Engaging Men and Boys in Gender Equality

Social activist Gloria Steinem teamed up with actor and activist Matt McGorry to host an event titled, “Engaging Men and Boys in Gender Equality,” on Thursday, April 20th, 2017. The program was held at the Linda Stein Loft in Manhattan, in support of Stony Brook University’s Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities.

With over 80 people in attendance, there were discussions on gender equality and about the work of the Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities. In addition to Steinem and McGorry, speakers included Michael Kimmel, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies and Founder for the Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities; Charles Robbins, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of the Undergraduate Colleges, the filmmaker Jennifer Siebel Newsom; and the celebrated feminist artist Linda Stein.

“This was an extraordinary opportunity to bring together activists, researchers, and others dedicated to engaging men and boy in support of gender equality,” said Kimmel. “While we know that we cannot fully empower women and girls without engaging boys and men, we often don’t realize the amazing projects and programs that are developing around the world to engage boys and men.”

Established in 2013, the Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities is dedicated to engaging interdisciplinary research on boys, men, masculinities and gender. They support and promote research that furthers the development of boys and men in the service of healthy masculinities and greater gender equality. Their mission is to bring together researchers, practitioners and activists to develop and enhance policy initiatives and advocacy projects focusing on boys and men. Their goal is to generate and disseminate research that redefines gender relations to foster greater social justice.

To learn more about the Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities, visit http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/csmm/. To learn more about artist Linda Stein and her work in gender justice, visit http://www.lindastein.com/home/.