

KNOW US

LOOM works towards harnessing the collective power of women through multi-generational activism, where activists across ages and experiences connect, organise and transform structures that obstruct our equality.

Registered in 2010, we are a platform that recognises the diversity and inter-section of Nepali women and collaboratively engages to dismantle the power hierarchy, sustain activism, and build progressive movements.

We are a group of individuals and organisations dedicated to movement building, young women's leadership, sexuality and bodily integrity, LBT rights and feminist politics of the Internet. LOOM works at local and national levels.

OUR WORK IS EXCITING

We collaborate with young women individuals and networks, mother's group, Women Human Rights Defenders and women's rights organisations to bridge capacities on bodily integrity and women's movement to transform structures that inhibit equality.

- + We bridge feminist leadership and collectives of women's rights activists and between activists for learning and support, solidarity and sustainability.
- + We engage in Feminist Epistemologies as a process to collectively produce new and diverse knowledge that dismantles patriarchy, challenges the status quo and sets new agendas. Our space in Kathmandu works as a hub for workshops and exchanges to generate momentum that fuels women's movement.
- + We advocate for the recognition of sexuality as bodily autonomy and human rights rather than prevention of diseases.
- + We engage with the internet as a political space; we recognise that online violence is a manifestation of offline violence and we build and promote a digital movement that addresses such phenomena.

WHAT WE SEEK

LOOM recognises that structural and fundamental change is a gradual process, yet possible through the building of collective power that strengthens agencies and creates social change.

- + Generation gaps are deconstructed through an identified common space where knowledge, experiences and aspirations are shared, exchanged and reproduced and new feminist agendas are set.
- + Support for the momentum of movement of young women to transform discriminatory social norms and values and assert rights.
- + Change in actions, perceptions and stereotypes around gender and sexuality is galvanised towards an affirmative approach.
- + Collaboration between and across movements on sexuality, internet, gender justice amongst women's rights, LBT, and internet rights activists.

FEMINIST GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our core values will continue to guide our practices, our work, and relationship with our collectives.

- + **Diversity and Inclusivity:** to ensure that we include the collectives we engage and affirm ownership to validate actions and decisions to claim our rights.
- + **Action:** to work within feminist values forging collaborative partnerships and networking for a common feminist agenda.
- + **Accountability:** commit to maintain accountability in every aspect of our work carried with care, love, solidarity, transparency and respect for human rights.
- + **Participation:** to embrace diversity not limited to participation in numbers. Partners must be engaged from the inception stage of plans through decision making processes. The validation of decisions and actions is a step towards democratic practices and equality.