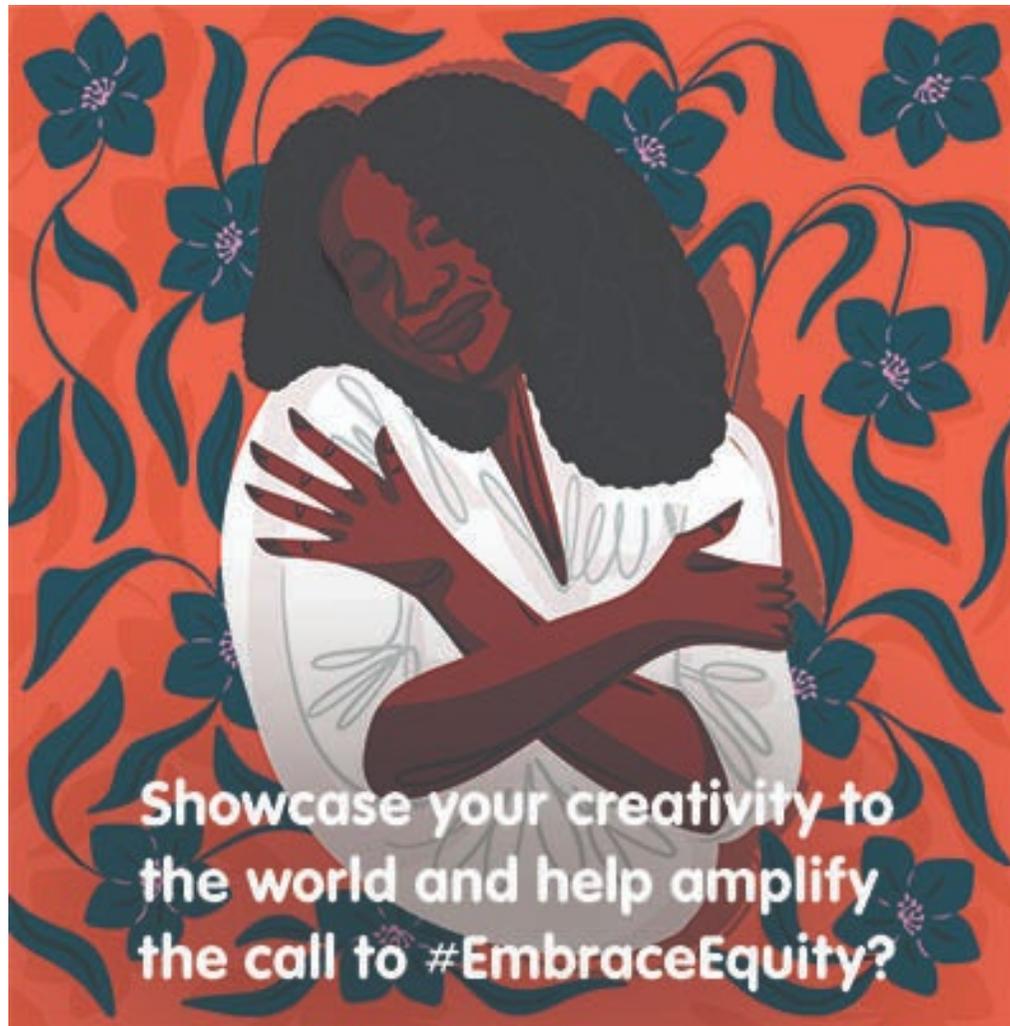


# International Women's Day



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# Embracing Equity

Draw upon your creative spirit to support the call-to-action to **#EmbraceEquity**

## Inspired by creativity for a cause?

Whether global or grassroots, creativity can be such a powerful channel for change.

Creative projects can elevate and amplify key messaging. They can fuel and inspire awareness about key issues. And they can connect audiences and communities.

Want to showcase your creativity to the world and support the call to **#EmbraceEquity**?

## It's time to showcase your creativity

Worldwide, the invitation is open for women creatives to celebrate their talent while calling for the world to **#EmbraceEquity**.

Whether your creative passion is in spoken word poetry, street art, rap, typography, dance or further - there's an opportunity for everyone to get involved.

Here's an example of how **GILRSofGRIME** set about to create their own #EmbraceEquity rap featuring an all-female line-up of talented rappers.

**GIRLSofGRIME** are delighted to announce the release of an International Women's Day collaborative record, Crop Tops & Hoodies - which officially goes live March 8th 2023.

With this year's International Women's Day campaign theme being #EmbraceEquity, **GIRLSofGRIME** swiftly set out to create a project where the usual male-to-female ratio scale was tipped in the other direction, with women dominating.

And the result? A massive collaboration spearheaded by Shakira Walters, **GIRLSofGRIME** founder - in collaboration with five incredible female artists, a female producer, four female managers, a female videographer, and a female photographer.



Artists Ariez Baby, Cassie Rytz, Frizz Price and duo AE were brought together by **GIRLSofGRIME**, and have together delivered a scorching, empowering new record.

The track aims to highlight the often-silenced female voices and to encourage community and corporations into action supporting their mission to advocate for better gender equality for the next generation.

### **GIRLSofGRIME challenges the status quo**



Did you know that only 3% of music played on radio is produced by a woman? And 15% of songs are attributed to female songwriters?

‘Crop Tops & Hoodies’ challenges these statistics and paints a picture of each individual artist's perspective on what it is like being a woman in this day and age.

In the music industry more resources and opportunities are required for women who are artists, producers, DJ’s, videographers, presenters, managers and business executives to reach their full potential - all of whom have been integral parts of bringing this, and further collaborative projects, to life.



**Inspiring women to write and record their creations.**

# 15 inspiring quotes about life from great women authors

Books can be very powerful when they resonate strongly with their readers.

Often, it can feel that the very stories that we're reading were in fact written just for us.

This is because the writer who penned the story often understands deeply the highs and lows of life - what it's like to fail and succeed and grow - and she deeply understands some universal truths about what it's like to be human.

Here are some brilliant quotes from women writers who empower us to think differently about our own lives and the world around us.

Enjoy!



“When we speak, we are afraid our words will not be heard or welcomed. But when we are silent, we are still afraid. So, it is better to speak.”

**Audre Lorde**



“Put your ear down close to your soul and listen hard.”

**Anne Sexton**



“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

**Maya Angelou**



“An eye for an eye only leads to more blindness.”

**Margaret Atwood**



“The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don’t have any.”

**Alice Walker**



"Don't ever think that just because you do things differently, you're wrong."

**Gail Tsukiyama**



"I do not see myself as a footnote to someone else's life."

**Martha Gellhorn**



"Our histories cling to us. We are shaped by where we come from."

**Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**



"It's where we go, and what we do when we get there, that tells us who we really are."

**Joyce Carol Oates**



"You can do some rather extraordinary things if that's what you really believe."

**Toni Morrison**



"I will not have my life narrowed down. I will not bow down to somebody else's whim or to someone else's ignorance."

**bell hooks**



"Beware; for I am fearless, and therefore powerful."

**Mary Shelley**



“No need to hurry. No need to sparkle. No need to be anybody but oneself.”

**Virginia Woolf**



“I am no bird; and no net ensnares me: I am a free human being with an independent will.”

**Charlotte Brontë**

**Inspired by the powerful words of these literary women?**

Explore their writing further through reading their works - and discover their stories and the special characters who might in fact change the very way we see ourselves and the world around us.