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QUEER FEMINISMS



The starting point for the **queer feminism workshop** was the desire to share experiences of **otherness, queerness**, and the desire to practice affirmative dissent from imposed normativity, openness to otherness and difference, and **fluidity of identity**. Queering feminism for us means **questioning the fixed** categories of social roles, cultural gender, beyond the opposition of male/female - consent to the constant shifting of concepts, categories, values that we operate with.



MEETING ENTRY

The meeting began with asking each other three questions. To answer each of them, we randomly divided ourselves into twos three times on Zoom. We answered each question in twos for about **5 min**. We then had a joint conversation that lasted about **20 min**.

Question 1: From what place do you speak? How does your personal experience influence your actions, activist and professional practice?

Question 2: Do you remember a moment of personal mismatch with norm? What did you feel at the time?

Question 3: What is a pleasure for you? Would you be willing to share at least one experience of pleasure (preferably sensual pleasure)?



WHAT DOES QUEER MEAN FOR US?

Starting from our own experience helped us to talk about queer feminism theories in a more personal, relational way.

We've discussed on how we understand the term "queer" and the difficulties we encounter in using the word in Polish.

Queer as an:

open mesh of possibilities, gaps, overlaps, dissonances and resonances, lapses and excesses of meaning when the constituent elements of anyone's gender, of anyone's sexuality aren't made (or can't be made) to signify monolithically

Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick, *Tendencies*, Duke University Press, Durham 1993, p. 7

...queer as not about who you're having sex with, that can be a dimension of it, but queer as being about the self that is at odds with everything around it and has to invent and create and find a place to speak and to thrive and to live

bell hooks - found on the internet

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CALL TO ACTION

The meeting ended with an exchange of recommendations concerning small gestures, ways of being in the world

How do we practice queer feminism every day?

How do we unseal language, make identities fluid, give space?

How to notice discriminatory/homophobic/transphobic gestures, words, actions? how to react to them?

How to be aware of oppression and its consequences?

How to unlearn a normativising language?

how to sensitise?

How to recognise and support queer initiatives?

How to practise pleasure, sexual freedom, sex positivity?

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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Are you or have you been a part of communities based on ties alternative to normative ones? What emotions do you associate with being a part of those communities?

If a revolution, what kind of revolution?

Is queer an important category for you?

In what moments/situations have you felt disagreement with socially imposed norms of behaviour, life?

What forms of resistance to norms and normativity do you use in your life?