Earlier today the Formentera Department of Youth unveiled the list of activities lined up this coming March at the island's youth drop-in centre, the Casal de Joves. Department chair Vanessa Parellada called the first week "a very special one", highlighting not just local plans to commemorate Women's Day but also efforts by island youth to "win a better lot for women in society and educate others about the importance of real equality".

At 6.00pm this Friday 6 March, the Casal will host a contest using a captivating digital premise to test participants' knowledge on an array of questions like equality and gender. Then, at 7.00pm on Wednesday 18 March, attendees can also see *En la brecha*, a documentary about inequality in the working world.

Youth will also command the spotlight in the once-monthly environmental actions that have become standard. On Friday 27 March Formentera Marxa will add its name to Fridays for Future, and from 4.00pm, workshops in Sant Francesc's Plaça de la Constitució will offer youth and islanders at large the chance to learn about the importance of having a sustainable future.

Meeting of Youth Councils

On Saturday the 28th and Sunday the 29th, Youth Councils from across the Balearic Islands, including Formentera's Youth Participatory Council (*Consell de Participació de la Infància i la Joventut*), will gather for their first meeting in Santa Eulària, Eivissa.

Casal de Joves turns 13

Councillor Parellada pointed out that one of the more special events would be happening from 6.30pm on Tuesday 31 March: the Casal de Joves' 13th anniversary. The chief of the youth office applauded efforts to include Formentera youngsters in the Casal's creation and growth, and called on people aged 10 and over, and all those who have taken part in Casal activities over the last 13 years, to join in.

Other activities

Kicking off the programme today in the Casal is a workshop on homemade decals and stickers, followed by, at 5.30pm on Saturday 7 March, a culinary clinic where participants can learn how to make Colombian empanadas. Youth can drop in every other Wednesday (11 & 25 March) for film night; do arts and crafts for Father's Day on 13 Friday; learn tips for discussing sex and getting questions answered in the "Let's talk about sex" workshop on Saturday 14 March, or take part in a circus activity on Saturday 21 March. All activities, except for the how-to on empanadas, start at 6.30pm in the Casal de Joves.

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