

## M A N I F E S T O

WOMENS LIBERATION WORKSHOP believes that women in our society are oppressed.

We are economically oppressed: in jobs we do full work for half pay;  
in the home we do unpaid work full-time.

We are commercially exploited by advertisements, television and press;  
legally we often have only the status of children.

We are brought up to feel inadequate, educated to narrower horizons than men.

This is our specific oppression as women.

It is as women that we are, therefore, organising.

The WOMENS LIBERATION WORKSHOP questions women's roles and redefines the possibilities. It seeks to bring women to a full awareness of the meaning of their inferior status, and to devise means to change it.

In society, women and girls relate primarily to men; any organisation duplicates this pattern; the men lead and dominate; the women follow and submit.

We close our meetings to men to try and break through this pattern, to establish our own leaderless groups, and to meet each other over our common experience as women. If we admitted men, there would be a tendency for them, by virtue of their experience, vested interests, and status in society, to dominate the organisation. We want, eventually, to be, and to help other women to be, in charge of our own lives; therefore we must be in charge of our own movement, directly, not by remote control. This means that not only those with experience in politics, but all, must learn to take their own decisions, both political and personal.

For this reason, groups small enough for all to take part in discussions and decisions are the basic units of our movement. We feel that the small group makes personal commitment a possibility and a necessity, and it provides understanding and solidarity. Each small group is autonomous, holding different positions and engaging in different types of activity. As a federation of a number of different groups, Womens Liberation Workshop is essentially heterogenous, incorporating within it a wide range of opinions and plans for action.

Womens Liberation Workshop meets monthly, the small groups weekly.

We come together as groups and individuals to further our part in the struggle for social change and the transformation of society.

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