

This Monday, the Formentera Council's Office of Social Welfare will host a presentation of Nuria Valera's book, *Feminismo para principiantes*. At the event, Valera will lead a discussion of contemporary feminism and the contradictions pervading our society's relationship with it.

An expert in feminism, Varela got her bachelor's in information technology, works as a writer and holds two master's degrees—one in interdisciplinary gender studies and another in gender and gender-equality policy. On her current trip to the island, Valera presents a freshly-minted comic-book version of *Feminismo para principiantes* (“Feminism for beginners”, TN), first published as an essay in 2008. In its current iteration, the book uses updated language and a heady dose of illustrations to take feminism to a broader audience.

To hear CiF social welfare secretary Vanessa Parellada tell it, the Formentera Council rejects the idea that “feminism is for women”. She contends that finding ways to apply feminist thought in society at large is “essential to making the world a better place”. Parellada also urges “progressives in power enable broad access to these ideas” and equates feminists' contributions with “public service”. As such, Parellada encouraged all islanders to come out for the event.

The discussion and book presentation are scheduled for next **Monday, April 16 at 8.00pm in Biblioteca Marià Villangómez in Sant Francesc**
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Included in the Diada de Sant Jordi activities programme, the event is supported by Institut Balear de la Dona and will be attended by that agency's director, Rosa Cursach.