

FROM FEMINIST KNOWING TO ACTION

A Five Session Program offered by Kathleen Barry

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What if we feminists gathered in all of our ethnicities, nationalities, and cultures to envision the world we want to live in while living the liberation we are fighting for? What would be the changes we require/demand at home, in the community and around the world? And then, what if we feminists together began to build strategies to make the changes that would bring about this new world? Wouldn't that be a Women's Revolution?

The worldwide Women's Marches on January 21, 2017 with five million women participating globally tell us that internationally feminists are ready for our next act: the liberation of all women. Where to begin? FEMINIST KNOWING AND ACTION PROGRAM brings together the politics of the Women's Liberation Movement of the 1960s and 70s with radical feminists today and begins by asking:

How do we feminists stand in and act from our power right now? And what do we do with it?

Today, rather than feeling crushed by the reversal of women's rights and the anti-feminist backlash, let's come together and explore the inclusiveness of feminist sisterhood by looking at how we can formulate the issues of women's oppression into strategies for action. We will lay our groundwork for making change together by building our strength from "the personal to the political" and uncovering the still unseen practices subordinating and dehumanizing women. We will ask how we can intensify our work against sexual exploitation, for reproductive rights to control our own bodies and what kind of equality we want.

Here is the summary content of each of the five sessions in the Feminist Knowing and Action program:

Session One – Accessing women's power

From the WLM - Consciousness Raising
Women bonding and feminist solidarity
Defining Radical Feminism
Politics of oppression and privilege – the diversity among us: women of color, lesbians, disabled women, young women, old women

Session Two – What is a radical feminist movement? A women's movement? The difference?

From observing to deeply *seeing*
Not a single issue movement
Comparing Radical Feminism to Reform, Socialist, and Liberal Feminism,
Considering charges of "white feminism"; males' sexism across ethnicities; trans attacks on feminists,

Session Three – Envisioning the possible: WE create the new paradigm

CR and finding the hope and optimism in ourselves
Pursuing the anomaly - how to uncover and expose yet unknown acts of male power

Paradigm change
Finding meaning in consciousness and interaction or in the politics of intersectionality

Session Four - Reclaiming a feminist morality in our politics

The Evil of Banality (E. Minnich, 2017)
Framing feminist values, decolonizing our language and our lives
The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UN): Which equality do we choose,
Feminism and zero tolerance of racism

Session Five - Collective Action

Feminist strategizing - local to global
The proposed UN Convention Against Sexual Exploitation

HOW TO REGISTER AND TAKE THIS PROGRAM

Via Skype, or in person weekend workshop

SKYPE:

Five two-hour sessions can be held over a weekend or weekly or biweekly five times.

Via Skype. We connect from where I am in Northern California to where you and your group are.

Ideally, you bring the participants together in one room; someone's living room, a meeting room, etc. where you can connect to SKYPE. If your computer can be connected to a TV screen, it is easier for everyone to follow comfortably.

If you are in a remote area, we can discuss how you can join each session by phone (no video). I connect you, wherever you are in the world, with me in northern California. If you cannot involve ten women in your area who can gather in one place, we can connect via Skype to women in different places.

In places where women live in a large geographic area, some women have rented a cottage for a weekend (good for consciousness-raising), splitting the costs with each other.

WORKSHOP - Or I will come to where you have gathered ten women or more for five sessions over 2.5 days (a weekend usually) which may raise the cost of the program to cover my travel and accommodations. Those who have chosen this option have been able to fund the program by applying to supportive programs in their community. (Contact me directly before making arrangements locally so that we can make suitable arrangements.)

TEN WOMEN?

Yes. An important goal of this program is to leave you with your consciousness raising group. And bringing together ten women, while it may take an effort, keeps down the per person cost for the program. Sometimes institutions, community programs or universities may be a source of funding for your program.

PAYMENTS

- Payment per person - \$125.00 USD, converted to USD if outside of the US.
- If you raise funds for an in-person workshop locally, the cost is \$1,250 plus \$125 for everyone over the ten people minimum in addition to my travel and accommodations.
- Payment can be sent through PayPal or by check if on a US bank in USD. When using Pay Pal, specify "payment to a friend," leaving shipping address blank and indicating that payment is not for goods or services.
- Full payment from everyone is due one week before our first session.

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Hope to see you soon!

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