

Alice Paul Movie Night

At the **National Foundation for Women Legislators**, we believe in the power to make a difference. Too often, when we discuss women's roles in shaping the culture and direction of this country, we speak about one or two well-known actors in history. Throughout our history, however, countless women have made a difference and had an impact on the lives we as women lead today.

To honor some of the lesser-known women of the past, and to remind the women currently shaping our future that everyone has the power to make a difference, the NFWL has put together everything you need to host a **"Alice Paul Movie Night"** with the movie *Iron Jawed Angels*.

Iron Jawed Angels is an entertaining and important story of Alice Paul and the National Women's Party as they march on Washington, lobby for a constitutional amendment, and picket at the gates of the White House. The courage and activism depicted in *Iron Jawed Angels* is the kind of attitude we want to inspire in young women.

This movie night can be five or so girls you invite to your district office, it can be something you partner with local schools to host, or it can be a big event you hold at a separate venue. However you do it, we're here to help.

The following toolbox includes:

- **Instructions for planning and hosting your event**
- **A social media guide**
- **A facilitation guide, complete with remarks to open the evening and Discussion questions for after the film**
- **A template flyer for marketing**

In addition to the attached toolbox, you will receive the DVD *Iron Jawed Angels*. If there is any additional help we can provide you with in planning your movie night, feel free to email us at: emily@womenlegislators.org



Instructions

Planning Your Movie Night

1. Select a date and secure your venue for the movie night
(This can be anywhere from 5 or more young women getting together at your district office to 100 women or more at a larger venue. It's entirely up to you!)
2. Confirm your event with us by sending the date, time, and venue to emily@womenlegislators.org. **We will not be able to send a copy of the DVD until your event is confirmed!**
3. Download the template flyer from our website and personalize it with your information and event information, such as date, time, and venue.
4. Distribute flyers to local schools, Girl Scout groups, community centers, etc. You may want to partner with a local group to help you get the word out.
5. Create an event on Facebook; make sure to "like" the NFWL Facebook page so that we can share your event!

Day of the Event

1. We provide you with a facilitation guide including opening remarks and discussion questions for your event! Feel free to personalize these as you see fit!
2. Enjoy the movie!
3. Use the facilitation guide to do a fun Q&A after the movie!
4. Keep up with social media during your event (take a look at our attached Social Media Guide)



Socialize Your Showing!

Give us the details on your movie night and we'll make a Facebook event for you!



Like us on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/electedwomen

Post pictures of your events on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.



Follow us on Twitter!
[@electedwomen](https://twitter.com/electedwomen)

Encourage attendees to interact with us on social media as well



Follow us on Instagram
[@electedwomen](https://www.instagram.com/electedwomen)

Live tweet your Q&A session!

Connect with women across the nation!

Tag your posts with: #NFWL



Facilitator's Guide

Opening Remarks

Good (Evening/Morning/Afternoon)! On behalf of the **National Foundation for Women Legislators**, I would like to welcome you to a **NFWL "Alice Paul Movie Night."** I am excited to spend time with you celebrating the courageous women who tirelessly fought to change the course of history. *Iron Jawed Angels* tells the story of Alice Paul and the National Women's Party as they fight for a constitutional amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote.

This movie is a powerful reminder that each of us has the power to make a difference. We can all change the course of history and I hope this movie will be a call to action to become active in the community. One of NFWL's central tenets is leadership. While watching this movie, think about what you can do to be a leader on issues important to you.

National Foundation for Women Legislators is a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to empowering and inspiring elected women. If you, or someone you know, is a college bound high school junior or senior interested in applying for their annual essay contest scholarship, visit www.womenlegislators.org to find out more about their annual scholarship program and essay contest. Also, encourage your elected women colleagues to get involved with NFWL.

Throughout the movie, consider the difference you want to make. After the showing, we will have a Q&A to discuss our thoughts on the events portrayed in the film. Don't forget to post about this event on social media. And make sure to include #NFWL in your posts!



Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn from watching the movie?
2. When Alice Paul is on her hunger strike, she is evaluated by a psychiatrist who reports back to the Administration. He reports, “In women, courage is often mistaken for insanity.” What does he mean? Describe some acts of courage that are shown in this film.
3. What is it important for women to vote?
4. Women have been in the media recently for organizing marches, whether that be the Women’s Marches or Pro-Life Marches. Why is it important for women to exercise their right to protest and what can women today learn from Alice Paul’s example?
5. The fight for women’s suffrage was fought by so many women. This movie highlights the efforts of each individual woman and how they contributed personally. What does this movie teach us about an individual’s “power to make a difference?”
6. What barriers do you think women in politics face today?



Flyer

Download your flyer
template from the website!

Make sure to personalize it
with your event info!

