# 25TH ANNIVERSARY SYMPOSIUM

21 - 22 SEPTEMBER 2023

# INTER-GENERATIONAL FEMINISMS CENTRE FOR

CENTRE FOR GENDER AND DIVERSITY 2023



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### ABOUT

In honor of the 25th-anniversary symposium celebrating the Center for Gender and Diversity held over 21-22 September 2023, all attending guests co-created a zine on the theme of intergenerational feminisms. The aim of the zine-making activity was to invite participants to reminisce on their own academic and personal connection to intergenerational feminism. Short prompts were distributed to trigger thoughts, epiphanies, and conversations about past feminist projects, mentors, and achievements. And to bear in mind how these events and people impact on one's current beliefs. It was also an excuse to make a mess, and just see what happens when we talk to each other about our different feminist trajectories.

Creating a zine appeared to us to be thematically appropriate. Founded in September 1998, the CGD has a 25-year tradition of creating synergy between the Three As: Academic Research, Art, and Activism. In general, zines are smallcirculation and self-published forms of media that critically engage with wider cultural concerns. The Director of the Barnard Zine Library, Jenna Freedman writes, that zines reflect the voices of those who are: "too young, too politically radical, too crusty, and/or too bad mannered to appeal to the corporate media. It is important to note that zine producers are not only people who have been relegated to the margins but also people who have chosen to claim the margins."[1] This quote illustrates that zine-making is an activist practice, with roots in the Black cultural movement of the Harlem Renaissance, and in fandom, punk, queer, and feminist subcultures.

The archival sources used for the creation of the cut-and-paste collages were provided by CGD members and the symposium panel organizers. These materials reflect the history of research and collaborative projects connected to the CGD. In becoming transformed by participants into a page of this zine they take on new meanings that in a snap-shot manner represent the intergenerational feminist conversations that took place during the symposium.

This final zine shows the creative process of making something together and is offered as a souvenir of the time we spent on the day. It closes with some images of people making the pages together to give you an impression of how much fun we were having. The final page shows a group photograph that includes all those participants who were present in the afternoon.

[1] Jenna Freedman, 'Self-Publicaiton with Riot Grrrl Ideals: Zines ≠ Vanity Press Publications', Lyz Bly, Kelly Wooten eds. Make Your Own History: Documenting Feminist & Queer Activism In The 21st Century (Litwin Books, Los Angeles 2012).

