

GIRLS, WOMEN, FEMINISTS, AND LESBIANS

Meetings held regularly at the Paris Women's Centre
Calling all women from the Paris area and elsewhere to:

A GATHERING followed by a NON-MIXT NIGHT MARCH SAT JULY 14 2008 AT 19H30

[Place Armand Carrel (Métro Laumière) Paris 19ème]



The fear of violence committed at night casts a shadow on violence during the day.

NO, violence doesn't have a particular time and is everywhere: at home, on the street, at work&

While going out at night, we are considered to be available to men.

Public spaces (subway, bus, parks, bars, streets) that are so-called neutral are covered with images of available women, makes a culture of rape more common.

Checked-out on bikes, given a hard time when we are with our children, whistled at on the street&

We want to be free to move around during the day and night!

Liberty and autonomy for all women!

We are marching against all forms of patriarchal violence that happen in public spaces and in the private space of the family. We are marching against the fear and guilt created by culture and education.

We are marching in the street to denounce violence, rape and murder.

Male violence causes death and disability (permanent and temporary) among women all over the world.

Male violence against girls, women and lesbians doesn't know class, ethnic, cultural, religious or political lines in France as elsewhere.

We refuse the recuperation of these forms of violence by public powers and politics for racism and social control, in the name of security in cities (video surveillance, racial profiling, and harsh laws on prostitution).

We are denouncing police repression and the Exclusion laws that make women (especially those without long-term work contracts) more vulnerable to male violence.

We are taking back public space by collective practice and self-determination without flags or parties.

We are marching against a capitalist economy that hits women first. Low salaries, short-term work contracts (CDD), imposed part-time work, harassment, violence and blackmail: bosses and husbands make women financially dependent. 98 % of the owners of the means of production are men, while 70% of the work is done by women.

We want to be free to leave and to say NO: where we want and to who we want! Autonomy and resistance!

We are denouncing violence against lesbians because they love each other, affirm their existence, re-appropriate their spaces and escape the control of men.

We are strong and proud.

In solidarity and anger.

We are taking the street to state:

As girls, women, lesbians and feminists,

The freedom to decide our lives elsewhere and always!

We are marching during the night so that we are no longer walked upon during the day!