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Alice Paul Institute to Celebrate Women’s Equality Day with a Festival, Fundraiser and New Partnership Announcement with NJ Division on Women

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Mount Laurel, NJ - [Alice Paul Institution](#) (API) will bring the community together for its annual celebration of Women’s Equality Day, on Saturday, August 26 from 12-5 pm with a free [festival](#) featuring local vendors, brewery, food trucks, and activities for guests of all ages.

During the event, API will also honor and celebrate the 49th Anniversary of [New Jersey’s Division on Women \(DOW\)](#), a pioneering state agency for women's advocacy established in 1974 to push for the rights and opportunities of all women throughout the state in a ceremony at 1 p.m.

“While Women’s Equality Day commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote in the U.S., it is also a day to call attention to the ongoing struggle of women in this country,” said Rachael Glashan Rupisan, API executive director.

“It recognizes the importance of an equitable society and the ways we all can take action to create a world where there is true gender equality for all women. We are excited to expand our education work and community engagement through a new partnership with the NJ Division on Women to unite diverse communities to form a coalition of girls coming together to envision a better future for New Jersey.”

The Alice Paul Institute’s work centers on educating the public about the legacy of Alice Paul and the history of the passage of the 19th amendment. The organization also focuses on the long progression of women’s rights in this country.

“The Division on Women is honored to join forces with the distinguished Alice Paul Institute. I cannot think of a more fitting way to commemorate Women’s Equality Day and the 49th anniversary of the Division on Women than by celebrating one of the New Jersey residents who fought for women’s right to vote in the United States,” said the Division on Women Director Anna Martinez. “Inspired by our state’s historic role in the suffrage movement, the partnership between API and DOW will strengthen our collective work to empower women and girl leaders in the battle for a more equitable and just society.”

At Alice Paul Institute, [Women’s Equality Day Festival](#) is dedicated to women’s success and solidarity, and to acknowledging the long road ahead that leads to true gender equality for everyone.

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“We are excited to hold our Women's Equality Day as a festival dedicated to bringing together diverse women for a second year,” said Quincy Wansel, API community Engagement Assistant and event coordinator. “Last year was the first time the event was held with vendors, a beer garden, food trucks and family-friendly activities. We are thrilled to include the participation of local community organizations, vendors and women owned business selling jewelry, clothing, accessories, self-care products and more. The festival will also include food trucks and a beer garden, featuring [Forgotten Boardwalk Brewing](#) throughout the day.”

The grounds of Paulsdale will be filled with activities including face painting, coloring, lawn games and [A&P Petting Zoo](#). Guests can also take a self-guided tour through the childhood home of Alice Paul.

Alice Paul Institute's celebration will not end at the closing of the FREE festival at 5 pm.

For the first time, API is holding two back-to-back Women's Equality Day activities. Immediately following the daytime festival, the grounds of Paulsdale will transform for an adults only [Wine-Down Speakeasy](#) fundraiser featuring [Speranza Theatre Company](#), which will transport guest back to Prohibition Era 1920s & 30s, as they interact with guests in character as woman suffragists throughout the evening from 6 – 8 pm. Tickets start at \$75 with all donations going towards raising funds for the organization. The password is EQUALITY!

For more information about the Women's Equality Day Festival from 12 – 5 pm visit <https://www.alicepaul.org/womens-equality-day-2023/>.

For information and to purchase tickets for the Wine-Down Speakeasy Fundraiser from 6 – 8 pm visit <https://www.alicepaul.org/wine-down-speakeasy/>.

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About the Alice Paul Institute

The [Alice Paul Institute](#) (API) continues to educate the public about the work and monumental success Alice Paul had during her lifetime. Alice Paul was part of and a leader of the fight for the 19th amendment along with being the co-author of the Equal Rights Amendment. API offers leadership development programs and civic engagement programs for the public, which teaches others about the history of women's rights and the ongoing fight of equality for all. Located at the birthplace and National Historic Landmark Paulsdale, the Alice Paul Institute continues the fight Alice once began. Find Alice Paul Institute on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), and [Twitter](#).

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