

Economy and jobs focus of Women's Day rally in Toronto as thousands march ^[1]

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More than 2,000 women marched along Toronto streets Saturday to mark International Women's Day, and to draw attention to issues of inequity.

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"Economic issues were very big issues this year for women in the march," said Andrea Calver, one of the organizers.

Calver said the event started 100 years ago and emerged out of labour struggles.

"100 years later we're still struggling with the issue of good jobs for women," said Calver.

Women at the event said they want governments to address issues of decent pay, benefits, affordable childcare and housing.

"They don't have money for childcare," Calver said

"Women are really feeling the brunt of the economic recession."

Calver also said women who are financially insecure are subject to higher rates of violence and discrimination.

International Women's Day is celebrated in many countries to mark the achievements of women around the world.

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