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AWAM's Statement on Male Feminist

There are no a male feminists or female feminists. Feminism is an ideology. anyone who embraces this ideology is a feminist. Just like generally we do not say, "female Christian", or "male capitalist", or "female communists"

Yes, we welcome everyone to be on board with us especially men, regardless of their sexual orientation, as long as they are fighting against gender discrimination & violence as well as for a just, democratic and equitable society as reflected in AWAM's vision. Since 2004, we have initiated White Ribbon Campaign, encouraging men to come on board and to be involved in ending violence against women. In 2013, this campaign, culminated in the form of Fun Walk & Run received overwhelming support from the public, with 3000 participants registered for the walk and run. As such we hope more men will participate and come on board to be feminists.

We know there are individuals who are supportive of this cause but we are not aware of any organised recognisable groups working on this.

Males are part of the society; they can be part of the solutions to some of the societal problems, especially gender issue. Till males are aware of the privilege position they are in and willing to question this patriarchal position, we still have a long way to go for a society that is truly reflective of gender equality. Secondly, gender issue is not a "woman" issue though it's normally being labelled as such. It's a societal issue which concerns all. It is not about fingers pointing at one another but to work together to reach a common understanding of feminism. This is because, as a feminist organisation, we believe that women's right is human rights and all people are responsible in empowering one another regardless of their religion, race, sexual orientation, sex, abilities and background.

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