## EDITORS NOTE

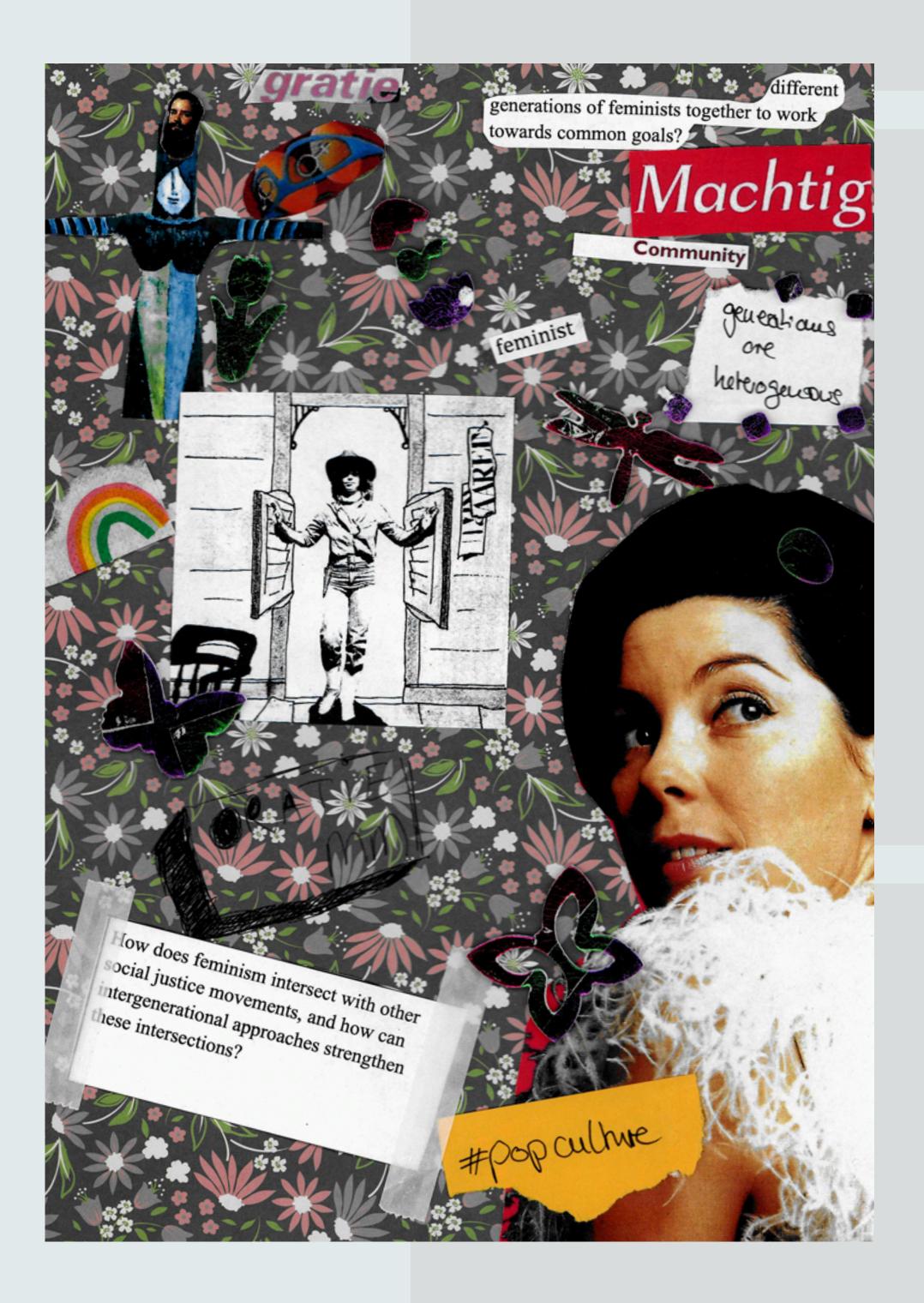
I want to particularly thank our colleague at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Eric Bleize, for capturing such gorgeous pictures. This activity was expertly guided by our CGD super assistant, Emma, and CGD member Noah Littel. Although we had all agreed that the process was the most important aspect, I think you will find that the pages are visually stunning, full of humor and insight. This is truly remarkable considering they were created within an hour and in groups of often virtual strangers. Being from Kentucky, my mantra is "strangers are just friends that I haven't met yet." I hope this symposium leads to even more, and tighter, feminist friendships.

> Warm wishes, Eliza Steinbock, Director of the CGD 2022-present

As my time working with the CGD is coming to an end, I cannot help but reflect on the 24 years of research, collaboration, and boundarybreaking that came before. It is all of the work the CGD has carried out to which I owe not just my student job or university degree, but my feminist critical insight, my queer role models, and my future as a fembodied person. It has been incredible to witness the coming together of this symposium, and I am extremely grateful to the entirety of the CGD, Eliza Steinbock, all past directors, colleagues, and invited guests. Noah Littel and I are proud of the zine that came together as a result of the creative collaboration on the day and honored by your ambition and talent.

On the following pages, please find the zine pages created by you!

