

**FEMINISM**

**A feminist is a man or woman who already knows for a fact that men and women are equals, and who want society to wake to that fact, so the world can stop operating at half strength; so that half the brains, half the inspiration, half the joy and beauty, half the human resources in the world will no longer be wasted.**

*Mario Thomas*

**I do not know exactly what a feminist is, I know I have been labeled one whenever I express opinions which differentiate me from a doormat.**

*Charlotte Perkins Gilman*

**Women are the experts on our lives. We all have gifts to share and can learn from each other- even (or especially) those with whom we disagree. I identify myself as a feminist with pride, because I totally support women in our work towards equality and full participation in every sphere. I look around me at the diversity, strength, and beauty of women and know that we are of infinite value, whatever we choose to do in our lives.**

*Karen Newmoon*

**We celebrate the diversity among women and are committed to offering information about issues and options in a balanced manner so that all women, regardless of their point of view, are able to trust the Association is one that supports women.**

*Antigonish Women's Association*

**Yes, I am a feminist, but I am logical one. I think these issues need a lot thought.**

*Carol Miller*

Nelson & District Women's Centre Volunteer Training

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**A person who has a clear understanding of classism, racism, racialism, ageism, homophobia, heterosexism, capitalism, imperialism- that to me would be a person who really is a feminist. If a person does not understand those things, then they are just a liberal sprouting nonsense. I definitely see myself as a feminist and I see it as one of the major struggles globally because the war against women is all over the world, in every state. I think every woman should be a feminist.**

*Faith Nolan*

**"Feminism is a verb, not only an adjective! Allow my analogy: I declare, wholeheartedly that I am a pirate! I am a pirate because I was born a pirate. I have read all there is to read on being a pirate; their role in history, pirate literature, pirate survival courses, ect.. I know through personal reflection and social analysis that deep within myself, I am definitely a pirate. But, the truth is, 'if I am not riding the high seas, I am not a pirate!!!"**

**That is most important thing in feminism to me! Action! Feminism is supporting, being a part of, the struggle against an ambivalent, oppressive world. Attempting to create full opportunities for all people to see and achieve their utmost potential in creating a life that they want to, and should be able to, be proud of!"**

*Someone from the University of Manitoba Womyn's Centre*

**We believe we are a feminist association because we fight for the rights of women in society and we work in a cooperative way. All domestic workers are welcome on the association, whether or not they describe themselves as feminist, as long as the work with others in a respectful and non-hierarchical way. We are also committed in our principles to oppose discrimination or racism of any kind.**

*West Coast Domestic Workers Association*