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## Postponed! Trans Rights & Radical Feminism Dialog (was 1/14/19)

 

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### Trans Rights & Radical Feminism TBD - Statement Below

Greetings from Occupy Sonoma County. We have decided to postpone the event to elicit a greater amount of community involvement.

The planning of this event was started in August. Input was requested from several organizations and community activists. In response to this request we were contacted by someone within the leadership of Positive Images. That Positive Images person became a full collaborator of the event, and put Positive Images name and logo on the flyer that they designed. There was an internal miscommunication within Positive Images that we were not aware of. When the finished flyer was sent to OSC we printed it and distributed it within the Sonoma County activist community.

The intention of the event is to offer healing and resolution. We would like to continue to pursue a healing event that has more input from the people impacted by this issue.

We are still deciding what to do with the January 14 date as people who do not receive this cancellation may still show up, possibly from considerable distances away. We will attempt to reach people to let them know that the event is canceled, but perhaps a planning meeting can replace this date. Stay tuned for details.

There has been a flurry of negativity expressed on the Facebook event page. Pejorative remarks are being deleted and posters who continually post insulting or threatening remarks are being blocked from the conversation. There is a conversation happening that may have some value so for now the discussion will be allowed to continue. We ask everyone to be respectful while continuing to have a community conversation on a challenging topic. While the validity of this event has been challenged, many people have asked us not to cancel it. There is a lot of support for an event that addresses the conflict between the transgender community and radical feminists.

When this event was planned we did not expect that it would be suitable for every trans person or radical feminist. There has been considerable wounding on both sides. Transgender people and radical feminists have both expressed feeling too unsafe, angry, or hurt to sit in a circle with someone they feel is oppressing them. However, there are people on both sides of this conflict who are willing to engage in this kind of discussion. In every type of major conflict there are people who are too upset to engage in a resolution and fortunately there are people who recognize the need to find common ground and resolution.

Please continue this conversation respectfully and look for solutions and possible compromises if you can.

With love from all of us at Occupy Sonoma County

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