

WHY THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION ARE AGAINST AN ANTI SEXIST COMMISSION.

At the last conference it was decided to set up an anti-sexist forum. It was felt that mixed discussion should take place around the nature of sexism. When the N.C. raised the question of this forum and suggested an anti - sexist commission women from the N.C. brought this to the women's commission who feel that a commission is not the appropriate place for these discussions and they should take place in the branches.

An anti sexist commission would mean women taking responsibility for working out mens positions. We feel that men should be using men's meetings to understand their sexism and to develop anti sexist practise and that the appropriate place for mixed discussions is in the branches. If issues are not being discussed locally and through practise then to package off anti -sexism into a commission is to give it the status of a debating point and yet again not to treat it seriously.

An anti sexist commission would be appropriate if men were seriously developing this work by taking initiatives such as picketing pornographic films and so challenging each other through political action. When men can be seen to be challenging their power they will be taken seriously - until then women's energies can't be taken up in supporting men's views of themselves as pro feminist.

If men were acting against sexism through their various political work discussions would take place at branch and there may then be a demand for a national anti sexist discussion which leads out of practise and which women can take seriously.

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