

# THE MOVEMENT OF REVOLUTIONARY EFFEMINISM

Revolutionary effeminism is a new political movement being formed by men who want to struggle with their sexism and fight their oppressiveness. It is both an analysis and a plan of action.

Men have been developing the effeminist analysis by both reading and listening to the growing feminist analysis of sexism and male supremacy, and by doing consciousness-raising about our oppression and our role as oppressors

We recognize two basic facts about ourselves:

1. as effeminate men we are oppressed by sexism in the form of sex-role conditioning as children, and by the masculinism and heterosexism of straight men.
2. as men we are male supremacist and thus oppress all women.

We recognize that in fighting our oppression we must not oppress women, for we value the end of all oppression. Thus we struggle to rid ourselves of all the privileges and power we have as men, and struggle to become unmanly without in any way parodying women.

We struggle to be angry and militant about our oppression in new ways, without becoming competitive and dominating, i.e., masculine. We strive never to do anything that opposes the feminist struggle, and never to attempt to define that struggle for women. We realize that only when male supremacy is ended will effeminate men - and everyone else be free.

Our struggle to become unmanly means many things:

- getting in touch with our feelings and struggling to change those that are oppressive to others (e.g., anti-woman, racist feelings.)
- learning how to cry.
- opening up and being vulnerable to others.
- Sensitizing ourselves to the feelings of others.
- learning how to be responsible to others.
- learning how to share.
- learning how to give and take criticism.

Likewise, there are many things that we as effeminate men can do to fight male supremacy as it exists outside of ourselves:

- read feminist and effeminist literature.
- start our own consciousness-raising groups to analyse our oppression and oppressiveness, to develop new plans of action, to learn how to struggle with other men to become effeminists.
- spread effeminism in every way possible: writing, theatre, music, forums readings, leaflets, actions.
- do childcare.
- learn to stop hating our mothers; learn to stop bonding with our fathers
- get out of drag, oppose camp.
- attack male institutions, our enemies - the church, psychiatry, capitalism, the educational system.
- attack sexist media, movies, newspapers, and other "cultural" (male) phenomena.
- learn to see how the counter-culture is only a new manifestation of male supremacy.
- utilize our skills to help spread effeminism, and transfer those skills to others.
- use our jobs, position, influence, money to further effeminism.
- help develop a means by which we can form and spread the movement of Revolutionary Effeminism; rejecting the male hierarchical form of organization.
- learn self-defence. We'll need it.