

Bristol Feminist Network (BFN) Position Papers

Executive summary

Bristol Feminist Network (BFN) is a feminist activist network with core aims to challenge the gender-based discrimination still experienced by women and girls. We recognise the benefits and achievements won by the feminist movement in advancing women's opportunities and defending them from sexism. BFN organises on a local level but is concerned with campaign issues which have regional, national and international interests. Some of our specific positions are detailed above/below.

Development of the position papers

These position papers are not static. They are open to change and will evolve as BFN evolves. They instead attempt to give a snapshot as to what issues BFN campaign on, and why and how we have formed these positions.

BFN works on a democratic basis. If the majority of the group says they do not want to sign up to a campaign, then that campaign will not happen under BFN's name. An example of this is how statements have been made as 'a group of Bristol Feminists' or a 'collaboration of some Bristol Feminist Network members and Bristol Fawcett members' rather than as BFN.

In order to ensure that members are able to get involved with the campaigns that matter to them, we will continue to provide links and other resources for members to use. These include petition links, article links and template letters. It can also include individual campaign groups, such as the Reps of Women group and the Reclaim the Night steering committee.

BFN is for you. It is for you to use our resources, get involved in our campaigns, contribute to discussion groups and march in solidarity with your sisters and brothers. We have come a long way in four years. Who knows what the future holds. But one thing's for sure, we are creating it together.