

# Frequently Asked Questions

#### Who is sponsoving the event?

In the United States The Million Woman March for Endometriosis is sponsored by Dr. Camran Nezhat, Dr. Farr Nezhat, Dr Ceana Nezhat and Dr. Azzie Nezhat of the Nezhat Family Foundation and co-sponsored by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine.

In the UK there isn't a sponsor, therefore we have **no funding** to make this event happen. Endometriosis UK are overseeing the event with help from a voluntary committee. There will be a registration fee to participate in this event. See further details below.

#### What are the goals of the march?

The overarching goal is to raise awareness of endometriosis, but the Million Woman March for Endometriosis also seeks to promote the following:

#### *Empowerment*

To unite women and their supporters to take a stand against endometriosis ucation

To raise awareness of the condition and its effect on women and girls To educate and train members of the healthcare professions in order to promote early diagnosis and improved treatment

#### Effecting Change

To seek a cure for endometriosis and develop non-invasive diagnostic tests To implement assessment programmes for young women and girls in education To work with government to allocate funding for endometriosis



#### How do I register for the event?

Only individuals who have signed up <a href="here">here</a> to the event and have paid a registration fee will be able to attend. This event is not open to non-registered participants. The standard registration fee is **£15**, or **£25** if you would like an Endometriosis UK t-shirt included.

#### Why is the event not free?

We have no sponsor for the event, therefore we have **no funding** to make this event happen. Endometriosis is a very small charity that receives minimal funding. The cost of the Million Woman March for Endometriosis – UK Event only covers basic costs for the event. The organisation **is not** making any profit from this event.

We are a very tiny small organisation and we are really trying our best. We do not have the resources to fully organise this event. Therefore, Endometriosis UK are overseeing the event with help from a voluntary committee.

Our voluntary committee have thought long and hard about the charges - we would love to be able to have everyone attend free of charge but as we do not have any private funding for this event the costs of making it happen need to be borne by those taking part. Here is the breakdown of costs based on 200 participants:

Royal park entrance fee	£2
Yellow sash	£3
First aid cover	£2
Marshal cover	£2.50
Administrative costs	£1.50
Banners/publicity	£1
Postage & packing	£1.50
Incidental cover	£1.50
Total	£15
T shirt cost plus postage & packaging	£10



#### What if I don't think I can afford the registration fee?

We are aware some people may not be able to attend the event due to costs. If you do not feel that you can afford the registration fee, you could consider fundraising

#### Where in the UK will the event be taking place?

Kensington Gardens, Hyde Park, London - further details available after registration Closest Underground station to the starting point is Lancaster Gate

#### Ave other countries hosting the event too?

Yes! To see the latest list of participating countries, visit <a href="http://www.millionwomanmarch2014.org/country-captains">http://www.millionwomanmarch2014.org/country-captains</a>

#### What is the schedule for the day of the event?

The event will take place from 12noon until 3pm approximately. Check in will be open from 11.30am and there will be a group photo at 2pm. Further details will be provided once you have registered.

#### What are we doing at the event in London?

A 2.5 mile awareness walk for women with endometriosis and their friends and family to raise the profile of endometriosis and to show their support for the other sufferers around world.

## How do I become a local representative, city/town captain?

Become a local representative by registering as a city/town captain. It will be your job as a regional representative to gather all participants' interest and organise the travel and



accommodation for you all and to raise the awareness within your area. Please email <a href="mailto:endomarch.uk@gmail.com">endomarch.uk@gmail.com</a> to enquire about this role.

# Where can I find the most up-to-date information about the event?

The best way to stay informed of the most current information is to join the Million Woman Woman March 2014 for Endometriosis <u>Facebook</u> page or follow us on <u>Twitter</u>. If there is a Town or City Captain in your area make contact with them too.

#### How can I find out if anyone from my area is going?

Join the Million Woman March 2014 for Endometriosis <u>Facebook page</u> to find out if there is a city/town captain local to you, alternatively email <u>endomarch.uk@gmail.com</u>

#### Can men take part?

Yes! Everyone is encouraged to take part.

#### Can children join in?

Yes, children are welcome to <u>register</u> and it is fine to bring a buggy. However, we advise parents and guardians take appropriate precautions when bringing children due to weather and crowds.

#### Can I bring my dog?

We are sorry but only assistance dogs can join in the walk.



#### Ave there any travel and accommodation discounts for the event?

Negotiations are currently taking place and we will provide information if and when this is available.

#### How can I contact my local vepresentative?

Join the Million Woman Woman March 2014 for Endometriosis UK Facebook page to find out who your local city/town captain representative is, alternatively email <a href="mailto:endomarch.uk@gmail.com">endomarch.uk@gmail.com</a>

#### What do I do if my avea doesn't have a vepresentative yet?

Contact the Country Captain team at <a href="mailto:endown.end-will-new">endomarch.uk@gmail.com</a>. We will help connect you with the appropriate party or will provide information on how to become one!

#### Ave you accepting donations?

No, the Million Woman March for Endometriosis is not soliciting donations. However, individual participants are fundraising on their own behalf for their personal travel costs to participate in the event. Websites like <a href="http://www.gofundme.com">http://www.gofundme.com</a> can help you do this. You could make and sell cakes, wash cars, do your friends ironing or even try a sponsored activity.

#### Can I fundvaise for Endometriosis UK?

Individuals are welcome to fundraise for Endometriosis UK and can set up a Virgin Money Giving page  $\underline{\text{here}}$ 

#### How can I let my MP Know about the march?

You can find the MP letter template <a href="here">here</a>. To find out who your MP is take a look at this UK Parliament tool <a href="http://findyourmp.parliament.uk">http://findyourmp.parliament.uk</a>



## How can I let my GP or hospital consultant team Know about the march?

You can find the GP letter template <a href="here">here</a>. It can be used for hospital departments too.

## How can I let my local health cave decision makers know about the march?

Decisions about local health services are made by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for your area. Your local GP, library or the internet can help you find the contact details for the CCG in your town or city. You can find the CCG letter template <a href="here">here</a>

#### What else can I do?

You can get in touch with the local media in your area and offer a photo opportunity, radio interview or written piece for the paper. If you are willing to share some of your story, it makes a great human interest piece and works well to connect local people to an international movement for change. There is a sample press release <a href="here">here</a>

Please keep a look out on our <u>Facebook</u> page for up to date information.

### What if I can't come on the day?

If you are unable to attend, you can still get involved by raising awareness of endometriosis in your local area by organising a small event like a cake sale or contacting your local paper to share your experience of endometriosis. We'll also be live tweeting on the day and encourage everyone who wishes to raise awareness about endometriosis to re-tweet our posts.

#### Contact Us

If you have any questions or queries you can email <a href="mailto:endomarch.uk@gmail.com">endomarch.uk@gmail.com</a>

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