

1. **Be Yourself**

- You know best who you will be canvassing.
- Develop an approach that you feel comfortable with.
- Use the kind of language you use every day.
- Know how the issues affect the women you are canvassing.

2. **Let the Material Do the Talking**

- Briefly introduce the issue sheets, explaining the reason for the canvass.
- Let the issue sheets present the issues - discuss the connection to women's lives.
- Ask them to take the issue sheets home and consider them; let them know you will follow up.
- Talk **with** them, **not** at them.

3. **Be Frank**

- No one expects you to be an expert.
- If you don't know the answer to a question, don't try to bluff.
- Offer to get back to the sister with an answer.
- Contact your co-ordinator or the OFL for an answer.

4. **Canvass at the Right Time**

- You can canvass during lunch breaks, coffee breaks, before or after work, at union functions, or any other convenient non-work time.
- You can canvass in areas like the lunchroom, parking lot, or change room.
- Think about whom you can get support from. Approach workplace, union and community activists first and explain what you are doing.

5. **How to Handle Responses**

- Take time to listen.
- Ask women to talk to family and friends about the issues.
- Stress the benefits of collective action.
- If you receive an unfavorable response, don't argue.
- Thank everyone for their time, even those who refuse to participate.

6. **Keep in Contact With Your Canvass Organizer**