

actually raised on women's day. That's why it is really good that we as a group of women stand up and say: 'this is what we as women feel.'"

Sometimes the group gets heavy comments from a few men in the audience. But they have never had any bad comments from women in the audience who cheer when they hear the line in the rap song that goes: 'who goes into labour? Not you, but me!' and 'hear our silence, give us voice!' But the group has found that many men are very supportive of the message that they are trying to get across.

### Women's Voices Must Be Heard!

Irene said: "I think that for me the most important thing about this group is that I think it is important that the women's voice be heard. Not because it is more important or more sincere, but because it is different to the male voice. And secondly with this group I think that it has taught me that the voice that is most important and the most sincere is the voice that comes from the people."

Penny said: "When we listen to the real stories and the real pain and the real issues, then you can understand how the feminist theories are born out of that."

The PAP Women's group meets regularly. They plan to get more women to join them. And they want to work on new poems, songs and stories for their performances. They are starting to get booked up for some performances for the new year. They are making sure that the women's voices will be heard in 1990!

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# ANC, SACP UNBANNED

People are singing and toyi-toyiing with joy all over South Africa! The organisations of the people have been unbanned! Comrade Nelson Mandela is out of prison!

February 1990 is a month that will be remembered in South African history. The African National Congress, the South African Communist Party, and the Pan African Congress were unbanned after almost 30 years of being banned and banished into exile and underground. All the bannings and restrictions on organisations like COSATU, UDF and SAYCO have been lifted. The unbannings of organisations and the release of Comrade Nelson Mandela have come after 27 years of bitter struggle by people in South Africa. Hundreds of people who have been restricted are now free to continue their political lives. People are celebrating in South Africa and all over the world!

But this is only the beginning of hope for a free South Africa. There is a long way to go before apartheid and exploitation is totally done away with. So many lives being lost and so much suffering by millions of South Africans is the price that is paid for gaining our path to freedom. Even during the celebrations in some cases police have responded with violence.

We remember and salute all the comrades who have given their lives for the struggle for justice in South Africa. We salute comrades throughout the world who have given their support to our struggle. We pledge support for the ongoing struggle on all fronts until liberation is finally ours. Forward to a non-racial, non-sexist, non-exploitative South Africa, forward!