



Welcome to AAWAA

Getting it done together



PANEL
0930 - 1100
(1h, 30m)



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Karen
Panel



Panel topic overview

- This morning's panel will be talking about implementing women's liberation in Australia.
- You may have noticed that AAWAA groups describe themselves as 'women's liberation groups'
- We have chosen this term very deliberately as we focus on fighting for the liberation of women and girls from oppressive male social structures.
- We typically do this through a feminist lens.

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- So we've decided to run this panel with this topic to discuss what women think of the term and its relationship to feminism today ...
- Because we know that the term 'feminism' now describes various ways of women's being in the world, many of which do not promote women's liberation from male oppression.
- You will be familiar with pornography, sex work is real work, sexualised advertising, etc., as being 'liberating' ...

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- And maybe we'll talk in the panel discussion about the word 'empowering' ...

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- So, some of things we might cover could be ...
- *Roots and legacies*. The Women's Liberation Movement. The Australian status, protections, rights, dignity, and safety of women and girls achieved through foundational first and second wave feminism.
- *The backlash(es)*. Women's current sex-class experience and condition in Australia; facing the present backlash/erasure and its sources.

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- *Challenges*. Identifying direct opponents as well as those who don't know/care what is happening; taking up the fight; truth-telling in public (safely).
- *Feminist analysis*. The tools of feminist analysis we can draw on and how to use them to foster change.
- *Making our mark*. How can we use Australian participatory democracy (politics), the courts (law), and other means to advance our agenda?

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- Our speakers might share a bit about
 - Their pathways here
 - What is important to them in the fight
 - What they think might be the biggest obstacles we face as women in Australia
 - Where they have been putting your efforts
 - How this thinking has changed, developed, become more focussed, whatever
- So allow me now to introduce our panellists.



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Small group discussions

Discussion of panel insights



- What were the most surprising, interesting, insightful, concerning, inspiring, whatever, points raised by the panel in relation to women's liberation and feminism in Australia today and in the past?
- Is there anything practical we can take away from this? Or is the fuel-for-thought enough?
- What balance of theory, practice, experience, analysis do we need in order to implement women's liberation in Australia?
- Has the panel discussion given you a new or revised framework for action and analysis? What does that look like?



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Report-backs