

FOR THE BIRDS

feminist collective + distro

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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Please note that For The Birds is inclusive of folks with a range of gender expression, though we are not currently open to male-identified community members in the interest of preserving a safer space.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT FOR THE BIRDS:

► **TABLING:** We generally table with our distro at least once a month. Volunteers who commit to an event are expected to help with setting up, minding, and breaking down the distro at the end of the night. Minding the distro usually includes selling zines, logging what has been sold, and answering questions about the distro and collective to people stopping by. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the zines and other materials we offer in order to best answer questions from event-goers and to be able to recommend specific titles. Any specific questions about For The Birds should be referred to a collective member.

► **BLOGGING:** Volunteers are encouraged to contribute to the For The Birds blog with event announcements, re-posting news stories or other original feminist commentary. Potential blog posts should be e-mailed to the collective so that everyone can approve it. A collective member will then post the blog, crediting the volunteer. While re-posting an interesting story or event announcements are pretty straight-forward, we are very intentional to what we include on our blog in terms of editorial content. While we hope to facilitate healthy dialogue with a multitude of perspectives and opinions, we support the maintaining of a safer space for a discussion free of racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, and other oppressions.

After reading our guidelines and protocols, if you are still interested, please respond to our questions below so that we can get to know you a little better! If we think you are a good fit, we will be in touch for you to come meet the collective.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please respond to the following questions and e-mail your answers to forthebirdscollective@gmail.com

Section I: Past Experience/Organizing

- What feminist/activist/artistic/political organizing have you been involved with in the past or are currently involved in? How do you feel these experiences would contribute to For The Birds?

-What drew you to For the Birds (events we do, our distro, our mission statement, our web presence) and please elaborate on why you think you'd be a good fit based on this?

Section II: Your Feminisms

- Tell us about a time in your life when you relied on feminism to help you cope, explain, or find meaning in a life situation. You don't have to share more than you are comfortable with, but we are interested in how the personal and political interact in your life.
- Tell us a little about how you feel YOUR feminism (thoughts, actions, or past experiences) is a good fit with our activities and events?

Section III: Personal Politics

- What defines a "safe space" for you and what do you look for in positive/feminist friendly social spaces?