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Movement of Democratic Women

The Movement of Democratic Women [*Kinisi Dimokratikon Gynaikon/KDG*] is the first massive women's organisation of the period of transition to democracy (*Metapolitefsi*) founded in 1974 under the initiative of women from the so-called "renewing" left. Initially, the KDG was largely influenced by the pre-dictatorship left-wing discourse on women, thus mainly focusing on traditional female issues such as maternity and the upbringing of children.

However, the KDG quickly started to focus on the problematic and the policies of the feminism of *Metapolitefsi* and to take part in the feminist mobilisations of that period. This tendency was further increased throughout the life of the KDG. This fact, allowed the KDG to interact both with massive women's organisations and with autonomous women's groups.



Members of the Movement of Democratic Women in a protest march demanding Family Law reform, 6 October 1980
Photo: Athina Lekkakou



Brochure issued by the Movement of Democratic Women, Thessaloniki branch, on the 1981 parliamentary elections "Delfys"
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Poster by the Movement of Democratic Women, 1982
General Secretariat for Gender Equality

Women's Union of Greece

The Women's Union of Greece [*Enosi Gynaikon Ellados/EGE*] was founded in Athens in 1976 and it soon opened various offices throughout Greece. The EGE was supported by the local organisations of the socialist party *PASOK*, both at the central and regional level, and was further strengthened by the overall popular support for the party of Andreas Papandreou. During the 1980s, the EGE evolved into a large-scale women's organisation. Despite being associated with *PASOK*, the EGE gradually accepted the feminist ideas and demands of the time and challenged the control exercised on it by the socialist party. In its Conference held in 1982, the EGE defined itself as part of the socialist feminist movement.



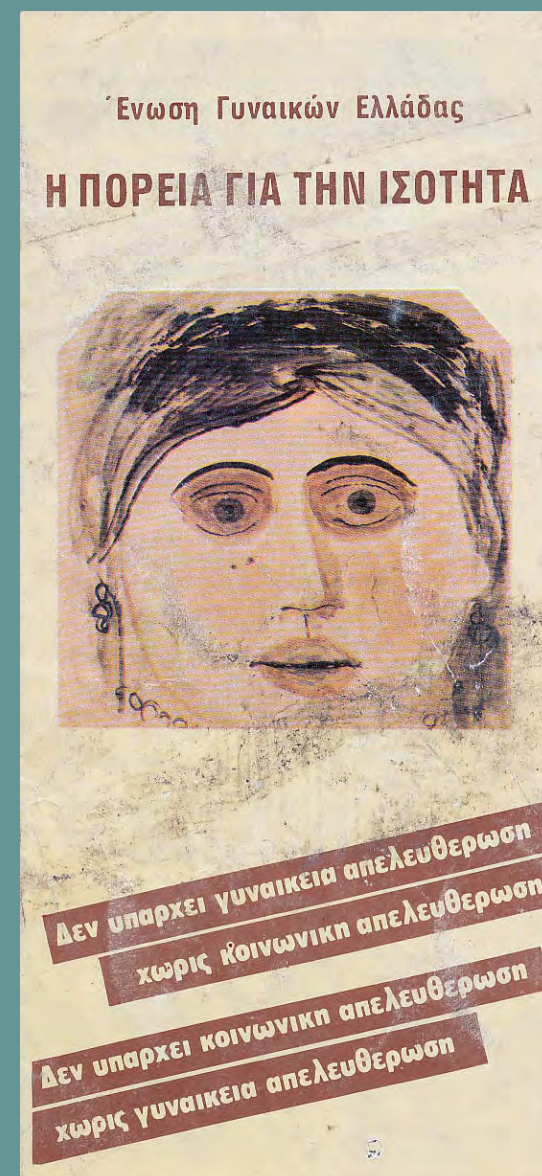
Brochure by the Women's Union of Greece
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The President of the Women's Union of Greece, Margarita Papandreou, in a rally in favour of abortion legalizing Athens, 25 January 1985
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Tri-fold brochure by the Women's Union of Greece on the demands and achievements of the organization in the 1976-1985 period
"Delphys" Women's Archive

Information tri-fold brochure issued by the Women's Union of Greece for the union's 10th anniversary on the event of their 3rd Panhellenic Conference, March 1986
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Peace rally organized by various branches of the Women's Union of Greece
From: *Anoikto parathiro* [Open window], issue 20, January-April 1983



Federation of Greek Women

The founding assembly of the Federation of Greek Women [Omospondia Gynaikon Elladas/OGE] took place in June 1976 with the participation of 44 women's associations and clubs. The Democratic Union of Young Women [Dimokratiki Enosi Neon Gynaikon], the Progressive Union of Greek Mothers [Proodeftiki Enosi Miteron Elladas], the Panhellenic Association of Housewives [Panellinia Enosi Nikokyron], and the Union of Greek Women Jurists [Enosi Ellinidon Nomikon] were some of OGE's members. The OGE "interpreted the women's movement as a working-class movement in principle" stating that "since its foundation the OGE opposed the wave of neofeminism which denies the working-class dimension of the female issue". The main demands of the OGE included defending the employment and social security rights of women, recognising the social value of motherhood, safeguarding peace and struggling against nuclear tests and equipment.



