



Treasuring the Feminine in Vajrayana Buddhism

Symposium 202

Group Agreement

We propose for this dialogue to be:

— **From a first-person perspective**

We will express ourselves from a first-person perspective, sharing our experience, our learnings, our deepest aspirations.

Why not let go of our roles and simply share openly as we would with a good meal or sitting by the fire?

We can face our joys and difficulties without blaming anyone else.

We take any provocation in the spirit of the Dharma, as an opportunity to transform our mind.

— **Rooted in deep listening**

A main reason why dialogue is important is because so much misunderstanding is created by silence, and by the inability to listen.

We know how this misunderstanding then resonates through communities and through generations, with countless ripple effects.

We can lead by example and listen to each other. In the working groups, we propose that we spend half of the time listening deeply to each participant before we enter into dialogue.

— **Fearless**

The main purpose of this symposium is for us to have a conversation that we would otherwise not be able to have.

We have created particular conditions here to have an open, compassionate, fearless discussion: a small group of participants, meeting over several days, taking time away from our sanghas and from public perception.

We can be fearless. All participants are mature Vajrayana practitioners, and we have so much in common. What change do we wish to see?

— **Joyful**

Meeting as women is a rare event, let's enjoy it!