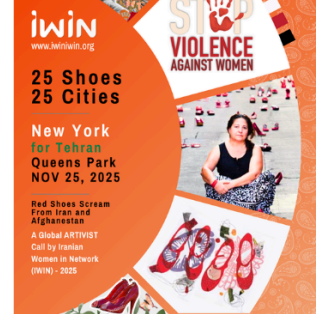




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ART THAT WON'T BE SILENCED:

25 RED SHOES- A MOVEMENT BEYOND THE BORDER

Dear IWIN Community,

While our monthly programs continue as always: Empowerment workshops, Listening Circles, and art-for-healing gatherings (see the Events Calendar for details)—this month's update is arriving in a special format.

Why?

Because we're in the middle of something **global, growing, and urgent**; a movement that began with a single vision, and is now echoed across continents.

25 Shoes / 25+ Cities

A Global Art Call to END violence against Women in Iran, Afghanistan, and Across the Middle East

A Global Activism Campaign –
November 25, 2025

International Day for the Elimination of
Violence Against Women

This idea was born in April 2025 and
officially launched just weeks ago, in
mid-July.

Since then, something remarkable has
unfolded:

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ACROSS THE GLOBE



30+ Cities Joined So far

A MOVEMENT BEYOND THE BORDER

✋ 30+ cities across the world have joined the call; From London to Vienna, Sydney to Los Angeles, a global network is forming—and growing each week. Visit the interactive map on our website!

We are deeply honored to have the **full support of Elina Chauvet**, the Mexican artist whose original Red Shoes installation gave birth to this powerful symbol. Elina has been uplifting our campaign at every step—sharing, mentoring, and cheering on our team.

The entire movement is being coordinated by immigrant women, artists, and justice-rooted communities right here in the Bay Area—but its heartbeat is global.

📍 Bay Area Locations Confirmed So Far:

- **San Francisco** (SF County)
- **San Jose & Los Altos** (Santa Clara County)
- **Berkeley & Oakland** (Alameda County)
- **Turlock** (Stanislaus County)
- **Lafayette or Walnut Creek** (Contra Costa County – final site TBD)

Each city will host installations of 25 red shoes, alongside community-based workshops, storytelling stations, and calls to action—turning public space into a shared canvas for visibility and resistance. We need volunteers in all of these cities—and around the globe—to bring this movement to life. Click [here](#) to join!



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Be Part of The Movement

HOST | DONATE | VOLUNTEER | SPREAD THE WORD

In the first phase, we focused on building a strong core team through our women's networks from **Iran and Afghanistan**.

Now, with three months ahead of us, we are reaching out and inviting new communities to co-create this movement:

Black women, Indigenous women, Indian-American women, and other communities of resilience and action—we invite you to stand with us.

Here is how:

▲ Host a City

Know someone—anywhere in the world—who might want to join? We'll guide them.

▲ Donate

Support workshops, red shoe installations, and outreach. A portion of all donations supports local women's shelters.

▲ Join a Workshop

Create red-painted shoes, textile pins, story postcards, or contribute to our interactive quilt.

▲ Donate Shoes

We're collecting gently used women's shoes and sneakers to be transformed into public art.

▲ Volunteer Locally

Find a city near you on our map and join their team—or help us activate a new one.



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WLF Third Anniversary

PERSISTENCE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY UPRISING: WOMAN, LIFE, FREEDOM

Iranian Women in Network (IWIN), in collaboration with the Collective Action of Independent Iranian Women, invites you to a powerful online gathering marking the third anniversary of the movement.

 Date: September 6, 2025

 [Zoom Registration Link:](#)

 [Live YouTube Broadcast:](#)



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Moon & Mind

BLOODY MOON - TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE SEP 2025

Each month, we collectively harness the energy of the full moon for growth and self-awareness. The Moon & Mind is a virtual opportunity to connect, create, and tap into the powerful energy of the moon to transform and align your intentions for the month ahead. Join us for a sacred space of reflection, growth, and community

 Sep 8th, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

 Click the link to join the Zoom meeting:
[\[Zoom Link\]](#)



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Healing & Listening Circle

Thursdays 6 to 7 PM



Virtual Event

This free, public program will be held in Farsi.



