



Open Call: Ain't I a Womxn: Feminism for Everybody

*A cabaret to honour bell
hooks on International
Women's Day 2022*

The Subjectivity and Feminisms Research Group invites submissions from UAL staff and students for an International Women's Day cabaret to honour the legacy of the late bell hooks on **Tuesday 8 March**, 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the marquee on Rootstein Hopkins Parade Ground, Chelsea College of Arts, 16 John Islip Street, London SW1P 4JU.

A Queer, Black feminist and prominent scholar on race and gender, bell hooks wrote that:

In the United States, maintaining white supremacy has always been as great if not a greater priority than maintaining strict sex role divisions. Women are divided by sexist attitudes, racism, class privilege... Sustained woman bonding can occur only when these divisions are confronted and the necessary steps are taken to eliminate them... Solidarity strengthens resistance struggle. When white women attack white supremacy they are simultaneously participating in the struggle to end sexist oppression¹.

I think that we have to give feminist politics and feminist movements its props that it's one of the few movements for social justice in our nation that has tried in its visionary aspects to highlight that interdependency between systems of domination and has tried not to say that somehow it's an issue of class or it's an issue of race, but rather, how do these issues work together to sustain dominator culture².

Expanding on bell hooks' titles and concepts - you are invited to make a proposal for a live response of up to 5 minutes to any of the suggested themes below. It could be a gesture, a reading, a poem, a song, a manifesto, a costume, a video, an object, a dance, an amalgamation of all or none of these! Collaborations are welcomed!

- Loving Difference as Political Resistance
- Ain't I a Womxn: celebrating femaleness across genders, races, classes, disabilities and non-disabilities
- Undoing the Imperialist White Supremacist Capitalist Patriarchy
- Thinking Feminist, Thinking Black and Brown: feminism and anti-racism
- Revolutionary Mutuality: proposals for radical minoritarian coalitions
- Alternative Masculinities

Send your proposals of max 300 words and/or video links of upto 5 minutes, and/or upto 5 jpeg images of upto 2mb each to Dr Lana Locke, l.locke@chelsea.arts.ac.uk by 11.59pm on Tuesday 22 February. Please title your email **Ain't I a Womxn?**

¹ hooks, bell. 'Sisterhood: Political Solidarity between Women'. *Feminist Review*, no. 23 (1986): 125–38.

² hooks, bell. *Bell Hooks: A Conversation with Bell Hooks*, 2020.
<https://open.spotify.com/episode/3Q02nMr02xh2zzS3CRvJM5>.