

Individual Project Proposal

Youth Feminist Activism

Background

The last decade has witnessed a steady stream of local and global youth-led feminist activisms speaking out on a vast range of gender and sexual injustices and inequalities from street harassment to the right for inclusive sex and relationships education. Dubbed fourth-wave feminism, young people are increasingly creating their own distinctive ripples and waves of what it means to practice feminism in all its diversity.

Brief

What it means to be a young feminist and engage in feminist politics today is a much under-researched area, particularly in relation to the following areas, some of which might present the beginnings of your individual research project:

- School-based feminist youth groups
- Boy feminists and feminist allies
- Digital feminist networks
- Inter-generational feminist activisms
- Intersectional and inclusive feminisms
- Risks and dangers of youth feminism online and offline
- Clickbait feminism and slacktivism

Key Resource:

Agenda: A Young People's Guide to Making Positive Relationships Matter,
www.agenda.wales (p.30)

This is an online toolkit with links to organisations and websites that will assist you in collecting information on your chosen area.

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Additional resources:

Think pieces to spark ideas

Teen Spirit: Young Feminist Heros, by Kira Cochrane

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2014/mar/29/fifth-wave-feminists-young-activists>

We Speak to Teen Feminists of the Year, by Hannah Rose Ewens

<http://www.dazeddigital.com/artsandculture/article/28749/1/we-speak-to-the-teen-feminists-of-the-year>

Championing Teenage Feminism—One Blog Post at a Time, by Allison Yarrow

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2012/03/02/championing-teenage-feminism-one-blog-post-at-a-time.html>

The F-Word, What feminism means to teens now, by Julia Rubin

<http://www.teenvogue.com/story/teen-feminism>

Fourth-Wave Feminism, by Deborah Soloman

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/15/magazine/15fob-q4-t.html>

High School Boys Video about Why Feminism is Important Goes Viral [by Rachel Hosie](#)

<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/high-school-boys-video-feminism-importance-viral-sydney-high-international-womens-day-2017-australia-a7617816.html>

Teaching Boys Feminism, by Illeana Jimenez

<https://feministteacher.com/2011/03/29/teaching-boys-feminism/>

Inter-generational feminism

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-le5m8TSW4>

First person accounts, interviews and case studies

Talking with fierce feminists <http://www.sparkmovement.org/tag/talking-with-fierce-feminists/>

Don't be a feminist cos boys won't like that - <https://teenfeministkilljoy.wordpress.com>

An interview with feminist activist Perla Vasquez, by Mama Cash

<http://www.mamacash.org/news/an-interview-with-feminist-activist-perla-vasquez/>

I call myself a feminist (by Amy Annette, Yas Necati, Isabel Adomakoh Young)

<http://www.ideasfestival.co.uk/events/i-call-myself-a-feminist/>

Teen feminist school group case studies

<http://www.genderandeducation.com/6462-2/>

Useful Websites

Young Feminist Wire www.yfa.awid.org - is an online community for and by young feminists working on women's human rights, gender equality and social justice around the world

SPARK movement. www.sparkmovement.org - is a girls and young women's intergenerational activist organization working online to ignite an anti-racist gender justice movement

Youth Culture Magazine DAZED page on 'Feminism'
<http://www.dazeddigital.com/tag/feminism>

Teen Feminists: feminist from a teenage perspective
<http://www.teenfeminist.com/blog>

The F-bomb <http://thefbomb.org> The FBomb.org is a blog/community created by and for teen and college-aged individuals who care about their rights and want to be heard.

www.feministing.com - is an online community run by and for young feminists. Offers feminist analysis of everything from pop culture to politics and inspiring young people to make real-world feminist change, online and off.

Gender and Education Association
<http://www.genderandeducation.com>

UK Feminista <http://ukfeminista.org.uk>

Research on youth feminist activism (use the academia.edu links to access their research reports)

Lyn Mikel Brown and Dana Edell
<https://colby.academia.edu/LynMikelBrown>
<https://independent.academia.edu/DanaEdell>

Taking Back Girl Power. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCLz6OZnK5o>

Bridges, ladders, sparks, and glue: celebrating and problematizing "girl-driven" intergenerational feminist activism <https://colby.academia.edu/LynMikelBrown>

Awakening our Democracy: The Politics of Gender
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFE8yaQBCP4>

Jessalyn Keller (University of Calgary, Canada)
<https://ucalgary.academia.edu/JessalynnKeller>

I'm not a feminist I love Men

<http://mediacommons.futureofthebook.org/imr/2010/08/01/im-not-feminist-i-love-men-rethinking-lady-gaga-s-postfeminist-rhetoric-and-its-potential>

Making Activism Accessible: Exploring Girls' Blogs as Sites of Contemporary Feminist Activism

https://www.berghahnbooks.com/downloads/OpenAccess/MitchellGirlhood/MitchellGirlhood_15.pdf

Kaitlynn Mendes (University of Leicester)

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/blog/books-interview-kaitlynn-mendes#survey-answer>

Rape Culture: menace or myth <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoxvTys3tds>

Speaking unspeakable things: documenting digital feminist responses to rape culture
https://www.academia.edu/27355104/Speaking_unspeakable_things_documenting_digital_feminist_responses_to_rape_culture

Jessica Ringrose, University of London, Institute of Education

<https://ucl.academia.edu/JessicaRingrose>

Intergenerational youth feminism <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-le5m8TSW4>

Gender Equality and Girlhood https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixekg_VEFu0

But then feminism goes out the window: exploring teenage girls critical response to celebrity feminism (with Keller)

https://www.academia.edu/10479307/But_then_feminism_goes_out_the_window_Exploring_teenage_girls_critical_response_to_celebrity_feminism

Postfeminist education: girls and the sexual politics of schooling

https://www.academia.edu/5466450/Book_Review_Postfeminist_education_Girls_and_the_sexual_politics_of_schooling

Emma Renold, Cardiff University <https://cardiff.academia.edu/EmmaRenold>

Teen girls re-assemble the rules on healthy relationships education in Wales.
<add academia.edu>

Teen Feminist Kill-joys (with Ringrose)

http://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt14jxn16.11?seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents

Jessica Taft, University of California <https://ucsc.academia.edu/JessicaTaft>

Taft, J. (2012) Rebel Girls: Youth Activism and Social Change
<https://jessicataft.sites.ucsc.edu/research/rebel-girls/>

<https://www.fromthesquare.org/rebel-girls-rising/#.WQBs4RiZP3A>

Illeana Jimenez, <https://feministteacher.com/writing-and-media/>

The Feminist Utopia Project

<http://www.msnbc.com/so-popular/watch/the-goal-of--the-feminist-utopia-project--541816899913>