Toolkit for local branches: Brainstorm in the form of fanzine

As part of local branch (LA) conference (2) 2016 we decided to brainstorm the ideas around creating a toolkit for the local branches. The board of 2016 came up with the concept of toolkit that will have ideas to help the local branches to maintain organizational work, to reach out to more members, to grow, and so on. Therefore, the team responsible for LA conference held a fanzine* workshop during the conference to have input from the participants. In this zine, the participants have reused cuttings from magazines, color papers, newspapers and so on.
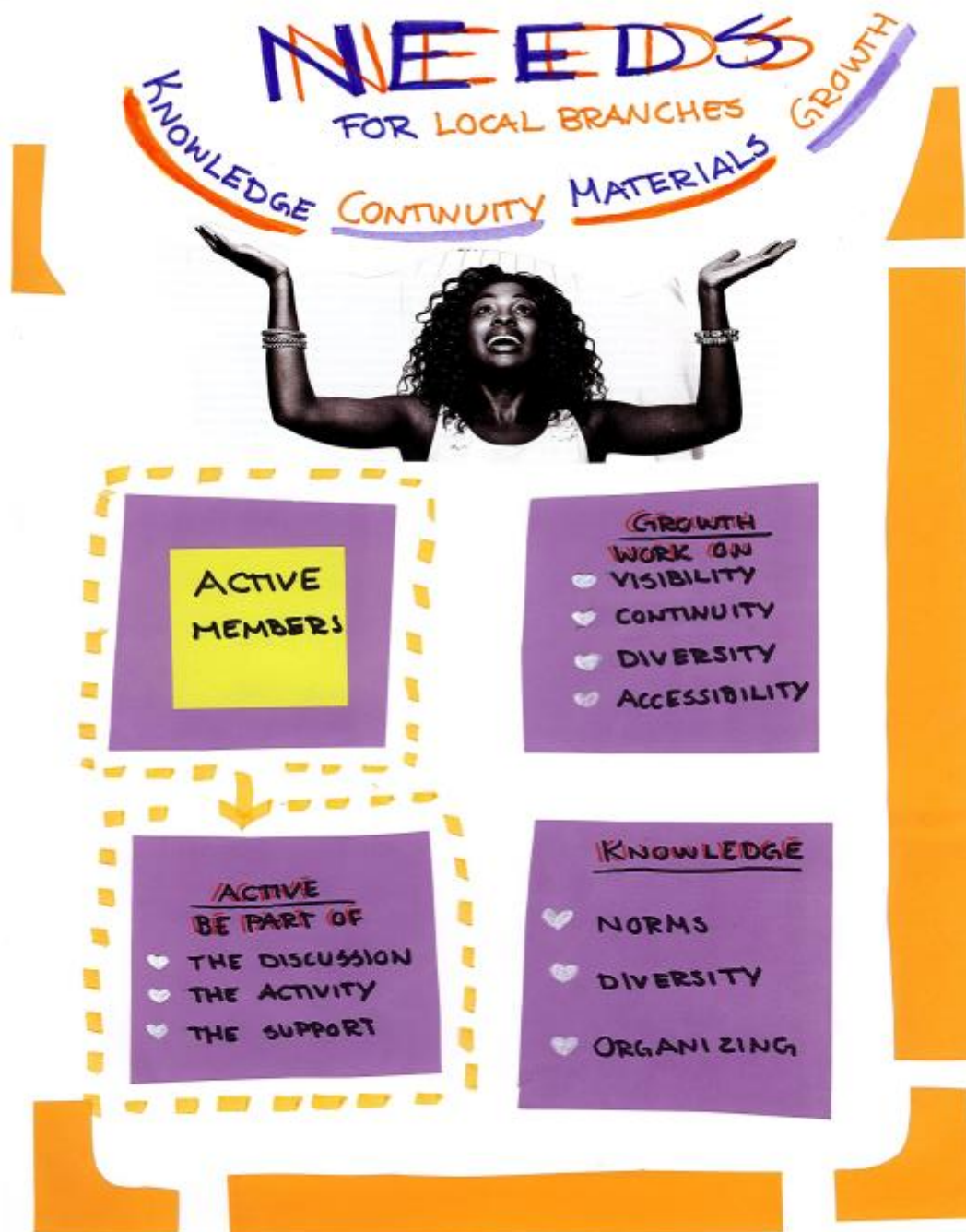
This fanzine includes three chapters:

