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# Our mission

Is to give voice to communities through documentary photography by providing visual and technological education to women.

Since 2015 femLENS works with local community centres, libraries, activist groups and NGOs providing documentary photography workshops to women and girls from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds, organising photo exhibitions and publishing books and magazines. Our goal is to challenge stereotypes, diversify the media and arts industries, and contribute to a just representation of diverse communities.

- femLENS has received the below three badges. For donors, GlobalGiving provides an additional layer of vetting and due diligence for each of its nonprofit partners every two years, which may include site visit verification.
- Activity reports are available upon demand.





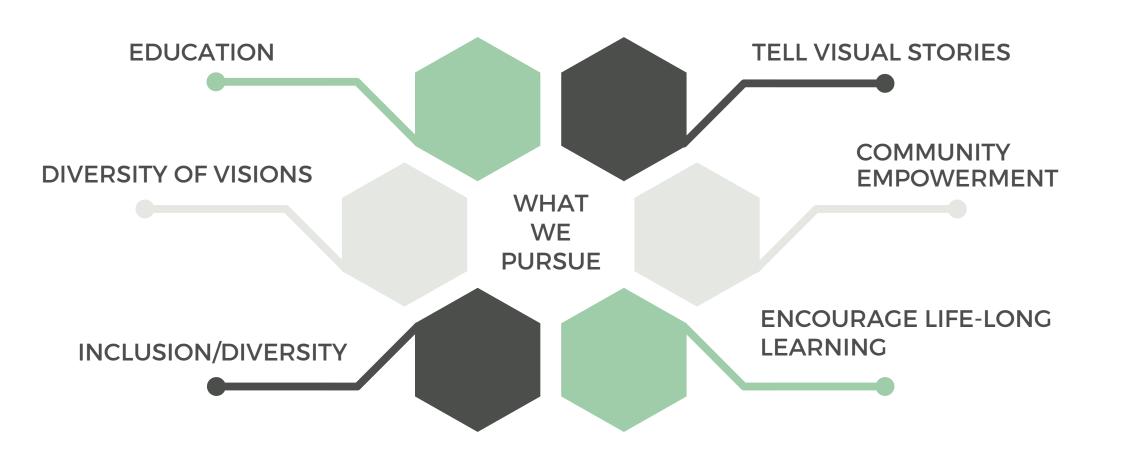


# Our vision

"I find it very interesting that you give space to the work of emerging female photographers. I like the idea of being part of a community of female photographers. Go on like this!!

Mara Scampoli

Is empowered women creating and sharing their own stories about their lives



### **AND CHANNELS**

We believe that everyone in society should be accountable for promoting a culture of equality of the sexes and their representation within the media industry and the culture in the world, everyone and especially women.



WORKSHOPS



**EXHIBITIONS** 



**CAMPAIGNS** 



**FESTIVAL** 



**ZINES** 



**ANNUAL MAGAZINE** 



SOCIAL MEDIA



WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER

## Workshops

Our course is designed to be taught through the overarching lens of how to share a narrative through photography while empowering students with the important reminder that their stories matter and their perspectives are unique and powerful.





At the end of the course, students will have created a portfolio, consisting of homework photo assignments, a photo project and a written story. Students will have received knowledge that empowers and launches a personal journey of communicating their unique point-of-views, ideas, emotions and the stories they want to tell through words and images.





TIMING: 4 class sessions of 4 hours each, 1 Exhibition (Optional)

AGE LEVEL: 12 - 70 year olds

SUBJECTS: Photography, storytelling, writing

**CLASS SIZE:** 10 - 15 students per class (recommended)

**COURSE BROCHURE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST** 

## **Our Community**

"I love your concept. As a middle aged women photographer it's very important for me to see work from other women in this quite maledominant field. I have liked most photographic stories. Also the glossary was very interesting."

Satu Söderholm





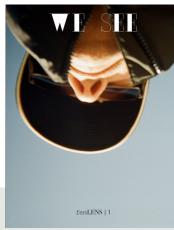
Discord group meeting and femLENS Photo Club meeting.

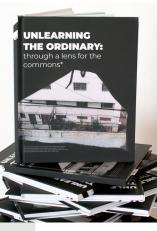
We have an active and growing community of women around the world who are eager and equipped to tell their authentic stories. We established channels to meet that induce continuous and free discussions. These channels, such as Discord for daily contact and social media groups for topic-centred discussions, enable community members to gather in different formats and exchange ideas and stories from different geographies and backgrounds. These platforms not only support the community to have free discussions and foster personal growth, but are also a potential source of collaboration projects between each other and/or femLENS. This collective altogether creates a sustainable platform where ideas can be incubated into projects while receiving community support.

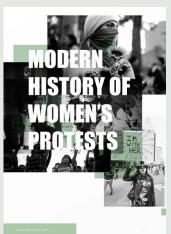
- Poland, Lebanon, Spain, Italy, Mexico, Congo, Cameroon, Ireland, Ukraine, Nigeria, Palestine, England, Indonesia and many more. Our members express the need and importance of this as such communities of photography and storytelling aren't always available at local level or grant limited access due to professional and connection requirements.
- Within this growing community, we have been implementing various projects such as the IWD Campaign and Zine, femLENS Photo Club, and femLENS Discord community projects where the members develop a story with the support of the community (across Mexico, Indonesia, Italy).
- Our channels: Instagram, Facebook page and private group, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, Vimeo, Discord and newsletter.

