# **Format Discussion Night**

### **Practical Information**

When: every 3 weeks, alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Time: ~8pm-10pm
Food/drinks: BYO
Location: To be determined. In the past we've met at De Verrekijker, Atria, and Mama Cash.

## The Discussion Night - preparation

### Theme

Every three weeks there is a discussion night. These nights are usually prepared by 1-2 persons. A theme is picked at a previous meeting or can be decided on online. For a list of previous topics, see the next page.

### Sources

The persons who prepare the meeting select 3 sources that are in line with the theme. These sources ideally are of different forms, like texts, videos, etc. For examples of previous sources, see the next page.

### Announcement

A Facebook event is made on the Feminist Club Amsterdam page, and the event is added to radar.squat and the website. This event has a short description of the theme, links to the sources, and practical information about when and where the event will be held. People are expected to read/watch at least one of the sources.

## The Discussion Night - execution

The people who prepare the discussion night lead the introduction and discussion.

### Introduction

(This depends on the number of people that join in)

We start with a round of short introduction. Everyone says their name, their preferred pro-noun. We usually add a short question to get to know each other, like: 'who is your feminist role-model?', or 'what inspired you to become a feminist?'

We also discuss the 'finger-rule'. During discussions people will want to respond to each other, so they will raise their hand. The first person raises one finger, the next one two, etc. This is to make sure that everyone can contribute.

### Discussion

This can take place in many forms. When the group is big, we often divide in smaller groups. We use different forms of discussion. We have used post-its, posters, paper, etc. many times in the past. It is wise to bring some discussion statements and to think of ways to start a discussion. If you need any help with this, you can contact one of the admins.

#### **Previous themes**

- Simone de Beauvoir
- Intersectionality
- Deconstructing Gender
- Media representation
- Activism
- Feminism and Veganism

### **Previous sources**

On intersectionality:

1) "What Kind of Ally are You?" by Kimberle

Crenshaw, <a href="http://www.whiteprivilegeconference.com/pdf/intersectionality\_primer.pdf">http://www.whiteprivilegeconference.com/pdf/intersectionality\_primer.pdf</a>

2) On Intersectionality Feminism and Pizza (4:05)<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FgK3NFvGp58</u>

3) Interview with Madonna from Out Magazine <a href="http://www.out.com/out-">http://www.out.com/out-</a>

exclusives/2015/3/10/many-heresies-madonna-louise-ciccone

On media representation:

1) "How the media failed Women in 2013"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NswJ4kO9uHc

2) "Still eating the other..."

http://project-parnell.com/2015/04/30/still-eating-the-other/

3) "What liquor ads teach us about guys" by feminist frequency: Liquor ads capitalize on some of the worst (socialized) masculine traits, glamorize them, and sell these behaviours back to us - encouraging and promoting sexism.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wefi-FWdQiU

On veganism:

1. Reg Flowers, What is intersectionality? Breaking through activist jargon (2016)

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=252PXCXidY4&feature=youtu.be)

2. Aph Ko, 5 reasons for why animal rights are a feminist issue (2014)

(http://everydayfeminism.com/2014/12/animal-rights-feminist-issue/)

3. Aph Ko, 3 reasons black folks don't join the animal rights movement – and why we should (2015) (<u>http://everydayfeminism.com/2015/09/black-folks-animal-rights-mvmt/</u>)

4. Kristin Wartman, why we can't forget food justice in our anti-racism fight (2015)

(http://everydayfeminism.com/2015/10/food-justice-anti-racism/)

5. Wiley Reading, why judging people for buying unhealthy food is classist (2014)

(http://everydayfeminism.com/2015/10/food-justice-anti-racism/)