

# Conference on Equality for Women in the Workplace (1972)

## Abstract

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This photograph was taken at a women's conference organized by the Food, Beverages and Catering Union [Gewerkschaft Nahrung-Genuss-Gaststätten, NGG]. The conference, which was held in Dortmund in 1972, pressed for equality for women in the workplace. Although women's employment had become the rule by this time, discrimination against women persisted with respect to salaries, hiring opportunities, and promotion potential. As this image makes clear, the second wave of the women's movement (which hit in the 1970s) attracted not only the young rebellious women of the 1968 generation, but also older women who had lived according to traditional gender roles up to that point. These women also demanded their right to political, professional, and social equality. The slogan seen throughout the conference hall ("If Eve goes on strike, then the economy will collapse") attests to working women's awareness of the economic bargaining power they wielded in the Federal Republic.

## Source

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Source: Participants in a 1972 women's conference organized in Dortmund by the Food, Beverages and Catering Union [Gewerkschaft Nahrung-Genuss-Gaststätten, NGG] call for equal rights for women in the workplace. Image 1 of 2. Photo: Germin.

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