

Moscow Inaugurates Male Version of Feminist Festival

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The Moscow MaleFest aims to tackle gender issues from a male perspective. **Anton Novoderezhkin / TASS**

The team behind Moscow's annual feminist festival has launched a male equivalent to field discussions on modern-day masculinity, reverse sexism and other issues men face today.

Gender.Team, a group of activists, psychologists, political scientists and journalists, established the [Moscow FemFest](#) in 2017 to promote gender literacy in a society not used to openly talking about women's issues. Over the years, it has [addressed](#) day-to-day issues like domestic violence, victim-blaming and police dismissals of rape reports.

In 2020, the team said the time was ripe to tackle gender issues from a male perspective.

"Three years after the launch of Moscow FemFest, we saw that society is ready to talk about masculinity," Gender.Team has [said](#).

"This requires an independent platform, which will include men who are scared off by

feminist rhetoric.”

Its inaugural [Moscow MaleFest](#), with support from the Goethe-Institut cultural nonprofit and the Heinrich Böll Foundation think tank, takes place online this Saturday.

The all-day event features talks on gender privileges, consent, homophobia, modern parenthood and sex education.

Gender.Team recruited a diverse roster of speakers, including masculinity researchers, sexologists and psychotherapists from Russia and around the world for the event.

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