

# 2023

ACTIVITY REPORT  
WIQUAYA





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# The association

## PRESENTATION

[wiquaya.org](https://wiquaya.org) was born on December 13, 2020 with the desire to remedy the lack of organisations, media and events linking information technology and intersectional queer feminism.

Started as a collective, Wiquaya became an association in October 2021. Since the very beginning, it has been essential for us to constantly do everything possible not to perpetuate or reproduce oppressions that exist within society, starting with our own internal organisation. As an example among other things, a code of conduct was implemented for team meetings.

For years now, we have been observing the dynamics in place in different environments, questioning people directly concerned, and developing materials to link them to privacy protection tools on the Internet. [wiquaya.org](https://wiquaya.org) is the direct result of a tremendous collective effort; it offers various resources such as a practical directory, a glossary, tools and many practical guides.

## **POLITICAL STANCE AND VALUES**

Feminism is at the core of all the actions and reflections of **Wiquaya**. We strongly believe that the fight for queer/LGBTQIA+ human rights is inextricably linked to feminism. We claim an intersectional feminism that links gender discrimination to class, ethnicity and health. We demand pro-choice feminism regarding the wearing of the hijab, sex work, abortion.

## **ORGANIZATION**

### **GOVERNING BOARD**

President : Allium

Treasurer : Ellie

### **USER MEMBERS**

### **FRIEND MEMBERS**

### **ADHERENTS MEMBERS**

### **DECISION-MAKER MEMBERS**

Maureen - Emelyne

As we write these lines, the team remains small. It is multidisciplinary and brings together various skills such as writing skills, infographics, situation analysis, etc.

# MEDIAS

## WEBSITE

[www.wiquaya.org](http://www.wiquaya.org) / [www.en.wiquaya.org](http://www.en.wiquaya.org)

Created in December 2020 and having already undergone three major updates, the website brings together around twenty practical cases, a directory of privileged contacts in the fields of feminism, LGBTQIA+ causes and IT, as well as a glossary of keywords from the open source community and feminist circles.

We want our content to be accessible to as many people as possible, which is why the website has been equipped with navigation assistance, a night mode, as well as the possibility of reading images with a screen reader.

It is also available in English.

## WIQUAYA BOOKLET

As we are aware of the fact that not everyone is comfortable with a computer or internet browsing, we have naturally opted for a paper version of our website.

This booklet is nothing more than a material object to hold; it is a continuation of the website.

## CARD GAME

“GAFAMa vie Privée\*” [breach of my privacy] is a cooperative card game that allows you to approach the notions of digital hygiene and online privacy protection in several ways, particularly when you are a minoritised and/or marginalised person in society.

\* The name is a pun, “gaffe à ma vie privée”, which means “careful with my privacy” in informal French.

It’s a fun way to understand various terms and notions belonging both to the feminist/queer communities and the IT circles. It’s also an opportunity to discover concrete tools to protect yourself online by creating toolboxes for specific, practical situations.

## SOCIAL NETWORKS

-  [facebook.com/wiquaya](https://facebook.com/wiquaya)
-  [instagram.com/wiquaya](https://instagram.com/wiquaya)
-  [twitter.com/wiquaya](https://twitter.com/wiquaya)
-  [eldritch.cafe/@wiquaya](https://eldritch.cafe/@wiquaya)
-  [helloasso.com/associations/wiquaya](https://helloasso.com/associations/wiquaya)
-  [paypal.com/paypalme/wiquaya](https://paypal.com/paypalme/wiquaya)
-  [liberapay.com/wiquaya](https://liberapay.com/wiquaya)

Committed to sharing the knowledge that **Wiquaya** centralises, we are active on several social networks in order to reach a diverse audience, in terms of age, gender and more.



# The actions

## RESEARCH WORK

Although currently paused, it's an action that remains important for **Wiquaya** and will resume in the form of occasional surveys aimed at queer communities.

## MONITORING WORK

It is necessary and essential to stay up-to-date with current technologies and feminist information in order to align with them and react to them effectively.

This work is mainly done on social media with the development of accounts that we follow. It is time-framed, so as not to be overwhelming, and allows us to identify specific needs at a particular moment in time.

## SUPPORT

We remain available to answer messages we receive concerning, most of the time, cases of cyber-violence.

We provide advice and moral support, when needed.

## NETWORK CREATION

We are initiating contact with other groups with the aim of expanding the digital resources we offer and covering more and more issues.

## WORKSHOP

We animated a “GAFAMa vie privée” (breach of my privacy) workshop at the Capitole du Libre\* in November 2023.

This cooperative game works great as a way for the participants to share their personal experience with the group.

\* Capitole du Libre is a yearly event dedicated to the open source community and culture.

## FESTIVAL

We have launched the organisation of a festival which - we hope - would take place in April 2024.

Why is it important to protect yourself on the Internet? What does “protect yourself” mean?

Can I unGoogle my experience online without isolating myself?

Can I continue to use Instagram, Facebook and similar websites/apps while protecting myself?

How to interact with social media when you are a minoritised person in society? We do not have to be Sam Smith, Mary Lambert, Yseult or Britney Spears, Beyoncé, etc., world-known celebrities, to suffer cyber violence, because of our identity or our fights.

Why have an event specifically aimed at people who are minoritised in society? Everyone has a particular threat model. Everyone risks something on the Internet in their own way, and will defend themselves in their own way too.

How to regain power in the face of all this?

## **DISTRIBUTION**

We are going to launch pre-sales to distribute our educational booklet to a wider audience.

Its content has been enriched and improved.

# Coming

(spoil alert)

## ACCESSIBILITY

We deem it necessary to make our content accessible to as many people as possible. As a result, we want to create a sound and visual data bank of all our practical cases.

We envision a video library with readings of these cases but also translations into French Sign Language (FSL).

## WORKSHOPS

We plan on developing computer workshops with attendance limited to people affected by the issues Wiquaya. We also wish to organise more meetings around our “GAFAMa vie privée” (breach of my privacy) card game.

## ARAB-SPEAKING SITE

At the start of **Wiquaya**, we launched workshops to translate the site into Arabic.

Afterwards, we realized the necessity to also adapt the site to the socio-political context of some Arabic-speaking countries (Maghreb, Middle East).

Thank you to those queers who answered our questions.  
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