

Resolution Date: 13th November 2018

Resolution Title: The Feminist Library

This Branch notes that:

The Feminist Library is the UK's pre-eminent collection of Women's Liberation Movement and feminist literature with an incomparable collection of over 7,000 books, 1,500 periodical titles from around the world, and archives of feminist materials. Based in London and run by a collective of volunteers, the Library has been supporting feminist research, activist and community projects on a shoestring budget since 1975.

Recent years have seen an unprecedented attack on public spaces and amenities, with libraries and women's services among some of the worst affected. The future of the Feminist Library has been uncertain for over 2.5 years, but now they are moving to a new home, which will be secure for the next 25 years at least. They have fought off threats of eviction and unsustainable rent increases, and will soon be on their way to a new space, in a community centre in Peckham, named after an amazing woman activist - the incredible Sojourner Truth.

Activists are now working tirelessly to make the huge project of the Library move a reality, with the help of volunteers and sister organisations. However, they still **need to raise nearly £65,000 in the next 3 months**, in order to pay for the costs of the move.

To this end, they have just launched a [crowdfunding appeal](#) and are asking the Trade Union movement to recognise the importance of the Library and support the campaign to fund a move to a new permanent and secure home to house this unique resource and community space.

Ways to help

- Donate to our crowdfunding appeal for a new home for the Feminist Library and encourage members to donate individually as well.:
<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/help-the-feminist-library-build-its-new-home>
- Encourage members to sign up to the Friends scheme:
<http://feministlibrary.co.uk/support/friends-scheme/>
- Spread the word about the crowdfunding appeal and the Library within your networks – if our campaign is a success, it will ensure the success of the Library and help save a precious collections of women's histories for future generations