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Socialist Feminist Conference 1984 (SF'84)

The Socialist Feminist Conference, (SF'84) Down to Business, was held over two weekends, 3-4 and 10 – 11 March, 1984, at Princes Hill High School in Carlton. In the lead-up to the conference the organising collective facilitated several discussion evenings around topics of interest, such as Heinz, the 57 varieties of feminism, in order to stimulate community awareness about the conference and to prompt debate on socialist feminist theories and ideas.

SF'84 was a lively and well-attended conference with many workshops around such topics as The Oppression of Women, Feminist Theory, Notes Towards a History of the Melbourne Women's Collective of the Communist Party of Australia (CPA) and Aboriginal Employment / Unemployability. There was also a great deal of interest in the suggestion about forming another women's organization to push for equity in society and legislative changes for women. This eventually became the Women's Social and Political Coalition.