1. Needs of the local branches

2. How to advertise

3. How to be norm critical

--- By Participants of LA-conference HT16 (5-6 November 2016)

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*Fanzine: a magazine written by and for fans (Merriam Webster dictionary)

During the brainstorming sessions, it was discussed that, the local branches need to grow and have more members. To do so, they need to have continuity, get materials related to different information (i.e: membership information) from the federation, and they need to have a platform where the local branches can share knowledge and experiences with each other. Therefore, the team working on the needs came up with an idea of 'Network Platform for the local branches'. It could be a simple facebook group where the board members of all the local branches can share their ideas and knowledge. Or, there could be a shared Google drive with different materials where the board of the local branches can give shared input.

NETWORK PLATFORM OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

- FACEBOOK GROUP **f**

  - PRIVACY & SAFETY: SECRET group, CURRENT LA Board Members
  - Admins - Maybe from both federation and LA's
  - Ask Questions; Discuss Confusions; Have fun?

TOGETHERNESS

DIVERSITY

KNOWLEDGE SHARING

- DATABASE?
  - Google Group (Drive)

MAINTENANCE: - Email access?
  - Open link access?
  - Can everyone access?
  - Can everyone Edit?

What could be on the drive?

- Organization Guide: How tos?

- PROBLEMS & SOLUTIONS: Scenarios?

- Shared document on Reports of events:
  - What? How?
  - What went well?
  - What did not work?
  - Suggestions?

How to handle with information clutter?
  - Searchable?
  - Years after Years?
  - Who manages? LA? Federation?

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How to advertise

In this chapters the participants discussed different ideas of advertising SFQ federation and local branches.

How to be norm critical
In this chapter participants discussed different questions related to challenging norms.

1. What norms do we want to challenge
   Is there any ethical standpoints we wish to start from?

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   Not offending
   ↳ Not starting new norms

   Generally people start out from 2 different standpoints ← (Don't remember why we wrote this)

   In what order do we want to challenge?

   Is there a way to challenge inside and outside the community at the same time?
   - Is it practical?
   - Do people wish to listen?

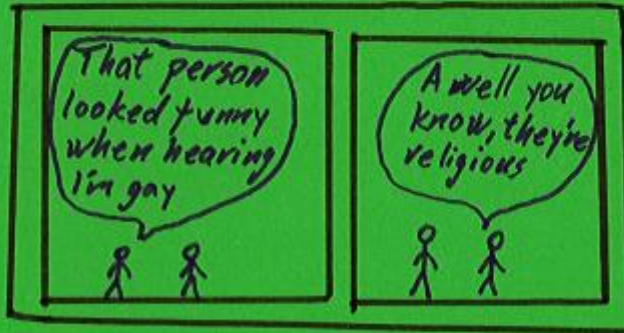   What is problematic within the community?

