

From the New Communist Party of the Netherlands

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Dear comrades,

The New Communist Party of the Netherlands sends our greetings and solidarity to Shiso Undo and the working class of Japan. March 8 is the International Women's Day, the day of action against wars and for peace and for the establishment of women's rights.

The past few centuries have seen huge strides in the emancipation of working-class women. The achievements are primarily due to the struggles of the labour movement. The socialist construction in the 20th century, in which women and minorities were given all kinds of rights for the first time, significantly advanced the emancipation of these of groups within the working class. Objective developments in technology, economy and society have also brought changes in social relations.

However, the objective conditions in which women live and the situations they encounter, as well as their specific needs, are totally denied negating the degree of exploitation of women. For instance, under the guise of "equality". Under the guise of "equality", women must work more hours but also do most of the childcare and informal care at the same time, for which they are not paid and do not accrue a pension. This makes women more financially dependent on their partners, forcing them to stay in relationships more often for purely financial reasons. In some cases, they are even forced to accept abuse and harassment from their partner.

For communists, it is important to expose bourgeois policies in this area and make demands for the welfare and defense of women in every workplace or learning institution. In this way, communists can expose contradictions, reveal all the aspects of the exploitation of capital and unite the working class on even more issues and get people to join the struggle. Crucially, relevant demands for social rights must be made, the labour movement must come to see women's problems as its own, and bourgeois ideology must be unmasked. Only the working class itself can realise these demands and need not expect anything from the big monopolies, their workplace organs, and their government.

Long live Marxism-Leninism!

Long live socialism-communism!

Comradely greetings,

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