

A photograph of a group of people in a room, possibly a social gathering or meeting. The room has blue walls, a white door, and a shelf with decorative items. A large, bold, white text overlay reads "FEMHOUSE ARMENIA". Below it, a semi-transparent grey box contains the text "About FemHouse and FemLibrary Armenia". The date "March 2019" is written in a smaller, dark font above the main title. The background shows several people sitting at tables, some looking at their phones, and others engaged in conversation. There are drinks, plates of food, and a small clock on a table in the foreground.

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# FEMHOUSE ARMENIA

About FemHouse and FemLibrary  
Armenia

# WHAT IS FEMHOUSE AND FEMLIBRARY?

FemHouse Armenia is a newly established feminist community that aims at creating a safe space for feminist organizing, collaboration and resistance. It brings together and intertwines feminist activism, art and academia in the spirit of feminist solidarity and sisterhood. It is a an uninstitutionalised queer feminist imagination that aims at uniting Armenian feminists across different movements, initiatives, groups and organisations and strives for fighting against patriarchy, heteronormativity, capitalism and militarism by producing intersectional feminist knowledge and by fostering creative activism that goes beyond mainstream liberal frameworks.







# WHAT IS THE VISION OF FEMHOUSE?

The vision of FemHouse is a new world reimagined and rebuilt by women and queer people who got emancipated from heteronormative oppressions and prejudices and dismantled patriarchal structures.

# FemLibrary and Queer Café

FemHouse includes two important elements – a feminist library (known as FemLibrary) and a queer café. Both these elements are situated in the same space and are interconnected.

FemLibrary includes dozens of books on gender, sexuality, feminist studies, political philosophy, political science, human rights and related fields and is open for the general public. The library also organises reading clubs, book presentations, undertakes translations and writing of our own decolonial texts in Armenian.

The queer café is a collective space to fight heteronormativity. It will be opened by the end of this year. The café will be a unique gathering space for activists, scholars, artists, especially marginalised queer people and their allies who can get together to have fun, enjoy food and drinks and have political conversations and debates.





The creation of this collective space is going to become self-sustained through income generating activities (operation of the café) and contribute to the realisation of FemHouse's long-term objectives which are:

- To contribute to the feminist thought and knowledge building through writing, translation, research, work with archives and documentation, organization of reading clubs, presentations, lectures and discussions. FemHouse sees feminist research and translation of key feminist texts as a political act and as a way of resistance. FemHouse believes that building collective power will first of all start by developing jointly our language through which feminist resistance and revolution will come to a meaning.
- To foster intersectional feminist activism as an act to fight multi-layered oppressions. This area implies diverse alternative activist gatherings, public actions, demonstrations, online and offline resistance methods, development of leaflets/pamphlets and their wide distribution. Our feminist activism is intersectional – it fights against patriarchy, heteronormativity, capitalism, militarism, colonialism, fascism, environmental exploitation and other intersecting oppressions.
- Contribute to the development of feminist art as an act to trouble patriarchy and fight misogyny. This area includes production of feminist artworks, organisation of exhibitions, performances, fenzines, movie screenings, video making, online campaigns, graffiti, posters, poetry readings, discussions with feminist painters, writers and artists.





# HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT US?

You can donate money or books to our initiative. The shipping address is:

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