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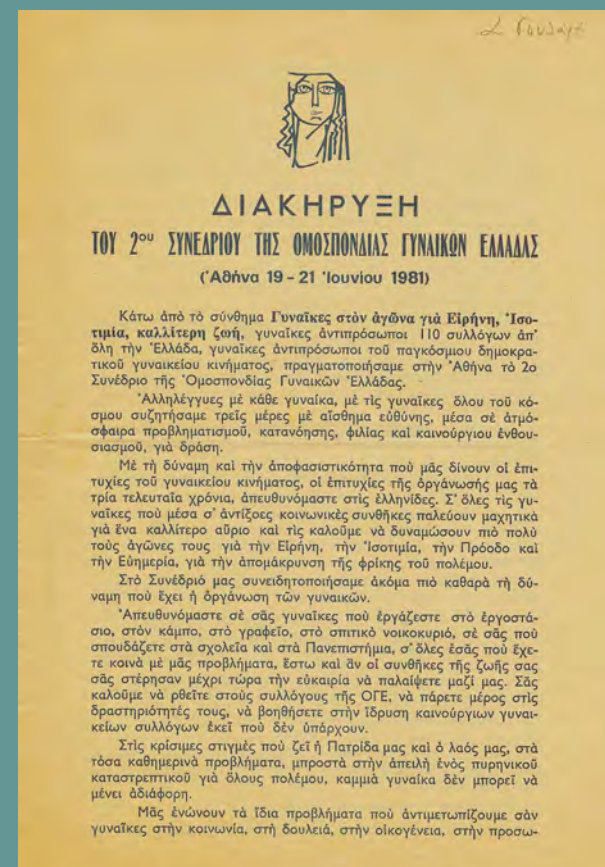
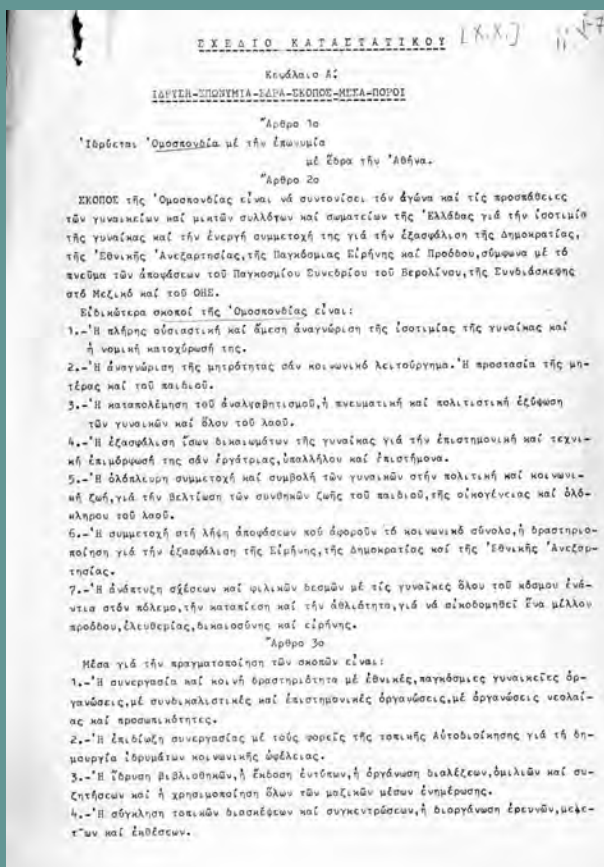


Poster celebrating the Federation of Greek Women 10th anniversary, 1986
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The founding Assembly of the Federation of Greek Women, with the participation of women from 44 associations around Greece
Athens, "Ilion" movie theater, 20 June 1976
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The Federation of Greek Women's draft statutes, 1976
Library of the Hellenic Parliament