Warm Wishes, Emma Jespersen













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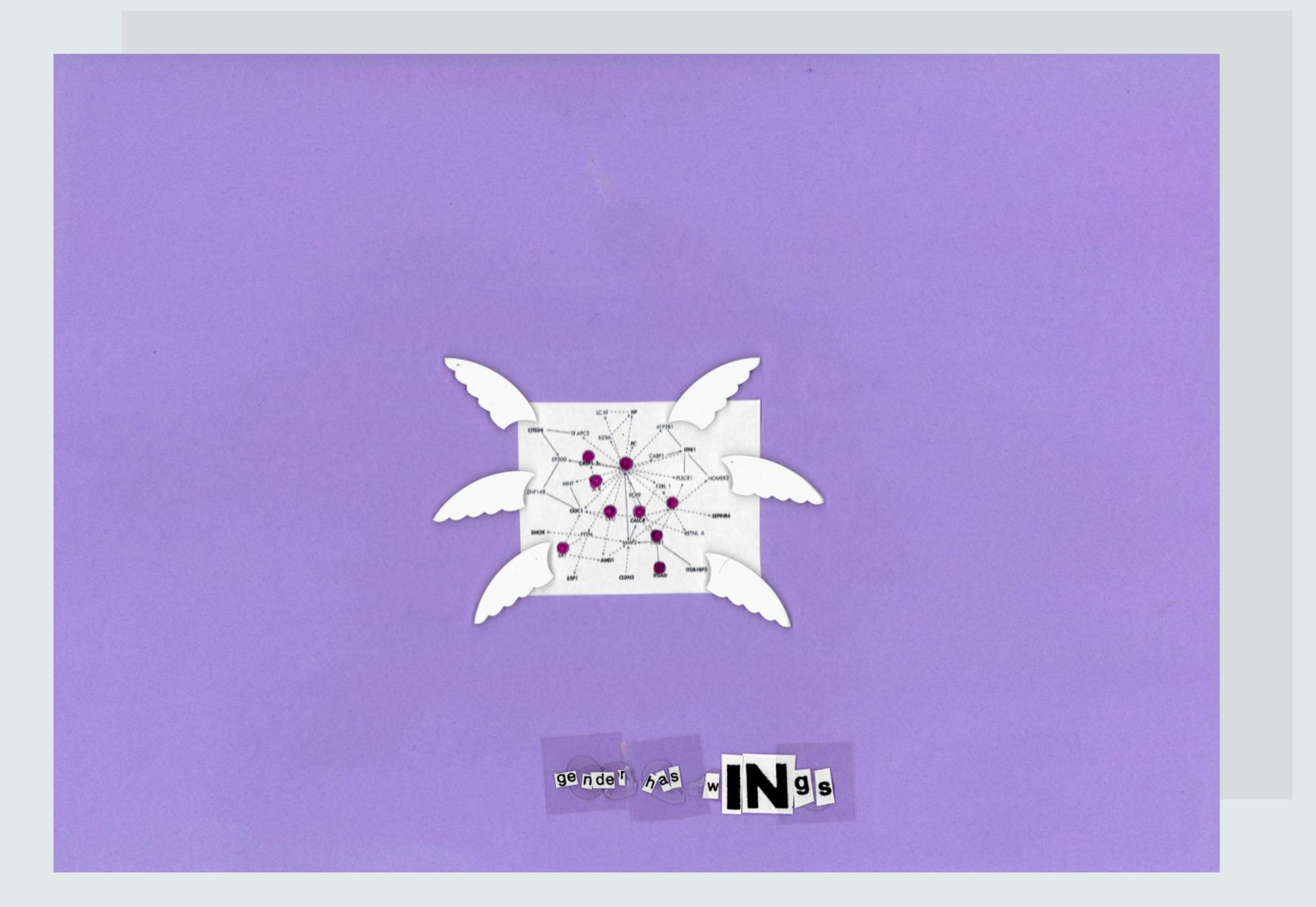
