

Feminist pedagogy and emancipation for women migrants

Adult and community Education

For a change

Feminist Pedagogy

- Women centre
- Welcoming learning environment
- Valuing women's experience and reflection
- Focusing on women's lives
- Creating space for women's voices
- Helping to transform individual experiences into collective ones.
- Creating spaces for solidarity

Feminist pedagogy and adult education

- Not just 'women's' subjects
- Arts and science
- Crafts and handicrafts
- Personal development
- Interpersonal skills and relationships
- Citizenship and democracy
- Adult basic education
- English as a second language for adults

Feminist movement and social change

Second wave movement uncovered and revealed the extent of violence against women

Domestic violence

Intimate relation coercion and control

Cultural violence against women

Child sexual abuse

Violence against women in war and conflict

Violence against women escaping war and conflict

Overall

- 1 in five women experience violence in 'peacetime' not just in the global north and west
- Escalates in cultural contexts
- Rape and sexual violence against women in conflict situations
- Rape and sexual violence against women in refugee and asylum seeking contexts

- Domestic violence was a problem in Syria before the war, as it is in most societies. A 2005 study found that 21.8 percent of women surveyed reported being subjected to some sort of violence, and 13.8 percent of the husbands surveyed admitted they beat their wives.

Irish Contexts

- Very little immigration into Ireland until the 1990s
- Migrant workers from all over Europe since 2005
- Escalation with the global crises
- ‘Direct Provision’ response to this escalation
- People trafficking

Motivation

- Economic reasons
- Fleeing conflict, war
- Fleeing domestic violence
- Fleeing cultural violence

Adult Education

- English
- Basic literacy and numeracy
- ICT
- Qualifications
- Arts and crafts
- Personal development

Caring for the learners as people

- Integration
- Support not just in learning environment but also in social contexts
- Creating social networks
- Helping to link women with women
- Huge supports in Women's Aid, Rape Crisis Centres, Crisis Pregnancy Agencies, National Women's Council