

COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE

As we celebrated Women's History Month this month, we reflect on the incredible contributions of women throughout history and continue to honor their lasting impact. From education to leadership, women have been at the forefront of social change, shaping our world in profound ways. This month reminds us not only of the progress we've made but also of the work that remains in the fight for gender equity and equal opportunity for all.

Women's achievements—especially those from marginalized communities—have often gone unrecognized. We must continue to elevate and celebrate the voices and stories of women who have long been at the heart of social, cultural, and political progress. Their resilience and leadership have paved the way for future generations, and it is our responsibility to keep pushing for a world where all women can thrive.

Let us honor the women who have shaped our past and continue to inspire our future. Together, we move forward.



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The NYC Mayor's Office of Equity & Racial Justice, alongside Mayor Adams, hosted the annual Women's History Month celebration and reception at Gracie Mansion.

The evening honored five decades of New York City's leadership in the fight for women's rights and equality, shining a spotlight on the impactful work of NYC Her Future and the NYC Commission on Gender Equity.

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CELEBRATING EQUITY IN ACTION: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EDITION



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The event also acknowledged the ongoing efforts needed to empower women throughout our city. Additionally, a proclamation was presented to Gloria Middleton in recognition of her exceptional contributions as President of CWA Local 1180.



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JOIN OUR TEAM

Our agency is expanding, and we have several exciting opportunities available.

NYC Her Future Senior Advisor

Lead program strategy, policy research, stakeholder engagement, resource management, and reporting.

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Communications Director

Help manage media relations, pitch stories, and write Op-Eds in alignment with agency goals.

NYC Young Men's Initiative

External Communications Special Assistant

Assist with communications efforts, while ensuring brand consistency.

NYC Young Men's Initiative

Events Manager Special Assistant

Assist in planning and executing events, while providing on-site support and handling administrative tasks.

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EQUITY IN ACTION: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EDITION



L to R: Abby Jo Sigal, Laura James, Sideya Sherman, & Laura Rog

NYC Chief Equity Officer and MOERJ Commissioner Sideya Sherman joined the NYC Mayor's Office of Talent and Workforce Development for a panel discussion with women from the public and private sector to share their personal stories, the importance of women's representation in leadership, and how they are working to foster an inclusive, equitable future for all.

NYC Her Future's Founding Executive Director, Nathifa Forde, sat on the Breaking Barriers, Building Futures: Women Leading NYC panel with inspiring women leaders from across the city's agencies to highlight the incredible impact women are making in New York City government.

NYC Her Future continues to build and foster relationships that uplift and inspire the next generation of women leaders.



NYC Her Future's Founding Executive Director, Nathifa Forde, with women leaders from various city agencies



NYC Chief Equity Officer & MOERJ Commissioner Sideya Sherman delivering remarks

MOERJ partnered with NYC Service for the annual Women's Day Mentoring Summit.

NYC Chief Equity Officer and MOERJ Commissioner Sideya Sherman gave opening remarks, NYC Her Future Founding Executive Director Nathifa Forde joined a mentoring panel with her own mentor, Dr. Jawana Johnson, as well as bringing more than 100 teenaged girls to the participate in the event through their My Sister's Keeper program with NYC Public Schools.

Additionally, the NYC Commission on Gender Equity hosted a workshop on career exploration while Singha Hon, MOERJ artist-in-residence, conducted the Drawing Our Futures workshop that fostered empowerment and creativity.



NYC Public Schools students drawing self portraits



NYC Service mentoring panel



NYC Her Future Founding Executive Director Nathifa Forde posing with staffers

EQUITY IN ACTION



L to R: Sarah Treuhaft, Council Member
Natasha Williams,
Sideya Sherman, & Linda Tigani

The NYC Mayor's Office of Equity and Racial Justice partnered with the NYC Commission on Racial Equity and the New School's Institute on Race, Power, and Political Economy to host the *Investing in Equity for All*.

Commissioner Sideya Sherman delivered remarks, followed by a conversation focused on how New York City can ensure the fair distribution of government resources to address the harms caused by racism and social injustice.



Attendees participated in a robust conversation during the event

The NYC Commission on Gender Equity hosted the third installment of the Food for Thought series, with "Healing Across Generations: Culture, Racial Equity, and the Future of Women's Health."

The event addressed systemic barriers that impact women's wellness and examined how culture, race, and intergenerational approaches can promote health equity.

Abigail Perry, a personal trainer and program leader from Shape Up NYC and Founder of Abstract Phitness, discussed the intersections of race, class, and gender in relation to women's well-being.

Attendees recognized the importance of cultural and intergenerational approaches to wellness and explored necessary actions to advance health equity within their communities.



Abigail Perry, Shape Up NYC
program leader and Founder of
Abstract Phitness



High school students attended the Eagle
Foundation college resource fair

The NYC Young Men's Initiative, joined the Eagle Foundation at their college resource fair.

Over 200 young men learned about higher education opportunities available to them, gaining valuable insights into the pathways to college and the support systems designed to help them succeed.

