

Interview of the Month

NOUS TOUTES

Interview with Alexia Dominey, Coordinator of Nous Toutes 06 (Alpes Maritimes)

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1) How would you describe your work at regional level? What are your main actions in the region?

NousToutes is a national collective fighting against sexual and gender based violence (SGBV). The collective is divided throughout France into "Local Committees" of which "Nous Toutes 06" is a part. In the Alpes Maritimes, we relaunched the collective a little less than a year and a half ago and have focused our actions in different areas:

- communication and awareness on social networks
- the organization of demonstrations and events against SGBV
- Intervention on the subject of SGBV and consent in the department's high schools
- setting up prevention zones in festivals and festive places via stands and "safe zones"

We also carry out one-off prevention actions, as we did last year with the antiviolence bread bags. We have a new national action starting, #Safebar, a poster campaign to make bars safer.

At the local level, it is also extremely important for us to interact with local actors who have been involved (often for several years already) in the fight against violence. We therefore co-organise our big events with the collectif droits des femmes 06, which brings together many organizations. We are also committed to being in close contact with the structures and associations on the ground who are in contact with victims every day and to whom we can refer if necessary.



2) As one of the most recognised feminist associations in France, do you feel that you represent the entire feminist cause?

I don't think we represent the entire feminist cause at all, and I don't think that's our goal. The plurality of feminist actors and struggles is a richness in a struggle such as ours and each one of them brings with their struggle a complement to the struggle of others. In my opinion, the intersectional struggle can only be achieved by giving space to all the people we do not directly represent. NousToutes has a charter in which local activists have recognised themselves and that is why we have decided to militate locally under the name of this organization. In the Alpes Maritimes, our objective is above all to fight against violence by means of prevention and awareness-raising in which a maximum number of victims can recognise themselves. Our aim is to prevent and support the victims as well.

3) We have just started the year 2022, and yet already 14 feminicides are listed on your page. According to NousToutes, what measures could be put in place to prevent these murders?

Many measures could be put in place on a national scale: more resources for associations and a better understanding of the global and systemic phenomenon of patriarchal domination in France.

In concrete terms, we would like to see more resources allocated directly to the care of victims: more housing, more removal services, the availability of locally active structures available 24 hours a day, etc.

Secondly, in a much more general way, the issue of violence and the care of victims in the public structures that support them is very alarming. The staff in charge of people who are victims of SGBV do not seem to us to be sufficiently trained on the subject and on the mechanisms of violence that can occur, whether it be at the level of the judicial authority or of social and welfare workers.

More generally, significant resources need to be made available to ensure that the steps taken by victims to escape and report the violence of which they have been victims are much more effective and less cumbersome.



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4) What advice would you give to our readers on how to become more aware of the cause of women and equality?

Getting information via social networks is probably the easiest way to raise awareness about the fight against SGBV. You can follow accounts such as noustoutesorg or more locally NousToutes06 but there are also many others that deliver great information. On a local level, saferiviera delivers a lot of information about violence in the party environment and how to prevent it. The accounts of planningfamilial06 and cidff_paca also propose local actions to get information on gender inequalities. The stopfisha account is very important for alerting people to sexist and sexual cyberviolence. The national pourvoirfem page is very interesting in its analysis of society from a feminist perspective, with very relevant topics. Similarly, olympereve creates extremely interesting content related to current events. Finally, more fun accounts like gangduclito or Camilleetjustine deconstruct a lot of concepts related to patriarchy in our society with great videos.

You can also read books on this subject or watch documentaries/films. I recommend Sorcières by Mona Chollet to start with and the documentary "Elle l'a bien cherché" on the subject of sexual and gender-based violence On the subject of cyber-violence, I recommend stopfisha's book "Combattre le cybersexisme". And of course the book "En finir avec les violences sexistes et sexuelles" by Caroline de Haas from NousToutes. And once you're convinced, join us in the demonstration! ©

About Nous Toutes

The NousToutes collective was born in 2018 in Paris and throughout France, for the organisation of the first march against sexist and sexual violence in France in November. Since then, the national collective and all its local committees have worked on numerous prevention actions against sexual and gender-based violence such as online training or in schools, bread bag operations, poster campaigns, collages and many others.

Noustoutes06 has been in existence since 2018 and works locally against sexual and gender-based violence through several areas of action mentioned above.

About Alexia Dominey

Originally from the Lyon region, Alexia lived in different cities as part of her studies and it was in Paris that she started her activism with NousToutes as part of the organization of the march against SGBV in November 2019. When she moved to the south of France, Alexia wanted to continue her feminist involvement at a local level. She joined the existing NousToutes06 collective in November 2020 and worked with other activists to develop the different actions we carry out locally, especially in the implementation of awareness-raising on SGBV and consent in high schools.



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