



The aim of this campaign is to open a space where books can be shared in Porto, in other words a Women's Bookstore.

Red Sisterhood – Women's Bookstore

In the past years when I have travelled and visited all the places that "need to be" visited, I also try to find a Women's Bookstore and I always put this on my "need to be" visited list. It's not only a question of the books (this is a vice I have had since I have been able to join the letters) it's more the question of the "space". A Women's Bookstore is a place where you will find other women, that see the world in the same way as you do, they are places where you can calmly listen random conversation on various books, of present happenings or everyday things, where you can join in on a conversation, a workshop or even a projection... a place where a women's opinion is giving visibility. Books that defend equality, conquers, disputes, sexuality, violence, motherhood, art, poetry and of life.

Aim of this project

This initiative is born due to my passion for books e because Women's Bookstores are UNIQUE places. **The aim of this campaign is to be able to open a bookstore in Porto, which is a place where thoughts, ideas are shared, a Women's Bookstore.** *A room of one's own* quoting Virginia Wolf, a space big enough for all of us. Which each one can find their favourite book, your best authors and numerous diferent activities that you can do on your own or with comany. A space that you can enjoy on your own or in the company of others.

Why a Women's bookstore?

A Women's Bookstore is a place that collects an important bibliographic background, impossible to be found in other more generic bookstores, as these are impossible to find in universities and libraries. In women's book store we can find everything written by and about Women. A space that specializes in the subject and that you won't find anywhere else.

Why the name Red Sisterhood

Definition of Sisterhood: Association of people who have similar interests and aims. The Red Sisterhood – Women's Bookstore is not my bookstore but in fact i tis our

bookstore... of all the women that want to make this adventure possible on a daily basis, the heirs of the desire to create a legacy of all writers and readers throughout history... Red because it is the colour of the coat of Red Riding Hood my favourite children's story.

Why in Porto?

Porto is a fantastic city. This is obvious not only for the Women that live in this city, but also for those that visit the city. The city is undergoing a massive transformation: every day that goes past Porto receives more visitors, people that want to visit, study or even start over in the city. Porto is opening up to new cultures, new experiences and new habits. In my opinion this is the ideal environment to open a new Women's Bookstore. This will also help to **grow the Iberian Network of bookstores, female writers and female readers**. In my opinion given the geographic proximity it is important to create more spaces where women can find answers that mobilize women in the Iberian Peninsula. *The Red Sisterhood – Women's Bookstore* will be joining the network of women's bookstores that already exist in the Iberian Peninsula (Galize, Madrid, Barcelona, Seville).

The books:

On the bookshelves of the *Red Sisterhood* you will find literature specialized and written for or by women, biographies, feminist essays (in various areas and subjects: science, anthropology, sociology, history, education, health, philosophy, eroticism) theme LGBT, Queer theory, non sexist children's literature, art, romance, poetry, comics ...

Besides the books

In a Women's Bookstore you will find books but also a space that is open to various initiatives that benefit the training, education and imagination and fosters a thing as abstract and trivial that is called culture. We will have Reading clubs, music, workshops for adults and children. We will also have exhibits and book presentations, talks, storytelling and other very interesting delicacies.

About the promoter

My name is Aida, I am 33 years old and currently live in Porto, but that is not very important. What is important is that one day I looked the rollercoaster (life) and I thought:

“I have accomplished so little I might be better off as a librarian



I have always loved books and have always dreamt of having a bookstore (a cinema too).

When I was a child I used to dream of being at the counter of a bookstore, one of those that is filled with the smell of books, history and words and not with freshener and disinfectant of a mall. I dreamt of spending my days in a space where I could celebrate book day, the Women's day, where I could organize story telling sessions of fairytales and Reading clubs. Book presentations, concerts and film projections (this way I can also make my cinema owner dream come true).

I dreamt of a place where people could go to escape from their daily routine, even if only for an instant and see, read and listen to everything that the world has reserved for them. In 2010 this dream started to become restless (I am told this is the first symptom that the dreams want to become real) after I visited for the first time a Women's Bookstore in Madrid and in 2009 in Barcelona and meeting the librarians that made this dream come true. It was on this journey that I first saw my dream in 3D. And I thought this was just a childhood dream!

“Dreams do not have a validity date, take a deep breath and carry on”

- this is my inner voice, I am sure you also have one ?!?!?! -

The restlessness starting to transform itself into a fortress, a **fortress** that was ready to follow her way and fight for what she believed in. I believe that a women's bookstore is a space where people can **find** themselves and it is not a utopia.. and that the sorority **relationships** are pure **complicity** e these will overcome any adversity. Having found the keywords (which are in bold and that also identify), I start this campaign that I know is filled with difficulties, but is also filled with people (specially female) that will support me with kindness and firmly (“if there is no kindness then this is not my revolution”).. and that is why I am here... because I believe that the dreams shared will become real quicker and in a gesture of freedom I give birth for all of you : the Campaign **“Red Sisterhood – Women's Bookstore”**.

How to contribute?

Here on the PPL, on the right hand side of the video, on the top you will find REWARDS, choose yours, fill in the details and choose your payment method. (It is simple and painless).

Be informed, should I not obtain my budget, of 12.000€, then I will not get anything. The Money will be returned to the donors.

I ask for your help, be a donor or share this madness with the whole world.

How can you share this project with the rest of the world:

- Sharing the link of the campaign in social networks
- Using the **hashtag #LivrariaMulheresPorto** and **#somosperigosas** in your shares
- Or by sending your support selfie **“Dangerous Women”** to aidasuarez7@gmail.com. To caption you selfie, please indicate your name and country or city.

And join the group of dangerous women that read.



How will your contribution help?

Your contribution will help realize this dream. It will also give a job to people filled with illusion, like myself. With your contribution you will be rewarded with the work of the following people and services:

Works on licensing

Real Estate

IT equipment

First books and other pampers

Pay the work of the designers that designed the smart bags, the beautiful t-shirts and the t-shirts and fashion advisers.

The genius illustrator that created all the Pampers that you will be receiving e and image of our bookstore

Paypal

Other costs

Your contribution to this dream, gives women the possibility to enjoy um space that will allow them to live dangerously. Don't forget women that read are dangerous!?!?;) You will also be helping us to be able to continue to create new opportunities and the access to knowledge and to the space.

If I obtain my budget with this campaign, my plan is:

Feb/March 2015: Find a space, equipment, furniture, take care of the licensing and mailing the rewards .

Mar/April 2015: Setting up the space and official opening.

THE REWARDS

Your name is important

It's the key that opens all the doors. Thanks to you, this dream will start to have a life of its own, so your name will have to shine for all posterity.

Shipment to Portugal and Spain for free

Because you deserve to receive your reward wherever you are without any worry.

Postcards to recover the art of writing

Inspired in the words of the writers that live in our imaginary, we can write postcards to our friends, to our lovers, to family members or to whomever we want, because we have designed these postcards so that you can develop your writing skills. Scriptoria.

Fun Pin's

Pins to flood the city of Porto with words and so that you can walk around with your favourite writer on your coat!

Book markers

They are inseparable book companions. Designed by Marta Carvalho for this project.

Tote bag “The creation of the World”

It has never been so cool to walk in the street being proud of being dangerous women that reads (or writes). This is only a simulation of how they will be bags :)



Fashion T-Shirt

The t-shirt that everyone is going to want to wear.

Use the open Space at the Bookstore to boost your workshops and shows

If you organize workshops or give concerts or any type of event that you need space for, this can be your reward. You can organize your event free of charge at the bookstores open space.

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