

Social welfare councillor Vanessa Parellada sat down this morning at 10.30am with department specialist Azuzena Carrasco and Espai Dones chairwoman Dolores Fernández Tamargo to unveil the activities programme for International Women's Day on Formentera.

Parellada and the Espai Dones chair launched a special call for islanders to come out for the Friday march 8 gathering to mark the day in Sant Francesc's plaça de la Constitució.

March 8

A whole series of activities and events are lined up to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8. From 10.00am Espai Dones representatives will meet in Constitució square to make and invite others to join them in making posters for the demonstration that will take place afterwards. At an informational stand from 11.00am islanders will be able to see texts of experiences re-enacted for the stage, and later, Bloco Colubraria will lead a batucada drum circle.

A 12-noon rendezvous, scheduled in honour of International Women's Day and the women participating in the “feminist strike”, will be followed by a reading of the day's manifesto. Afterwards the floor will be opened up so people can share with the crowd their reasons for attending the demonstration.

The day's programme will wind down in the evening with a 9.30pm screening of Petra Bioudina Volpe's *El orden divino* in the cinema.

Activities

Activities marking the special day will run through the month. In fact, they start Monday March 4 with the 7.30pm opening of Natalia Lisinicchia's exhibit *TACTO* in the administration's Sala d'Exposicions (Ajuntament Vell).

At 7.00pm on Thursday March 7 islanders across the Balearics can catch a simultaneous screening of a documentary. The IBDona-produced *Llavors de futur. Un homenatge al feminisme de les Illes Balears* will débat at the cinema (Sala de Cultura).

The programme continues with the “Woman's Charity Race” (*Cursa Solidària per a la Dona*) from 11.00am on Saturday March 9. Money raised will go to benefit the Asociación Española Contra el Cáncer. Signups are being held at the front counter of the fitness centre.

More film screenings and a storytelling session at the Casal de Joves are also on the bill of activities, not to mention a presentation of the magazine “Visions” that will be followed by a discussion.

Tribute to the Elderly Woman

Among all the events in store, one of the most closely watched will take place at 12 noon on Sunday March 31 in the Council's Sala de Plens, adjacent to the Centre de Dia. It is the *XI Homenatge a la Dona Gran*
(“Eleventh Tribute to the Elderly Woman”) of Formentera. In April, there will also be a self-defence workshop for women.

Councillor Parellada reminded islanders that www.reaccionem.com features a link where people can sign the pact to end gender violence. She also saluted Espai Dones for putting together a programme of activities that is in constant expansion and reaches an increasingly diverse audience, something she said is “key to making sure this struggle affects every one of us”.