

Today Ana Juan, president and councillor of equality, and Maria Duran i Febrer, director of the Balearic Institute of Women (*Institut Balear de la Dona, IBDONA*), presented the third Feminist Classrooms (*Aules Feministes*) of Eivissa and Formentera. The programme will run 8 to 10 September, with Saturday's closing event taking place on Formentera.

This year, under the title "Economics for Equality: The Feminist Agenda", the aim is to make the economy more accessible to women and ensure that it considers the needs and values of women. Gender and labour reforms, the salary gap, the knowledge economy, the effects of digitalisation on women, co-responsibility and work-life balance are just some of the topics that will be discussed.

Lectures will be attended by feminist figures and prominent gender equality campaigners from social and academic realms. Participants will include Ana de Miguel, philosopher; Carmen Castro, doctor of economics and expert on Europe; Cecilia Castaño, emeritus professor, and Ada Santana, president of Federación Mujeres Jóvenes, with journalist Montserrat Boix also on hand to give a lecture.

President Juan cast Aules Feministes as "an arena for discussion and a very necessary loudspeaker for women in our society. Initiatives like these are vital". Referring to this year's theme, Juan added, "Recent years' sweeping social advances and progressive policies around gender equality must also be brought to the workplace, because there is still a long way to go to close the salary gap".

According to Maria Duran, "now more than ever, in these times of uncertainty, we need to make sure that women are a critical mass within the economy". "At least 35% of female workers should be in senior and middle management positions", she asserted.

In 2020, Aules Feministes began on Eivissa and Formentera as a space for reflection on feminism and its transformative power. The event poster depicts to two women key to the

history of feminism: Olympe de Gouges, who, in 1791, in the midst of the French Revolution, penned the first *Declaration of the Rights of Woman and of the Female Citizen*, and Mary Wollstonecraft, who wrote
A Vindication of the Rights of Woman
one year later.

Programme
The lectures will begin Thursday 8 September at Espai Cultural Can Ventosa with a round table on gender and labour reforms. Participants will include Iago Negueruela, minister of economic model, tourism and labour; Francisca Garí, secretary of social policies and equality of UGT Illes Balears; Eva Cerdeiriña, secretary of public policies and workplace health for the Balearic chapter of Workers' Commissions (*Comisiones Obreras, CCOO*); Dolores Fernández, president of Espai Dones Formentera, and Mariví Mengual, president of Eivissa Progressive Women's Association.

The day will end with a presentation of two studies: "Amnesiac sexual violence in the Balearic Islands" and "Gender violence in the judicial treatment of women and their underage children in family proceedings (2021)".

Continuing on Friday 9 September, presentations will reflect on the infrastructure of the economy, keys to an egalitarian, the feminist economy, digitalisation and gender and challenges faced by young women. The day will close with "La palabra y la música: Tools to stop violence against women", a performance by singer Lourdes Pastor and guitarist Melón Jiménez.

Saturday 10 September on Formentera
As the programme moves to Formentera's Sala de Cultura on Saturday 10 September, journalist Montserrat Boix will speak about equality plans in the public media and another presentation will highlight good practices in the struggle to close the salary gap in the public sector. The event will be presented by Ana Juan.

Aules Feministes of Eivissa and Formentera are open to all.

To register click this link . To watch online, visit the Aules Feministes of Eivissa and Formentera YouTube channel.

The IBDONA chief applauded the Consell d'Eivissa, Consell de Formentera and Ajuntament d'Eivissa for collaborating in organising the programme.

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