



A PROPOSAL FOR A 'NEW' LANGUAGE AGAINST WOMEN'S DISCRIMINATION

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**LET'S CHANGE WORDS
TO CHANGE THE WORLD**





Language as a place of
representation of culture
which includes roles and
behavioural patterns



Violence against women or 'gender' violence?

Language is not neutral, it mirrors relationships based on power and control.

A **new language** needs time to become intelligible, a new awareness about new ways of living in the society is required

The challenge

Let's name **FEMICIDE** without fear
even if improper or unpolished according to
patriarchal linguistic code



The word FEMICIDE devised during '90
by feminist criminologists means
the homicide of a woman **'as a woman'**

Femicide theorized by Marcela Lagarde includes
discriminatory and violent behaviours against
women



The word FEMICIDE was introduced into
the dictionary of Italian Language
only in 2009





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