2. How do we give subgroups agency?
   How do we ~~give~~ help raise awareness about how to include those subgroups?

Intersex awareness
Transgender awareness
Ace-awareness

Challenge non-religious norms within community

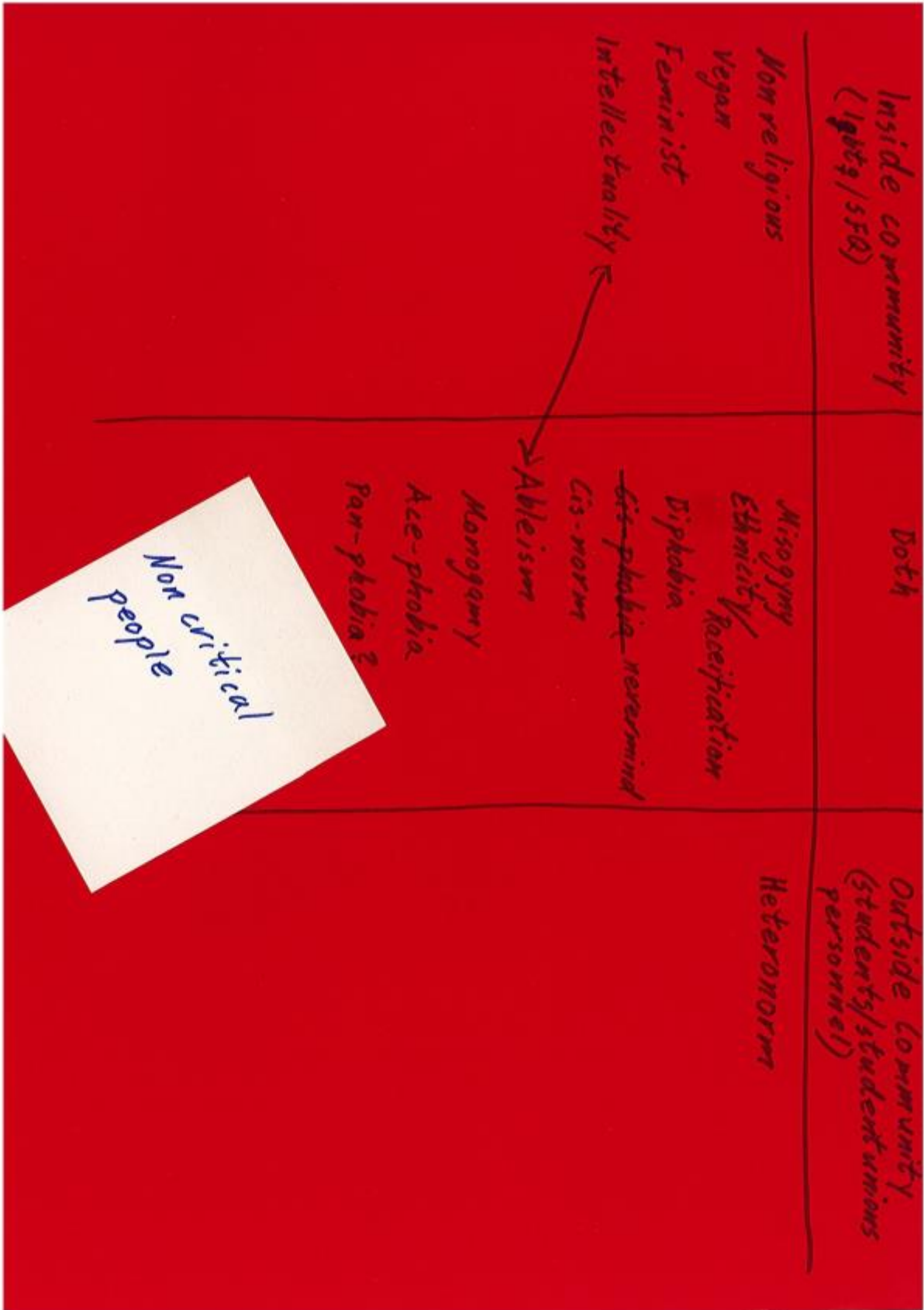The situation decides what issue we are addressing

That person looked funny when hearing I'm gay

A well you know, they're religious

We give agency by keeping an open climate
Ex: ask for pronoun to be inclusive of trans and intersex

Anonymity
Non Disclosure agreements,
secret facebookgroups

There will always be norms andwe will createnew ones

Be aware of the new norms that we create

Inside community (LGBTQ / SFQ)	Both	Outside community (students/student unions, personnel)
Non religious Vegan Feminist Intellectuality →	Misogyny Ethnicity / Raceification Diphobia Bi-phobia nevermind Cis-norm Ableism Monogamy Ace-phobia Pan-phobia?	Heteronorm

Non critical people