

LONDON SOCIALIST FEMINIST DISCUSSION GROUP

Programme of meetings 2008

Friday 8th February 7.30-9.15 pm

So what about sex differences?

What are the inherited/genetic differences between the biological sexes? Are they of any consequence? Or are most "differences" generated by social conditioning? What is gender anyway? And what are the implications for breaking down and transcending divisions between human beings?



Friday 14th March 7.30-9.15pm

The family — can we live without it?

The nuclear family of the western bourgeois world no longer exists (if it ever did!) Increased divorce, cohabitation and other social change has seen to that. Are traditional family structures on the way out everywhere in the world? What do we think about the creation of alternative quasi-family structures? Do socialist feminists want to "abolish the family"?

Friday 4 April 7.30pm-9.15pm

Pornography, sexual explicitness and women's oppression

In this meeting we will examine and critique different feminist views of pornography. Some feminists argue porn is an expression of an exploitative "male culture" and is irredeemably oppressive to women. At the other extreme some say that porn, as sexually explicit material, can benefit women's sexual liberation. What's wrong/right about these views, and the all the others in between?

Friday 9 May 7.30pm-9.15pm

Women and imperialism

The need to liberate women has often been used by the big powers to justify wars of conquest and other imperialist adventures. Has resistance to imperialism brought freedom for women historically? How can we oppose imperialism, war and national oppression today without resorting to cultural relativism or failing in our duty to oppose oppression wherever it exists?



About the group

We are a socialist/Marxist feminist discussion group set up last year by women in the Alliance for Workers' Liberty. The topics and formats of the discussions are decided on collectively — by everyone who attends the meetings. The group is open to everyone interested, both women and men and you don't have to attend every single meeting, to come along!

Venue

All of the meetings will be held at the Lucas Arms, 245a Gray's Inn Road, London, WC1X. Nearest tube/train: Kings Cross

Reading and more information

Go to: www.workersliberty.org/women for downloadable texts, suggested reading and questions for discussion.

Or email: socialist.feminist@gmail.co.uk

Printed reading packs will also be available at the meetings, or to obtain a copy by post, send your name and address and four first class stamps to LSFDG, c/o PO Box 823, London, SE15 4NA.