

## Voices of Lesbian Women in Lebanon

[Meem](#), a community of lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning women in Lebanon will publish a book of lesbian stories, experiences, and identities, and a research paper that details the problems of and solutions for the social stigmatization and multiple marginalization of lesbians in Lebanon.

The published book will contain several stories in the first person narrative and representing a diversity of lesbians of different geographical areas, religious affiliations, age groups, ethnicities and sexualities. Among the topics covered are: relationships with parents, self-image and self-esteem, homophobia, breaking stereotypes, lesbianism and religion, and taboos of bisexuality. The project partner will conduct interviews with the women, asking to tell stories and anecdotes of their lives related to these subjects. The book will be written in English and translated into Arabic and will be widely distributed free of charge to human rights and women's organization in Lebanon and the lesbian community in the country and abroad.

The research paper will detail the sociological living conditions of the diverse community of LBTQ women in Lebanon. The paper will contain demographic information, prevalent problems facing lesbians in Lebanon today, the evolution of the lesbian movement, legal and security issues, social matrixes, the battles within other communities and organizations and solutions and recommendations. The paper will be distributed primarily to academic circles as well as NGOs in Lebanon and human rights organizations worldwide. It will be published online on Meem's website [www.meemgroup.org](http://www.meemgroup.org).

The objectives of the publications are to make the social struggle and everyday life of the lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LBTQ) female community in Lebanon visible and to work towards decreasing the marginalization and stigmatization this group endures within society, countering society's taboo-stricken perception of lesbianism.