WHAT IS SOLIDARITY?

- Coming together of activists with a shared goal
- With a common understanding and analysis of situations
- Generating leadership from within the affected groups.
- Solidarity among women and feminists.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the purpose of solidarity?
2. With whom do we form solidarity?
3. What are the conditions under which solidarity can be formed?
4. How could our work to be assessed?
5. How to deal with asymmetrical power relations particularly those of class, nation and race?
6. How do we deal with contradictions of our own social locations?
7. What is to be done with “solidarity” which undermines the movement.

MODELS OF SOLIDARITY BUILDING:

1. A group of people doing similar work across regions.
2. Different groups coming together for a common purpose.
3. When a network’s principle of liberation has them believing the importance of other people’s liberation movements.
4. Identifying with struggles which are not one’s own, particularly those where your own nation/group plays an important role.

PRINCIPLES:

1. Agreeing on a strategy.
2. Putting the affected group at the center.
3. Working inside the community when your own community supports the problem.

4. Introspective analysis and transformational thinking in order not to replicate the structures of power you sought/seek to demolish.

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