

Antimasculinist coalition

The coalition's platform

We are a coalition of feminist and pro-feminist individuals. In a context where extreme right movements and political relativism are on the rise, we aim to denounce the reactionary actions and discourse that seek to destroy and ridicule social gains won by women, for women.

1. Masculinism: an extreme right wing movement.

We are opposed to masculinism. Masculinism is a reactionary movement opposed to social change, whether to come or already made by the feminist movement.

This movement actively defends a traditional vision of "the family" and of social interaction between women and men. We reject these conservative values and fight for the liberation of women and men outside of the patriarchal mode.

(The remainder of our platform is on our website: www.antipatriarcat.org/antimascu)

April 23rd - Cafe Aquin

9:30am : words of welcome and inscriptions

Universite du Quebec a Montreal

Hubert Aquin building, 2nd floor, room A-2030

FREE!

10am

Words of welcome

By: Anne-Marie and Laeticia from the antimasculinist coalition

10:15 to 11am

Opening conference: Who are The Masculinists?

By: Audrey

BREAK

11am to 12:45pm

Workshop1

Delirious Masculinism and Parenting Models: (Pro)Feminist Parents Retaliate

By: Anne-Marie and Yannick

Workshop2

Naturalism, Masculinism and a Fascist Vision of Ecology

By: Christine

12:45 to 2pm LUNCH BREAK

2pm to 3:30pm

Workshop1

Lesbophobia, Homophobia, Heterocentrism, Sexuality and The Way We View Our Bodies

By: Louise and Alice

Workshop2

From Oppressors to Oppressed: How Masculinist Analysis denies the domination of men on women.

By: Isabelle

BREAK

3:45 to 5:45pm

Plenary: All are invited to reflect on actions during the workshops. This plenary, or committee of the whole, is designed to make our strategies and actions collective in order to gain the strength we need to face these masculinist groups and their oppressive rhetoric. Our goal is to direct this discussion towards our means of action.

7:30 Concert by Genr'Radical

(Francophone radical pro-feminist folk band)

Our Objectives

*The space of this event is a place for us to share our experiences, our information and our strength. It offers room to speak for women and men in solidarity in the struggle against masculinism.

*We want to analyze the masculinist rhetoric and its consequences on our lives and on society at large.

*We would also like to transform our analysis into concrete alternatives and actions.

Procedure

The workshops are structured in a way to facilitate discussion and debate. An animator or guardian of the collective well being will accompany the individuals presenting the workshops. Together they will make sure that the discussions are structured in such a way that it is favorable to those who are less comfortable speaking in public. For example, they may ensure that there is a rotation of men and women taking turns to speak.

Rules in debate

The discussion space is to be free of misogyny, lesbophobia, homophobia, racism, in short, of all forms of verbal and non-verbal oppression. Violent attitudes will not be tolerated. Why? Because it is important that we create spaces where women will feel comfortable to express themselves.

Financial aid can be provided to parents who would like to have their child or children babysat. For additional information, contact collectifantimasculinistes@hotmail.com

A few masculinist quotes

“It is easy to find that millions of dollars are being stolen from corporations by half of the population. This so called victimized half of the population, victims, they are, of injustices from the last century.” Gilbert Claes

“Woman, in her status of victim, reinforces violence” Yves Pageau

“When repressive feminism will be eliminated, it is imperative that we have the intelligence to use the resources of the state to establish conditions permitting men and women to fulfill together their projects of creating families. Women’s liberation struggles have already wasted enough of our time. It is urgent that we overthrow the decline of society caused by the state’s sexism.” Yves Pageau

“The commemoration of the events of the Polytechnique on December 6th is a typical example of the dishonesty, or rather of the intellectual fraud of a group of fundamentalist feminists reclaiming, for their cause, an event with no significance.” L’Apres Rupture

“The damage that they (feminists) provoke to enrich themselves largely surpasses whatever they gain.” Yves Pageau

Other fun activities are organized for Friday evening (film projection at 2035 St-Laurent) and Saturday evening (Genr’Radical concert, place to be confirmed)