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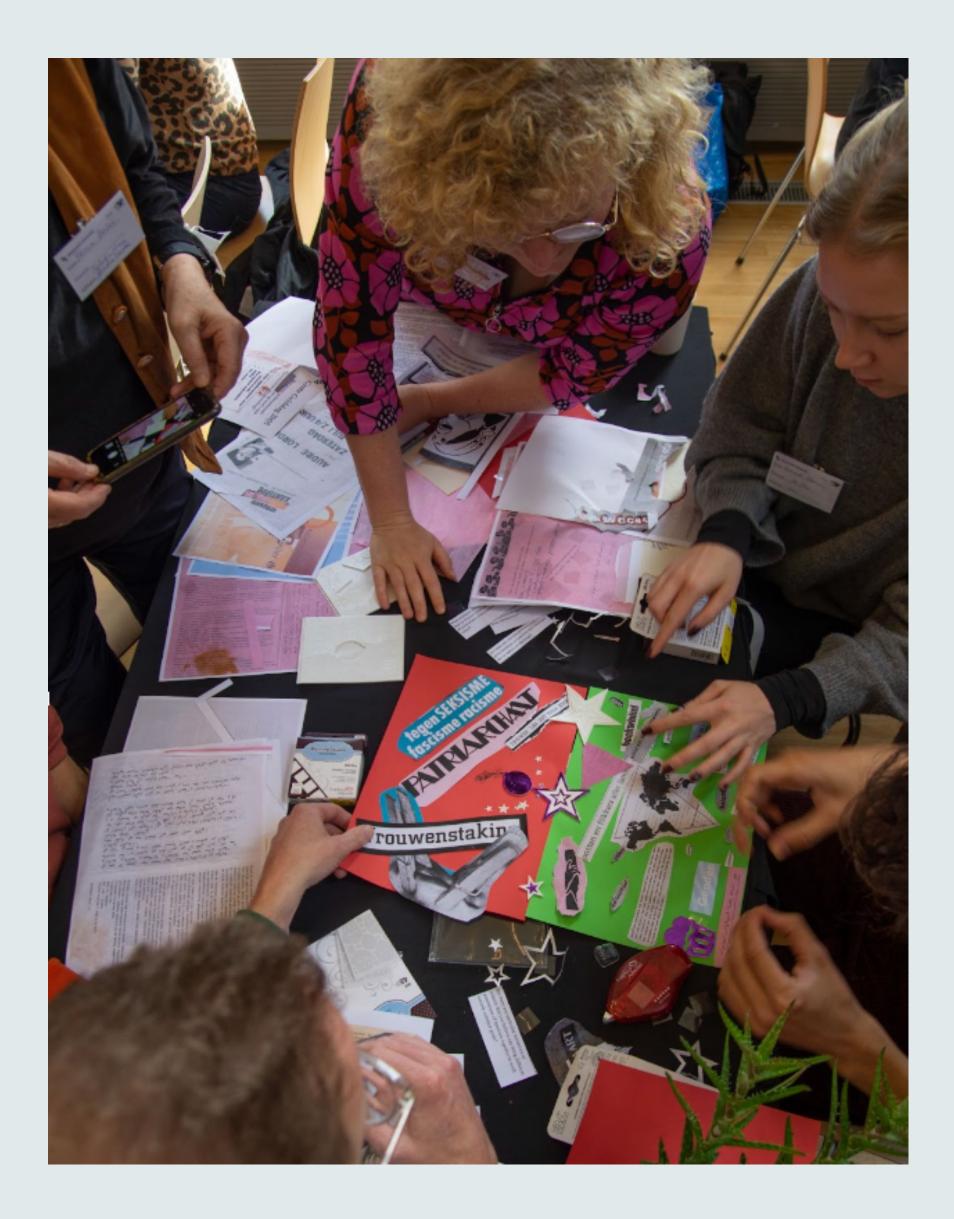
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