

Dear CWLU Member,

This questionnaire is being sent to the entire CWLU membership and we hope you'll agree with us that it's important enough to get an hour of your time in the next week to sit down and complete it. The questions we're asking are intended to give us information that will be essential in planning realistic organizational strategy and program this fall. Steering Committee approved sending out a questionnaire and what follows was developed by members of temporary coordinating committee and the strategy group conveners.

How many times have we all heard generalizations made about the CWLU, like "It's a petty-bourgeois organization"; "Everyone lives in Lakeview or Lincoln Park"; "Noone's doing workplace organizing." Although such generalizations are often designed to be used against us and may succeed in making people confused about what's really true, generalizations are all that's possible to make without knowing what the facts really are. We're excited at the possibility of knowing the answers to some of the questions asked. Wouldn't you like to really know what the median age of a CWLU member is, how many children are in our membership, what our occupational and racial make-up is?

To ensure that all questions are answered and that your information is kept confidential, you're not asked to sign the first questionnaire (the childcare questionnaire needs your identity!). Anonymity is our best security at this time.

Many of the questions (where do you live, are you involved in your community?, are you organizing on the job?) are aimed at giving us the information needed to plan an organizational strategy that is realistic, not idealistic. We can't plan a community or workplace strategy that doesn't fully consider where people now live and work and what their present involvements are.

This information will be tabulated (even computerized!) for our use in the strategy groups, city-wide meetings, and the fall conference. Please help us complete this survey and sit down - today - and fill out the questionnaires and return them to CWLU, 3821 W. Diversey, Chicago 60647. The final deadline is August 10th.

Thanks!

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CWLU MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

Age 29

Race and/or ethnic background Caucasian (Swedish)

Place of birth Chicago

Where did you grow up? Chicago Des Plaines Midwest Midwest (specify) Elsewhere in US. Chicago (specify) Outside U.S. _____ (specify)

What did your parents do for a living? mother waitress - nurse's aide
father punch press operator

Present address _____ Community Lakeview

Are you a registered voter? Yes If so, where? Chicago Other _____
What ward 44

How long have you lived in Chicago? 1 1/2 years In this community? 1 1/2 years

Are you part of any community organizations? Sometimes Triangle neighbors
(block clubs, PTA, parkboard activities, LSNA, etc.)

How long do you plan to stay in this community? uncertain - perhaps 2 more years or longer

If employed, what type of job are you employed in? clerical _____, factory waitress _____, teacher _____ (what level? _____), hospital worker _____, professional _____ (specify) _____, other _____
part time administrative work - small private social service agency

Where do you work? (optional) Youth Guidance

Part time? Full time? _____

How long have you worked at your present job? 1 month
Are you a member of a trade union? No Which one? _____

Are you active in that union? _____

Are you actively organizing at your workplace? No

How long do you plan to remain at your present job? 9 mos - 1 year probably

Do you have any specific plans beyond this job? am working on doctorate in history + want to teach

What is your living situation? Live alone _____, with parents _____, in marriage or marriage type relationship , single mother _____, commune _____, other group situation _____, other _____

What is your sexual preference? Lesbian _____ Straight _____ Bisexual _____
Unclear between straight & bisexual

Are you married or divorced? _____ If married, what does your husband do for a living? sociologist - graduate student

Do you have any children? No What ages? _____

Are your children in daycare? _____ Do you want to find a daycare center? _____

What schools do your children attend? Public _____ parochial _____ other private _____
Grade school _____ junior high school _____ high school _____

Are you active in school or parent organizations? No

Which ones? _____

How much standard education have you received? 1-6 yrs. _____, 6-9 years _____,
9-12 years _____, 12-16 years _____, 16+ _____, 18+

Are you currently a student now? "abd" Where? Washington Univ. St. Louis

Are you involved in any student organizations? No

What language do you use as your primary language? English

Are you bilingual? Yes In what languages? French

What work are you doing with women now? Both within the CWLU, or another project, or in general? (e.g. any CWLU projects, rap groups, Women Employed, teaching women's classes, women's health clinics, CLUW, media production) _____
am in rap group.

