



Statement in response to the trans*, inter* and inhuman campaign "Declaration on Gender-specific

The Lesbentelefon e.V. and its three initiatives LeTRa Lesbenberatung, LeZ lesbisch-queeres Zentrum and Treffpunkt, Fach- und Beratungsstelle Regenbogenfamilien position themselves against the international campaign of the organization Women's Human Rights Campaign. Under the title "Declaration on Gender-specific Women's Rights", this organization is trying to win support. Hidden under the initially feminist-seeming concern to protect girls and women from violence, this campaign makes trans* and inter* hateful statements, justified by partly dubious, partly downright wrong arguments.

The human rights of gender identities other than cis-female are devalued through improperly summarized and twisted arguments, on the grounds that they supposedly pose dangers to women and girls. The campaign consistently uses a biologicistic concept of gender and defines women as human beings who are naturally capable of bearing children. This is a definition that does not apply at all levels; there are many reasons why women cannot be capable of childbearing. Furthermore, we also see it as a success of feminism that women are no longer reduced to their ability to bear children and that this patriarchal role model is disappearing more and more.

It is argued that the term "gender identity" contributes to discrimination against women and that the sex assigned at birth, which is referred to as biological, should be considered the only legitimate sex. We consider this to be wrong. The treatment of trans*children is also presented as to be rejected with factually incorrect statements.

In particular, we oppose the demand to exclude trans* and inter* people from protection structures and rights, as can be read on page 16, for example: "... These measures should include the provision of services and spaces exclusively for women and girls, defined on a biological basis... employment in such institutions should be reserved exclusively for women, defined on the basis of biological gender rather than a 'gender identity'. All three of our facilities are trans*- and inter*-open, -friendly and people of all gender identities find support and help with us.

We are committed to a diverse and inclusive society and actively work to create non-discriminatory spaces in which all people can feel comfortable. Gender is a spectrum and it is not up to anyone to determine this for other people from the outside or to deny people rights based on it.