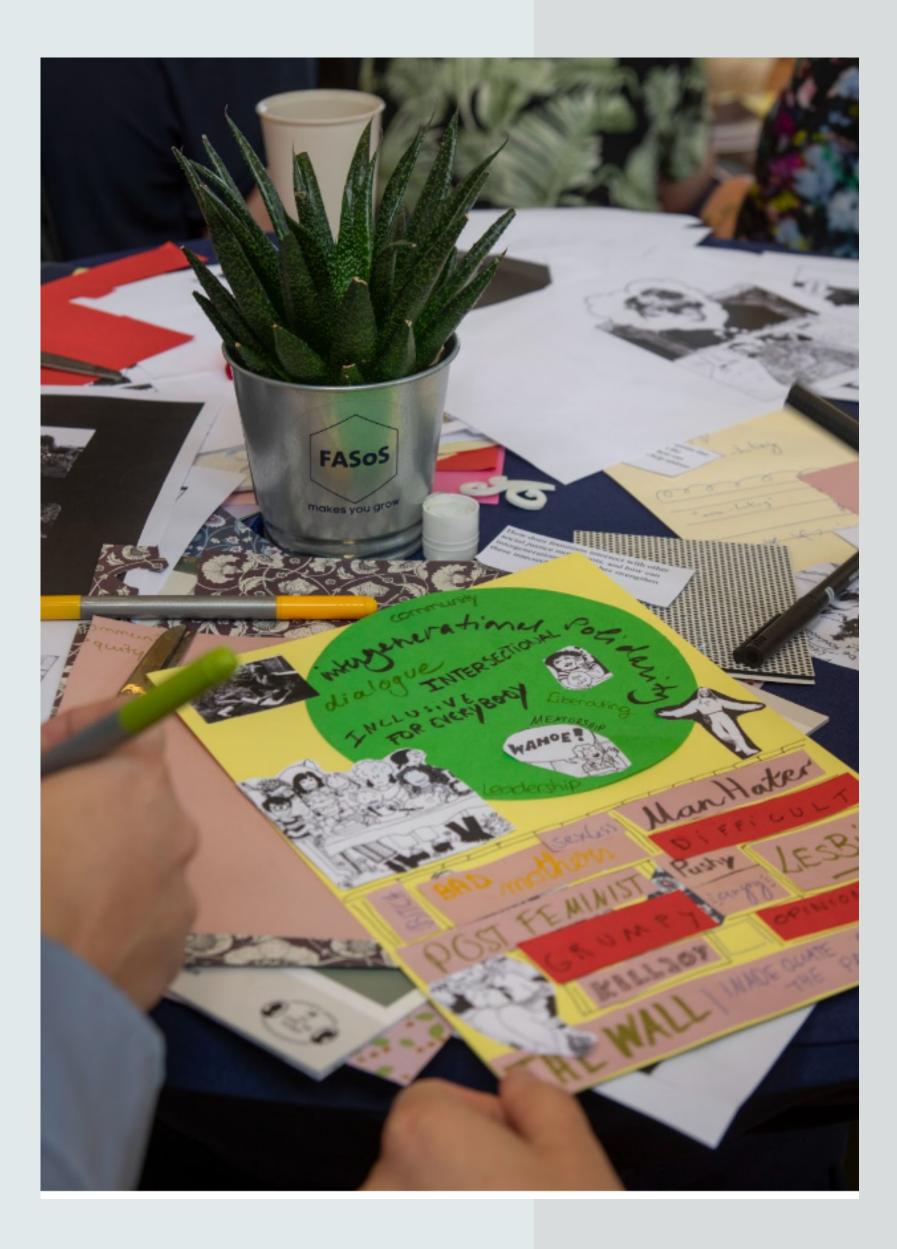
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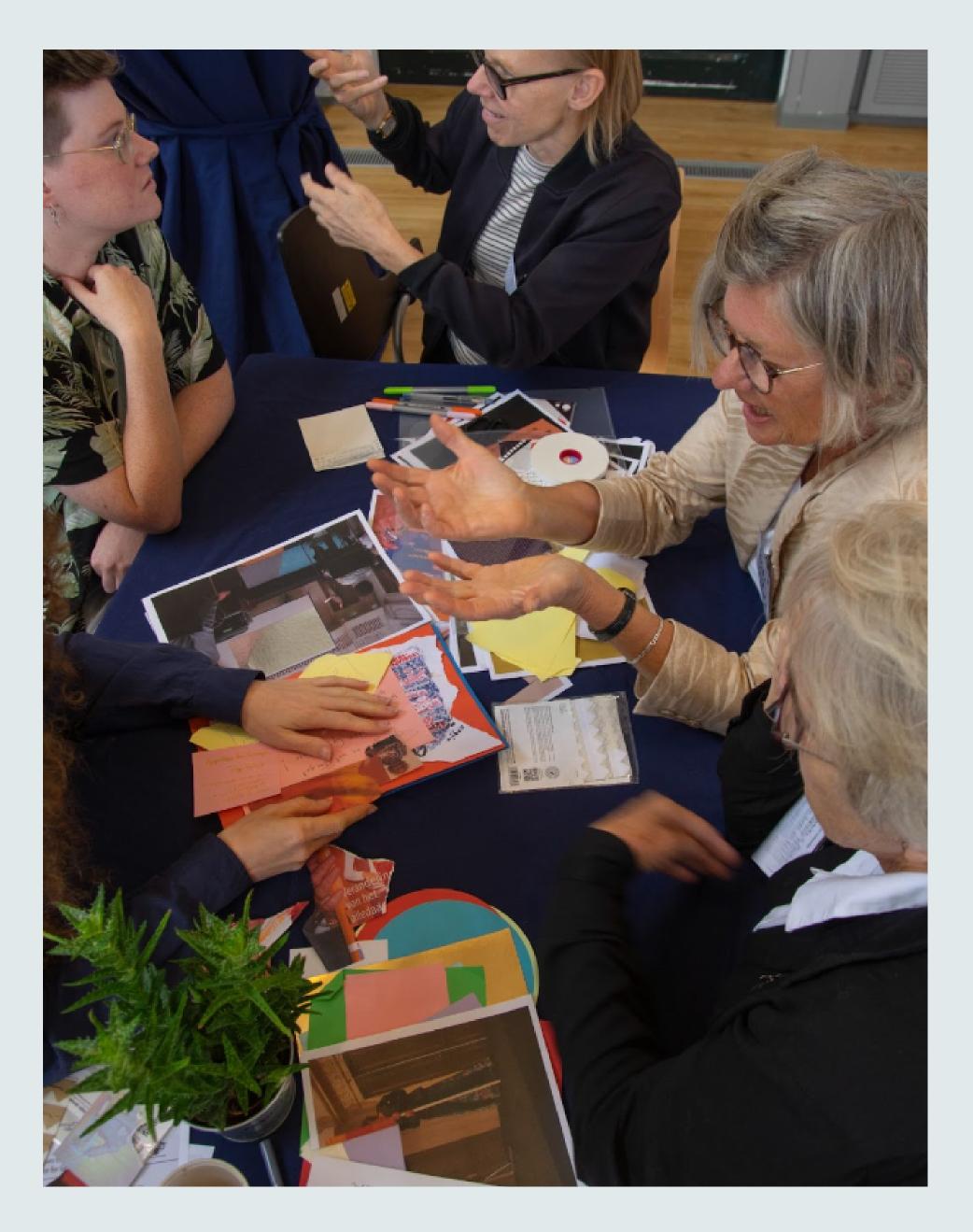
