

# What else do you want to see on the agenda at the Forum 2008?

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## Your details

Please provide the names of 2 network members who are putting this proposal forward (they can be from the same group):

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## Your proposal

Total word limit for this section: **500 words**.

Categories for proposal: finance and fundraising, present campaign, group support, communications, democracy, network, other, events

Which category does your proposal best fit into? (see <a href="http://peopleandplanet.org/forum/08/other_issues/categories">http://peopleandplanet.org/forum/08/other_issues/categories</a> )	Other
Title	Gender and People & Planet
Summary of your proposal (no more than 30 words).  For example, a topic for discussion, a position to debate or suggested course of action (like a motion).	A facilitated discussion on the influence of gender within the People & Planet network.
What is the proposed agenda item? <i>(Write about what you would like to see on the Forum agenda in more detail here).</i>	
<p>For the network to have a space in the Forum 2008 for a facilitated discussion on gender. The content of this discussion would very much depend on what participants brought to it but possible items could include: the disparity between the number of women and men in the network and the disparity between the number of women and men who are 'key organisers', whose voices get heard most in meetings / how to facilitate in order to ensure that voices of both genders get heard and how gender effects group dynamics and which actions individuals choose to be involved in.</p>	

The session could also consider wider questions such as how many individuals within People & Planet would define themselves as feminists.  
It would be hoped that participants would draw upon their own personal experiences of being in the People & Planet network to consider how gender differences impact on their day to day experiences of campaigning.

Why is this important for People & Planet?

*(For example, why is it valuable to discuss or if implemented, how will it make P&P more effective?).*

Gender inequality still exists within the UK – as well as the obvious pay gap gender differences affect the day to day experiences of people in domestic, social and work settings.  
It would be naive to think that gender does not affect people's experiences of campaigning within People & Planet.  
It is important then for people to be given a space to articulate the often implicit and unspoken influence of gender within the network.

How could it be implemented? *(if applicable)*

It would be up to those in the facilitated discussion to decide if it was appropriate to take the discussion further – possible ways forward after the discussion could be a single gender session at a future national event, an online forum discussion or a working group to consider gender issues further. It might be appropriate to think about holding sessions on other differences within the People & Planet network at a later date – e,g around race, sexuality, disability, age etc.

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