

Photographing Protest:

Resistance through a feminist lens



Image: The first Women's Liberation Movement march, London, 1971. © Sally Fraser/Report IFL Archive/reportdigital.co.uk

Four Corners' Spring exhibition reveals striking protest images by feminist photographers from 1968 to the present day.

Photographing Protest considers the politics of seeing and being seen. It focuses on the perspectives of women and nonbinary photographers, and those making work within a feminist framework, who have used their cameras to support social and political change in Britain. The exhibition poses a challenge to the male-dominated history of protest reportage and asks what this means for the representation of resistance. From sit-ins to street theatre, candlelight vigils to deportation campaigns, the exhibition foregrounds the work of activist photographers, for whom the acts of witnessing and participating in protest are intrinsically linked.

The exhibition explores how images of resistance resonate across generations. It opens with rarely seen images by activist photographer Sally Fraser, who captured the defining social movements of the 1968 era, from the Hornsey Art College student sit-ins to the fiery beginnings of the Women's Liberation movement. Social protests of the 1980s and 1990s are shown through the prolific work of Format, the all-women photo agency: at the Greenham Common women's peace camp, on the Miner's strike frontline, at Reclaim the Night marches and more. Alongside, the exhibition explores a new generation of photographers engaging with contemporary struggles: anti-racism, LGBTQI+ community rights and climate justice, to ask how feminist protest photography can be an agent for today's political change.

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Notes For Editors

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Exhibition launch: Thursday 17 March, 6.30-8.30pm

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Free admission. Opening hours 11am-6pm Tues - Sat, until 8pm Thurs.

Four Corners

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Photographers

The exhibition includes work by Fiona Alexander, Katalin Arkell, Angela Christofilou, Elainea Emmott, Sally Fraser, Melanie Friend, Sheila Gray, Sally Greenhill, the Hackney Flashers, Judy Harrison, Tessa Howland, Jess Hurd, Pam Isherwood, Loraine Leeson, Jenny Matthews, Michael Ann Mullen, Maggie Murray, Joanne O'Brien, Raissa Page, Angela Phillips, Brenda Prince, Mary Turner, Bex Wade, Janine Wiedel, Val Wilmer, Mo Wilson and Carole Wright.

Events

The exhibition is accompanied by a programme of online talks produced in collaboration with Kylie Thomas at the Netherlands Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies

(NIOD) in Amsterdam, and the editor of a special issue of *MAI: Feminism and Visual Culture* journal on photography and resistance, published in Spring 2022. Further information [here](#).

Photographing Protest takes place as part of Women's History Month in East London.

Four Corners

Photographing Protest: Resistance through a feminist lens is a Four Corners exhibition. We are a centre for film and photographic arts, based in East London for nearly 50 years. Our exhibitions explore social histories and community activism, and share stories from the margins that might not otherwise be told.

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