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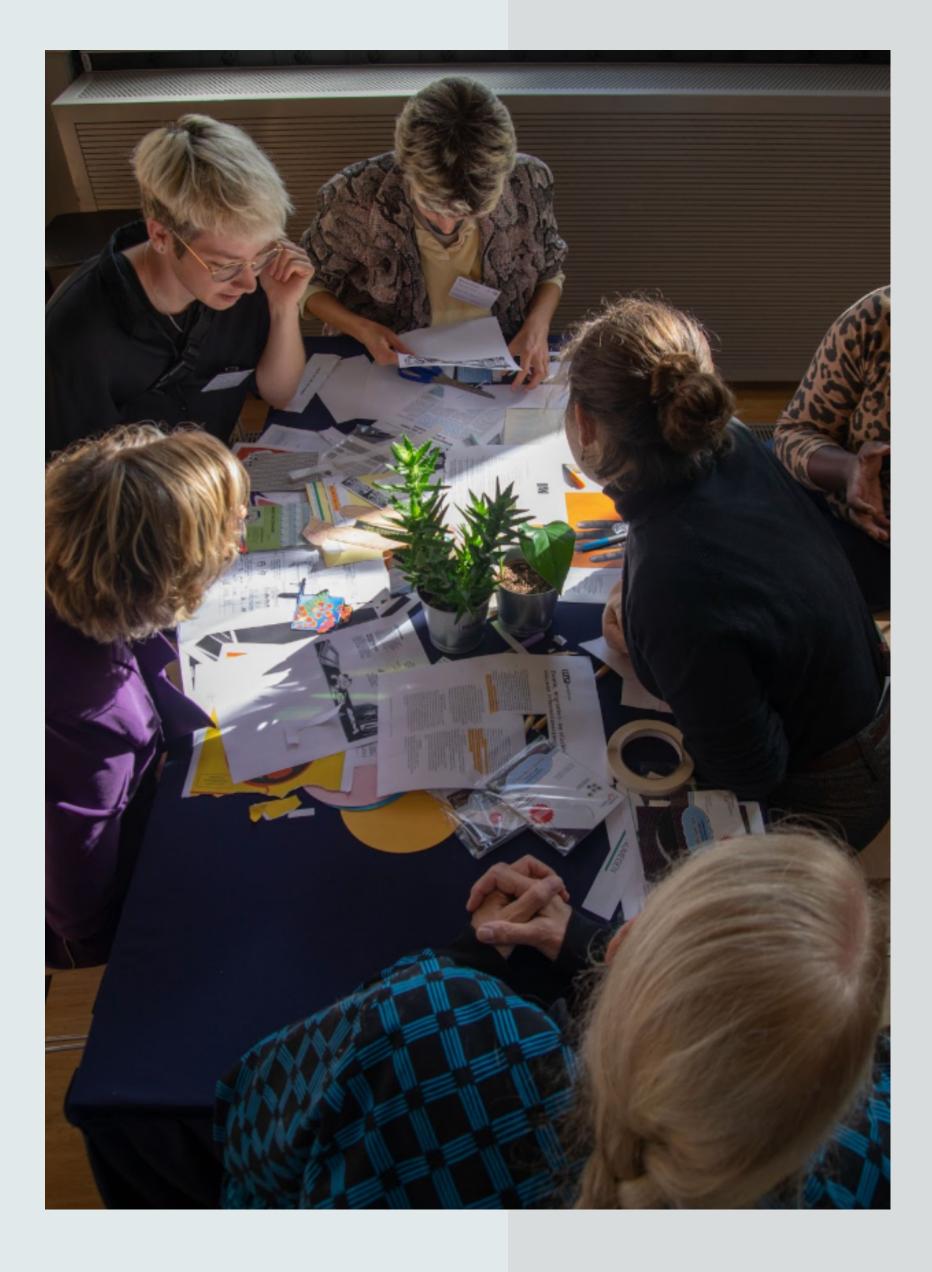
















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