

# Feminist Organizing & the Digital Commons

**Practices, Pitfalls, & Promise**

# Session Agenda:

1. Greetings & introductions.
2. Context-setting & definitions.
3. Stories navigating feminist principles & open cultures.
4. Breakout Group Discussions: where do open tech/open knowledge & feminism(s) intersect in your work/life? (Practices, Challenges, Opportunities)
5. Mapping/synthesis of key themes from Groups & Closing

# Open Tech and Open Culture

“As technology developments increasingly impact rights and social justice, we must influence and build alliances with movements calling for a **free and open internet**, unconditional access, freedom of expression, and the right to holistic safety online.”

“Free and open” refers to “the commitment to creating and experimenting with technology, including digital safety and security, and free/libre and open source software (FLOSS), tools, and platforms promoting, disseminating, and sharing knowledge about the use of FLOSS is central to our praxis.”

-Feminist Principles of the Internet

# Feminisms and Feminist Movements

**“Feminisms:** *Please define this for yourself. In coming to a personal definition, we each deepen our feminism. For ourselves, we quote author Roxane Gay: feminists “believe that women shouldn’t be treated like shit just for being women.” Beyond this threshold, we apply an intersectional lens to feminism, understanding the ways in which multiple identities and discriminations influence individuals and communities. Further, we acknowledge the limitations of a single word, which cannot possibly encompass the full scope and beauty of the many dreams that we nurture of life in a gender just world.*

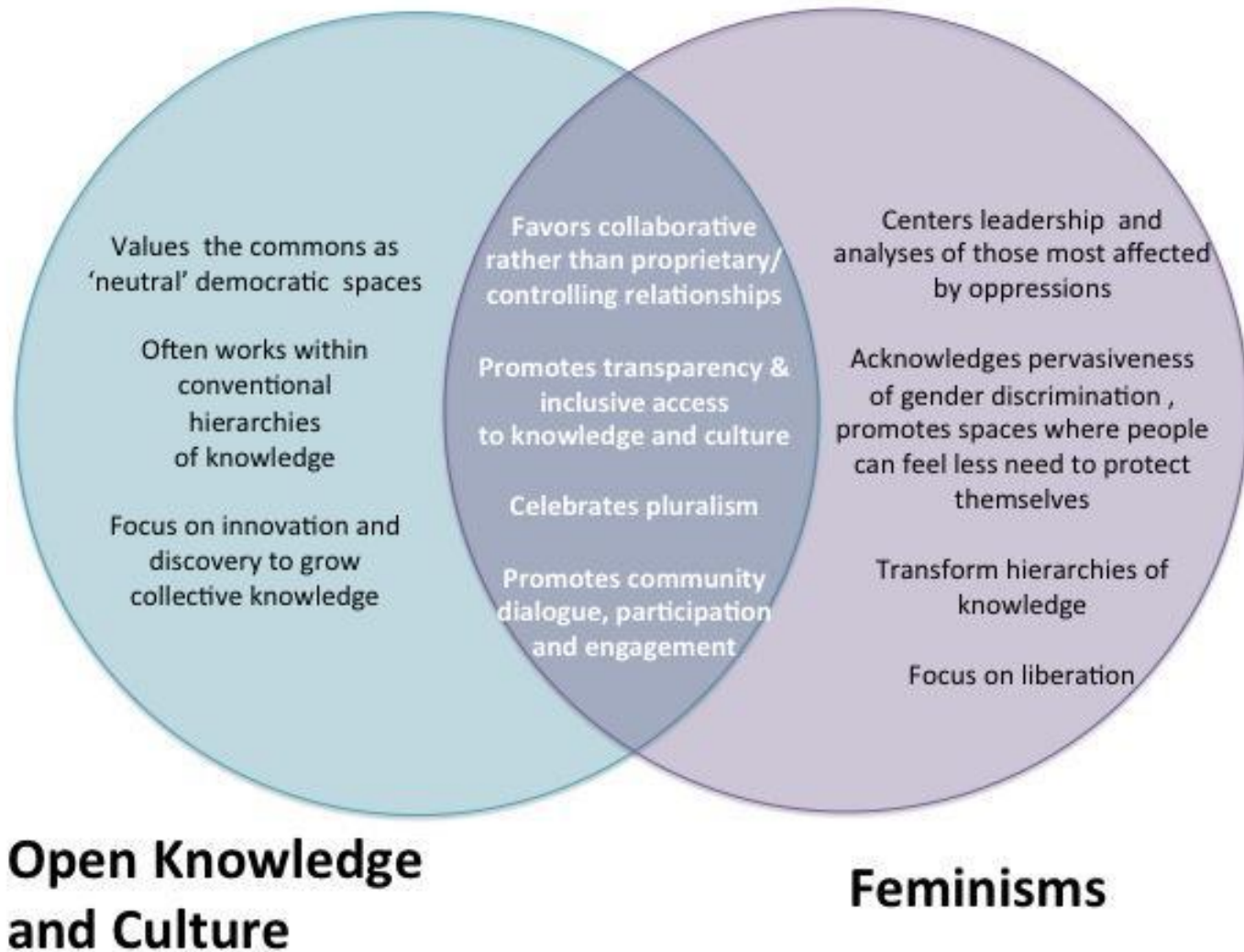
**Feminist Movements:** *Social justice movements are collective action by individuals and organizations to promote equality, peace, and justice. Feminist movements are collective action that promotes the equal and full enjoyment of human rights regardless of sex, gender identity or sexual orientation. Urgent Action Fund believes that the most effective feminist movements are those that have a cross-movement, or “intersectional” perspective, meaning that they are mindful of the ways in which race, religion, ethnicity, class, citizenship status, and other identities also influence the extent to which one’s human rights are recognized.”*

– Urgent Action Fund’s Theory of Change

# frameworks

Points of intersection,

Points of divergence.



**Stories navigating feminist  
principles and open culture**

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# Breakout Group Discussion Questions

- Tell your story. What are your experiences at the intersection of feminism and open tech/open knowledge?
- What challenges have you experienced?
- What are strategies or ways forward?

# Synthesis

- Add the key points and take-aways from the breakout groups to the poster paper.
- Read others' takeaways
- What do see? What can we learn from each other? Where is there potential for collaboration?