### **Publications**













### Annual magazine

- We See magazine is a women-only documentary photography magazine first published in 2018 (five issues to date). All featured work comes from participants in past femLENS' workshops and community.
- We See is produced entirely in-house by a team of volunteer writers, editors and designers. We See magazine highlights the creative work of women who do not have professional photography training but instead have participated in documentary photography workshops organised by femLENS.

### Zines & Campaigns

- 2021 "Modern History of Women's Protests"
- 2021 "Women at Work" campaign
- 2021 "FACTURA" by Narva meediaLAB

#### Book

2020 "Unlearning the ordinary: through a lens for the commons" 2020, celebrating five years of stories.

### femLENS Community Survey Report

2022 - Understanding the needs, challenges and ambitions of women image makers working with documentary photography.

## **Exhibitions Events**

#### **Exhibitions**

The cornerstone of femLENS activities are the workshops, providing photography and basic technology trainings to women and girls of different ages from diverse backgrounds and countries.

Participants decide on themes to guide their photo taking, working with their communities, not against them. Exploring important themes and issues, highlighting achievements and celebrations.

Through group presentations, participants share and explain their selected photos and subjects, finalise their projects, prepare a package for publication, exhibition and further story development.

#### Festivals and events

We have expanded our work to not only do workshops but unite women interested in photography and activism through an online community which started with a digital photo festival "HER|visual|STORY" launched in 2020.





- Dublin, Ireland, 2015;
- Gdynia, Poland, 2017;
- Berlin, Germany, 2019, 2020;
- Narva, Estonia, 2020;
- Sochi, Russia, 2021;
- Donegal, Ireland, 2021, 2022;
- Narva, Estonia, 2021, 2022;
- Tallaght, Dublin, Ireland, 2022.









RAEL femLENS

femLENS participates and speaks at festivals, events and conferences: TedX Lasnamae 2016, The Migration Laboratory 2016, Simbiosis festival 2017, Computer Chaos Congress 2019, Kolga Tbilisi Photo 2021, PHOTO IS:RAEL 2021, The Teach Digital seminar 2021.

### Metrics

Instagram reach

**50,947** ↑ 57.5%





Facebook reach

**45,978** ↑ 36.8%

€ 3 626



Funds raised on GlobalGiving

### **OUR COMMUNITY**



17
Workshops

13

>100

>5000

Countries Participants

Magazines downloads

### Partners and funders











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# Sponsorship opportunities



### Benefits to a sponsor:

- 1. Generate referrals and leads generation
- 2. Seize new opportunities with ideal target audience
- 3. Engage niche markets
- 4. Capture direct customer feedback
- 5. Boost brand visibility and awareness
- 6. Reframe companies client perception/foster positive brand reputation
- 7. Test and showcase a new product
- 8. Establish brand authority

# Sponsorship opportunities

### **EMPOWERMENT €110,000:**

### Will sustain femLENS' work for a whole year

- Four full-time staff
- Four free workshops with vulnerable groups of women
- 24 articles
- Freelance designer and grant writer
- Four conference attendances
- femLENS festival
- Five campaigns
- Printing magazines and zines

### Benefits to a sponsor:

- 1. Opportunity to co-branded exhibitions and campaigns
- 2. Press release quote
- 3. Speaking opportunity
- 4. Social media shoutout
- 5. Signage
- 6. Verbal recognition
- 7. Logo on promotional flyer/printed materials/newsletters
- 8. Opportunity to add branded promo items

# Sponsorship opportunities

#### SUPPORTER GOLD

€ 82 000 per year: four full-time staff salaries

#### **SUPPORTER SILVER**

€ 19 400 per year: four workshops

### **SUPPORTER BRONZE**

€ 5 000 per year: 24 articles, designer and grant writer

### **PARTNER**

€ 500 per year: annual Filia UK conference for one attendee

#### **ALLY**

€ 5 000 per year: five exhibitions

€ 5 000 per year: 50 printed magazines, 100 printed zines 100 printed stickers

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SUPPORTER GOLD Limited to 2

Logo on promotional flyer/printed materials/newsletters

- Opportunity to add branded promo items
- Opportunity to co-branded exhibitions and campaigns
- Press release quote
- Speaking opportunity
- Social media shoutout
- Signage
- Verbal recognition

#### SUPPORTER SILVER

Limited to 2

- Logo on promotional printed materials/newsletters
- Social media shoutouts
- Opportunity to co-branded exhibitions and campaigns
- Press release quote
- Speaking opportunity
- Verbal recognition

### **SUPPORTER BRONZE**

### Limited to 2

- Logo on promotional printed materials/newsletters
- Social media shoutouts
- Opportunity to co-branded exhibitions and campaigns
- Press release quote
- Verbal recognition

#### **PARTNER**

Limited to 4

- Logo on promotional printed materials/newsletters
- Social media shoutouts
- Opportunity to co-branded exhibitions and campaigns

### **ALY**

Multiple

- Logo on promotional printed materials/newsletters
- Opportunity to co-branded exhibitions and campaigns

We're seeking sponsors who believe in social change and community power and who share our common values and mission.

We want to achieve our collective goals together!



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