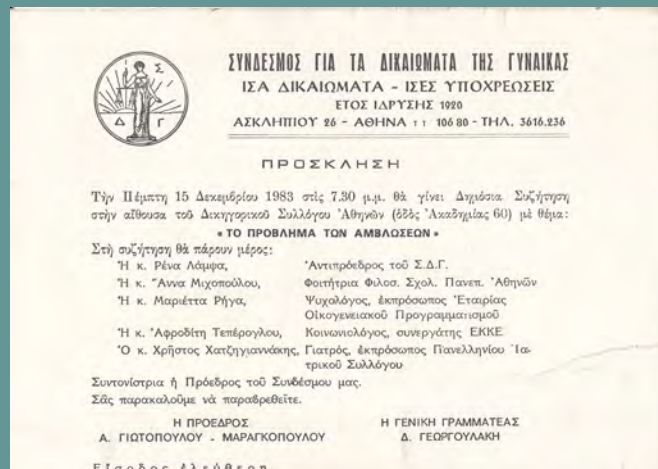
The Federation of Greek Women's 2nd Conference Declaration, June 1981
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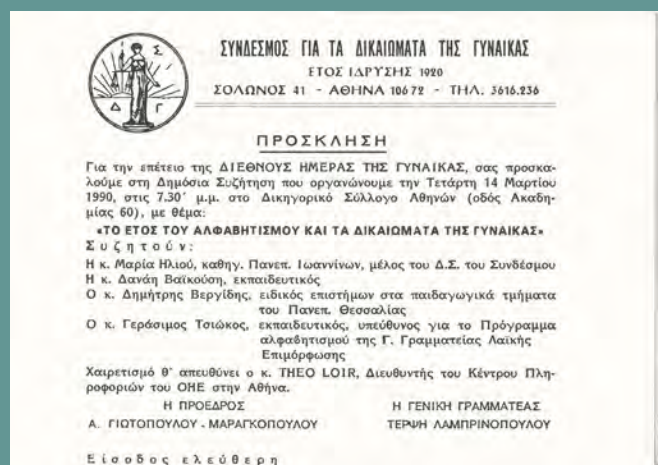
Information brochure supporting female farmers issued for the Panhellenic Assembly of Women Farmers organized by the Federation of Greek Women "Delfys" Women's Archive

The League for Woman's Rights

The League for Woman's Rights [*Syndesmos gia ta Dikaiomata tis Gynaikas/SGD*], a historic association, resumed its activities immediately after the fall of the dictatorship. It participated actively in the processes that led to the establishment of a new institutional framework regarding a series of issues on gender equality. Aiming at "full gender equality in law and in practice" the SGD sought to "immediately improve the position of women in the family, at work and in relation to the State" taking "direct action to pressure governments, raising public awareness and adopting direct practical measures".



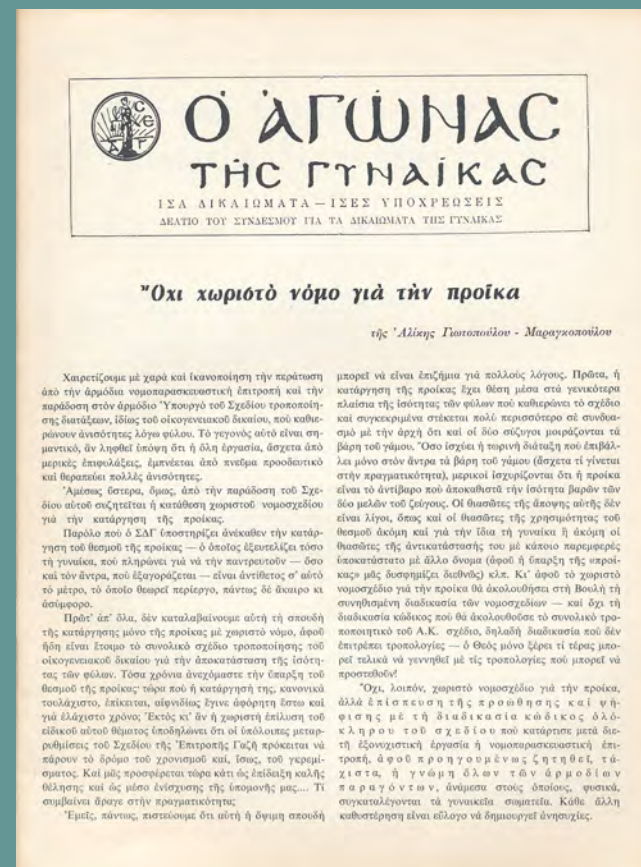
Invitation to a discussion on abortion organized by the League for Woman's Right, Athens, 1983
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Invitation to a discussion titled "Literacy year and woman's rights" organized by the League for Woman's Right, Athens, 1990
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"The Struggle of Women" magazine
 "Delfys" Women's Archive



Main article by the president of the League for Women's Rights, Aiki Giotopoulou-Maragkopoulou in the organization's journal "The Struggle of Women" [*o Agonas tis Gynaikas*], issue 2, April 1979
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