How did you find out about the CWLU? friend + Liberation School

How long have you been a CWLU member? 2 months

What work since then have you done with the CWLU? only the strategy group. ^{participation} _{was in liberation school}
(chapters, workgroups, committees, office volunteer, speakers bureau)

Do you read the CWLU newsletter regularly yes, irregularly _____, not at all _____?

Are there any particular skills you have or experience you have that the CWLU could benefit from? (examples: design and layout, typing, medical skills, printing, photography, writing, languages, theater, singing, particular organizing skills, leading groups, teaching, developing a campaign, administration, etc.) Typing, writing, teaching, administration, Research

Have you ever been in a leftist, Marxist, or women's study group? Yes

What did you study?(give general areas) Capitalist Feminist literature

Are you in a study group now? Yes What is your focus of study?

Capital - Braverman - Cronowitz Would you favor the CWLU
developing a better study program? Yes If so, what would you like
it to include? international studies - economics & labor

Are you affiliated with any other left groups? (e.g. RUA, NAM, Salsedo Press, URPE) No

assume you will know that I meant to emphasize women's roles in these studies.

hist. of the family as well as ~~sex~~ cross cultural study of the family

The second half of this questionnaire is specifically addressed to childcare. Several things have happened in relation to childcare since the December '75 conference. At that time, we made an organizational decision that collective responsibility for childcare would be a requirement of the CWLU membership. Many changes have been made in the character and membership of the union since then, so we are updating our information. Secondly, this childcare questionnaire is nearly identical to one you have possibly already filled out. The questionnaires were in the hands of some past members of the CWLU that left in the struggle, and they refuse to return them!

We feel it's important to poll the membership once again for this information because providing quality childcare is an essential part of building a CWLU that ensures the full participation of mothers, as well as children. Discussion has begun on forming a core group to begin to coordinate childcare needs and strategy. Part of this discussion would include a city-wide educational on problems of raising children, how to offer quality childcare, and workshops on how to do childcare, specific problems of mothers, and other topics. We'll let you know about this in the future.

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____

Do you have any children? No What ages? _____

Are they familiar with CWLU childcare in the past? _____

What do they think of it? _____

What do you think of it? Holly Near concert childcare disastrous

What types of childcare would you prefer to leave your child(ren) in?

good child-adult ratio (e.g. 1-4) planned activities - thought about in advance - good children literature

Would you prefer to work in? above graded to ages & types activities different children would like

Is your child used to? _____

We see several alternative methods of childcare:

(A) A central drop-in center - a permanent place where mothers can bring their children for meetings.

Where should it be located? problem North - South - West side locations

If transportation were arranged to and from the meetings would it make a difference? seems hard to arrange - do not know

Is it more practical at big events or at weekly meetings? big events

sounds good

(B) A cooperative arrangement within a neighborhood where all CWLU members in that neighborhood would share childcare, or Another neighborhood-based plan in which people would prepare one or two homes in each neighborhood where the children would go for childcare.

(C) Another method of childcare seems to be to connect a sitter to a home needing childcare. Is it important to have the same sitter at a home for a given period of time rather than a different one each week? Why? _____

(D) What do you feel about meeting at the mother's home whenever convenient? Still may not free mother to participate - depending on

Are there possible childcare facilities where you meet? _____

the eyes of children + some day

(E) What other ideas do you have for organizing childcare? _____

(F) Which of the above methods or combination of them would serve your workgroup best? Explain why? _____

How can men be involved in childcare? Other friends outside CWLU?

should be

Difficult - espec. for single women to see why they should handle other women's "problems"

What kind of internal education would you like to see in preparation for implementation of a childcare program? Games - Books -

Tips for handling typical problem situations

What ideas do you have for freeing mothers for leadership positions? _____

Do you agree with the principle suggested at the conference that all CWLU members should participate in childcare and that this would be a condition of membership? Tally: Yes No

What questions, hesitations or qualifications do you have about doing childcare? _____

If some people are unwilling to do actual childcare, would they be willing to work on coordinating childcare? Yes

How much time would be reasonable to expect union members to contribute to childcare? (_____ hours/month)
Child care duty once a month maximum

Do you have experience doing childcare? Some Would you need to be in a learning situation initially if you provided childcare? Would like to
For what ages would you have that need? 0-2 ✓, 2-6 ✓, 6-15 _____?

