5:30 p.m.

VIP: \$250 includes a special pre-event reception at 4:30 pm with Ms. Dowd, seating in the first two rows, and general reception at 5:30 p.m.

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Transitional Jobs

The last Vermont Works for Women [Transitional Jobs program](#) for 2014 begins on Oct. 21. Register as soon as possible: cberry@vtworksforwomen.org or call 802.655.8900, ext. 503.

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New Data Reveal Little Progress in Narrowing the Gender Wage Gap

Recent Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) analysis finds that, if current trends in the gender wage gap are projected forward, women will not receive equal pay until 2058. This date is unchanged from last year's analysis, further indicating stalled progress in closing the gender wage gap. Read more [here](#).

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Workshop: Strategies to Transform Peer Aggression in Girls

[Rutland](#) on October 27th and [Brattleboro](#) on November 11th

Vermont Works for Women is offering these workshops for administrators, youth service providers, coaches, parents, and other adults working with girls to learn how to identify, address and prevent peer aggression among girls.

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2014 Working Mother 100 Best Companies

Working Mother magazine publishes this look at US companies with high ratings in the areas of flexibility, advancement, family support, parental leave and women's representation. Look at the chart [here](#).

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Women's Leadership Circles

New Commissioner Kerry Secret from Brattleboro facilitates and directs Women's Leadership Circles through Marlboro College's Graduate and Professional studies program. Learn more about this program [here](#).

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Crowdfunding Campaign to Support Cornucopia

Cornucopia provides a supportive work training experience that builds confidence and marketable job skills in the culinary arts and hospitality field in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. At the same time, trainees are giving back to their community by preparing more than 600 meals per week for older people receiving Meals-on-Wheels and attending this weekly meal site. Help expand transitional job skills for women in culinary arts & bring fresh, local food to seniors. [Check out Indiegogo](#) to watch a stellar video produced by local filmmaker and current board member, Bess O'Brien. Then lend your support!

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Franklin County Women's Expo

Saturday, October 18th 8-3

Bellows Free Academy, 71 South Main Street, Saint Albans

This free event, presented by VCW Advisory Council member Business and Professional Women, features keynote speaker Governor Madeleine Kunin followed by a day of panel discussions, seminars and focus forums to inspire attendees to connect, learn, and aspire to take the next steps in their professional lives. Seminar titles include: *Get Techie: Use Social Networking To Excel In Your Professional Life*. *Who Are You? Finding Your Authentic Voice And Giving It Wings!* *Stress Less: How To Take Control Of Your Life Instead Of It Controlling You!* *Empowerment 101: From Confused to Confident*. More information at womenwecan.com.

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Women in elected office in Vermont is the focus of [Vermont Gets Low Marks on Gender Equity in Elective Office](#) by Vermont Digger's Laura Krantz.

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October, 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect battered women's advocates across the nation working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state, and national levels. In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year the first national toll-free hotline was begun. In 1989 the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation

was passed by the U.S. Congress. In Vermont, you can find out more about Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities in your area by linking to your local program [here](#).

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Newport's The Family Room Seeks Donations

The Family Room offers child-centered support for parents seeking to establish or rebuild relationships with their children. They are expanding to a new location in Newport to provide services to families living in Orleans and Northern Essex Counties, and are in need of a new or gently used couch as well as any toys, games, activities or craft materials to help fill our space. Contact Amanda at (802)748-5880. All donations are tax-deductible and make a real difference in the lives of these families.

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