LISTENTING CIRCLE

WEEKLY PROGRAM: VIRTUAL FARSI FREE

In times of war and uncertainty, we need spaces to speak and be heard without judgment.

Join our Farsi Listening Circle, inspired by Native American traditions—a safe online space for presence, empathy, and connection.



Thursdays, 6–7 PM



Free | On Zoom | Open to all

It Is My Turn

BI-WEEKLY PROGRAM: EMPOWERING AFGHAN WOMEN THROUGH ART

It Is My Turn, a year-long program empowering Afghan refugee women and girls through art, yoga, and storytelling. In Partnership with ARTtogether & CERl, we're creating a space for healing and connection in Oakland.

This transformative one-year program can be tailored for your organization as well!

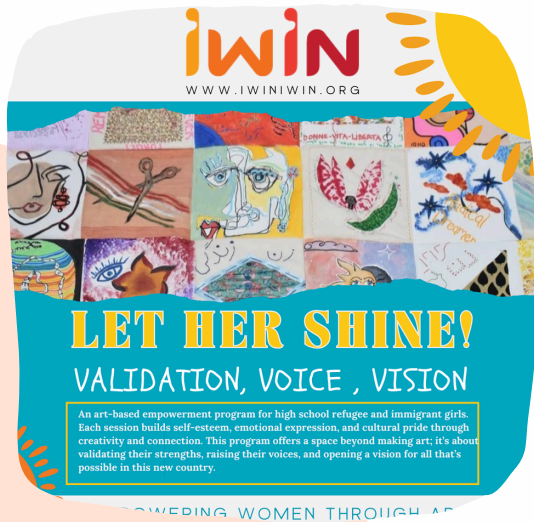


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LET HER SHINE

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

IWIN is honored to join Back-to-School events at three Concord high schools, connecting with families in Farsi, Dari, Pashto, Urdu, and Arabic.

Upcoming Dates

- Ygnacio Valley – Sept 9
- Concord High – Sept 16
- Mt. Diablo High – Sept 23

Time: 5:30–7:00 p.m.

WISDOME TEA

WEEKLY PROGRAM: SENIOR GROUP

Since October 2020, this weekly virtual program offers a space for our senior members to come together and share memories, wisdom, and discuss a variety of topics, including life experiences & health tips. Each session ends with reading poetry and singing old favorites. The group also plans 2-3 trips per year to further strengthen bonds and create new memories.

If you're interested in joining, please contact us.



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IWIN Monthly Moments September

Each year, the world pauses on September 21 to honor the International Day of Peace. At IWIN, peace is not just an ideal—it is woven into every quilt square, every circle of listening, every pair of red shoes lifted in solidarity. This day reminds us that art can be both refuge and resistance, creating spaces where healing and justice walk hand in hand. May our collective creativity continue to plant seeds of peace across borders and generations.



WHEN A WOMAN FLOURISHES, A COMMUNITY THRIVES

BECOME A MEMBER AND BE PART OF THIS RIPPLE EFFECT.

When you become a member of IWIN, you're not just supporting a cause—you're becoming part of a movement. As a member, you'll enjoy benefits like discounted event fees, early access, and insider updates. More importantly, you'll be fueling a mission that empowers girls and women through creativity, healing, and connection—with ripple effects that uplift entire communities.

Choose from three meaningful tiers—Visionary, Innovative, and Timeless—starting at just \$5/month.

Our mission is to empower women by art & creativity through a variety of visual art and mindfulness activities. We prioritize providing workshops, programs, and funds to minority groups and women facing hardships.

 Every year	Innovative	\$150	☐ Discounted workshop fees
	Timeless	\$500	☐ Invitation to Women's Day Dinner
	Visionary	\$1,500	☐ Invitation to Annual Retreat
 Every year	Timeless	\$500	☐ Annual All-Inclusive Membership Holder
	Visionary	\$1,500	☐ Discounted workshop fees
	Visionary	\$1,500	☐ Invitation to Women's Day dinner

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