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Simpson not campaigning for party leadership



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X LABOUR, Welfare and Sports Minister Portia Simpson says she is not on a campaign for the leadership of the People's National Party but has always been consistent in her representation for the rights of women.

Addressing a function organised by the PNP Freedom Women's Movement, to mark International Women's Day at Lawrence Park, St. Ann's Bay on Sunday, Miss Simpson said it was important for women to make their contribution to

society. "As women," she said, "we are going to make our mark in the political process in this country."

Miss Simpson said it was always her intention to ensure that women from both political parties become involved in the highest level of decision making in the political process.

She noted that women could make a difference and were doing so, and that there was no fight against the men who were equal partners in the struggle; but it was for women to "take up their rightful place in helping to contribute and build our nation."

She added: "We are meeting at a critical time in the history of our country. We in government are fighting hard to stabilise the dollar and the rising prices."

Continuing, she said it was time to identify the people in need, "as part of our problem was that the human needs of this country were far too great for the resources of the country."

Fourteen women who have given service to the development of women were honoured and presented with awards. X