

Newsletter – April 2022

Let's Talk About Sex.

In this edition of FFS - the newsletter we are talking sex; looking at the importance of recognising sex as a class, as a protected characteristic, as a reality. Below you will find excellent resources discussing sex through the feminist lens, as well as events that you can attend to take part in the discussion.

SAVE OUR SPACES

- Recently the EHRC issued their long awaited guidance on single sex provision. Met with gratitude and inevitable contention, it undoubtedly provided clarity. See our response to the guidance here: [FFS Statement on EHRC guidance](#) and the guidance itself here: [EHRC Single Sex Provision Guidance](#)
- Women's Aid England also issued their statement regarding single sex services, which has proved to be more encouraging than the continued stagnant response from Scottish Women's Aid. Read our statement in response to Women's Aid England here: [FFS Statement on Women's Aid England Statement](#) and the [Women's Aid England Statement](#)
- Arguing the need for single sex violence against women services in Scotland as being essential, Dr Anni Donaldson's research and policy briefing 'By Women for Women', is a must read. Dr Donaldson analyses the many factors, social, state, and cultural, that contribute to the oppression of women through male violence against women. [By Women For Women, Dr Anni Donaldson](#)

SEX IN LAW

- **ONLINE EVENT.** To clarify the legislative process surrounding the often confusing topic of Gender Identity Ideology and its implications in policy and law in Scotland, the persistent women of MBMpolicy have set up a webinar to help. **This Sunday 24th April**, register here: [The legislative process for the Gender Recognition Reform \(Scotland\) Bill Registration, Sun 24 Apr 2022 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- Audrey Ludwig, equalities lawyer, writes for Legal Feminist collective on the case for indirect sex discrimination in sport with the inclusion of self identifying males in women's sport. [But Is It Cricket? Giving Women A Sporting Chance \(legalfeminist.org.uk\)](#)
- Continuing the legal theme, with historical connection, the indomitable Max Dashu founder of the Suppressed Histories Archives, gives us an overview of how, throughout history, women were oppressed on the basis of sex; using Law. An issue still pertinent today. [\(2\) Patriarchal Law - YouTube](#)

SEMANTICS OF SEX

- The Scottish census was an area for recent feminist protest as the guidance for answering the sex question permitted self identification. The ongoing conflation of sex and gender identity as characteristics is undoubtedly damaging, not only in the census but in any data

collection. Watch Alice Sullivan Professor of Sociology and Head of Research at UCL explain why these characteristics should not be interchangeable: [\(21\) Sex and the Census: why surveys should not conflate sex and gender identity - YouTube](#)

- **ONLINE EVENT.** In other potential obfuscation of the use of the word sex, consider it in 'Sex work' in reference to prostitution. Is it sex? Is it work? Join the amazing women of Nordic Model Now! discussing and analysing this narrative in their online event: **This Sunday 24th April**, register here: [Challenging the 'sex work is work' narrative Registration, Sun 24 Apr 2022 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

There are many other avenues that could be examined with reference to feminist analysis of sex, we hope to have given you a few pointers. Remember if you have feminist actions or events in your local area that you would like us to feature let us know!