

Today Ana Juan, President of the Consell de Formentera and Councillor of Equality, and Dolores Fernández Tamargo, President of Espai Dones, presented the events calendar for International Women's Day.

This year's 8 March celebrations will take place under the slogan "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow" - "a forward-looking perspective" which President Juan described as "essential if we wish to build a future with real equality". Juan pointed out that the Consell's first internal plan for equality is currently in development, "so that for us, as an institution, equality is not just an objective or an ideal, but a reality for all our staff".

She asserted that local government should be "the mirror of a society that is constructed on gender equality", and said that in the months ahead a reconciliation and co-responsibility agent would incorporate municipal government to "study new ways and steps to facilitate and improve family-friendly policies for islanders, so that the burden of care within the family does not limit anyone's professional development". Lastly, Juan encouraged the public to participate in this year's activities, which she described as "numerous, diverse and designed to deploy education to safeguard our rights as women".

For her part, the Espai Dones president pointed out that the nearly month-long programme would kick off this afternoon. Fernández praised "the collaboration of all the groups and associations that have participated in the extensive program" and insisted, "We must continue to demand and fight for equality, and men must be involved too".

Monday 28 February

6.00pm Opening: "Mujeres en Guerra", an exhibition of collages by Rebeka Elizegi. Until 12 March. 11.00am to 2.00pm and 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Closed on Sundays, holidays and Monday mornings. Sala d'Exposicions "Ajuntament Vell".

Thursday 3 March

5.00pm Lecture: UNWAR presents "Palestine Refugee Women". Immigration Service of the Formentera Office of Social Welfare. Sala d'Actes (Consell de Formentera), Plaça de la Constitució.

Saturday 5 March

8.30pm Concert for International Women's Day: Elles Sonen. With Marina (Ojos de Brujo), La Mari (Chambao) and AnitaKuruba (Canteca de Macao). Formentera Office of Culture. Sala de Cultura-Cinema.

Sunday 6 March: Women's Charity Race

The race starts at 9.00am and the walk starts at 10.45am. Start/finish: Plaça de la Constitució. Registration at Poliesportiu Antoni Blanc and the stand staffed by the Spanish Cancer Association (Asociación Española contra el Cáncer, AECC).

Monday 7 March

5.30pm Collage workshop with Rebeka Elizegi. Meeting point: Sala d'Exposicions "Ajuntament Vell"

Tuesday 8 March INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

9.00am Ràdio Illa Formentera. Special 8 March edition of "De Far a Far", with Rocío Pavón and Natalia Surop

10.00am Information table. Poster hanging. Come and participate by making and putting up posters.

5.30pm Rally at Plaça de la Constitució. Readings by female volunteers and reading of the International Women's Day manifesto. Batucada with Bloco Colubraria. Plaça de la Constitució.

Thursday 10 March

7.30pm Book presentation: "La Venus que rompió el espejo: Una historia de superación y body positive" by Miren Jaurne (MimiXXL). Biblioteca Marià Villangómez.

Friday 11 March and Saturday 12 March

5.00pm to 9.00pm Workshop "Pleasure or Power", with sexologist Monica Martin Matilla (@vivalavulvaylavida) and gender perspective advice from Maria Murnau (@feministailustrada). All about women's sexuality. Sala d'Actes (Consell de Formentera), Plaça de la Constitució.

Friday 11 March and Sunday 13 March

8.30pm and 8.00pm, respectively. Screening at Sala de Cultura-Cinema of "Libertad", by Clara Roquet.

Friday 25 March

7.00pm Lecture "Women and the Working World", with Esther Goñi Juaneda, labour lawyer (Themis Association of Female Legal Professionals). Sala d'Actes (Consell de Formentera), Plaça de la Constitució.

Marià Villangómez Library in Sant Francesc will offer a corner dedicated to books on feminism and gender.

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