

AUGUST
7TH - 9TH
2026

PROGRAM



We care

Queer-feminist
education weekend

FRIDAY

2 pm

Reception

3 pm

Welcome

4- 6 pm

Workshops

- Migration, Precariousness, Care Work: Vietnamese Contract Workers in the GDR
- New Perspectives for Saxony's Gender Equality Policy
- Your voice matters! Independent radio as a queer-feminist space of empowerment

6:30 - 8pm

Dinner

8 pm

Get-to-know

9 - 9:45 pm

movie night

SATURDAY

8 - 9:30 am

Breakfast

10 am

Starting the say together

10:30 am

Discussion: Intersectional feminist strategies and alliances against the erosion of democracy and the growing power of right-wing actors

12:30 - 2:30 pm

Lunch



2:30- 4:30 pm

Workshops

- Current Labor Disputes in the Care Sector in Saxony: Experiences and Visions of Care Workers and Their Supporters (AT)
- “Hey Sib, How Are We Doing?” Friendship as Practice of Care
- Visions of Care-work based on Solidarity

5 - 6:30 pm

Open Space

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Dinner

from 8:30 pm

Evening program

SUNDAY

8 - 9:30 am

Breakfast

10 am

Starting the day together

10:30 - 12:30 am

Workshops

- Securing your structures, Staying safe - Empowerment & best practice for activists in rural areas
- How can we, as care workers, organize ourselves at work, in our villages, and in our neighborhoods? Methods for valuing care work at the local level

1:30 pm

Lunch

2 pm

Joint Farewell

from 3 pm

Packing up



WORKSHOPS

MIGRATION, PRECARIOUSNESS, CARE WORK: VIETNAMESE CONTRACT WORKERS IN THE GDR - VŨ VÂN PHẠM

The workshop examines the realities of life for Vietnamese contract workers in the GDR from a female perspective. It focuses on the patriarchal, racist, and exploitative structures under which these women lived and worked.

Despite massive restrictions—such as the ban on pregnancy, spatial segregation, and sexualized external attributions—they developed strategies of resistance and self-empowerment.

The workshop offers insights into the historical and social dimensions of this labor migration and centers Vietnamese women as active agents in their own migration history. We will examine moments of resistance, engage in discussion, and try to experience history from a different perspective.

Vũ Vân Phạm is a cultural artist and education specialist. Vân focuses primarily on the realities of life for Vietnamese and East German communities, generational issues, memory work, and coming to terms with the past. As an education specialist, she focuses in particular on the stories of contract workers and anti-Asian racism. Vân currently works at Offener Prozess—a documentation center on the NSU complex in Chemnitz.

NEW PERSPECTIVES FOR SAXONY'S GENDER EQUALITY POLICY – KARIN LUTTMANN & FATMA KÜTLE (GENDERKOMPETENZZENTRUM SACHSEN)

Where are you active? What issues and causes are important to you? Who do you collaborate with? Which queer-feminist activists and initiatives do you know of in Saxony?

Together, we'll start by gaining an overview of the diverse range of queer-feminist and civil society work for gender equality in Saxony. From the perspective of the Saxony Gender Competence Center, we'll expand this map to include institutional actors and structures—such as equal opportunity officers, the state parliament and ministries, political parties, labor unions, and major interest groups.

We'll then take a critical look at the big picture: Who is visible? Who is missing? Which issues and perspectives have received too little attention or resources so far? Let's work together to develop ideas for what sustainable alliances for stable gender equality work in Saxony might look like.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS! INDEPENDENT RADIO AS A QUEER-FEMINIST SPACE OF EMPOWERMENT - WITH SINAH

In this workshop, we'll explore why independent radio is an important part of a democratic society and how it can serve as a queer-feminist space of empowerment. We'll also get behind the mic ourselves and learn the basics of conducting interviews.

Sinah (dey/deren) is the project director of Radio Blau's "Stimme erfahren" radio project. Sinah is a media educator and has many years of experience in radio production and journalism.

CURRENT LABOR DISPUTES IN THE CARE SECTOR IN SAXONY: EXPERIENCES AND VISIONS OF CARE WORKERS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS (AT) – TBD.

More information soon

"HEY SIB, HOW ARE WE DOING?" FRIENDSHIP AS PRACTICE OF CARE - SENJA & SHIVA

How can we build relationships that provide stability and foster mutual support—even in times of overwhelm, conflict, and social crises? As two friends whose lives are shaped by intersectionality, we support one another through life's challenges, learn with and from each other, and practice support, closeness, and honesty. Together, we create a space where these questions are addressed not only with words but also through the body. Using elements from contact improvisation, dance, embodiment, somatic practices, and ritual work, we explore care, solidarity, and community.

Senja Brütting (senja) is a spaceholder for anti-racist empowerment spaces, a somatic practitioner, and a movement/dance artist in various performance collectives exploring the themes of anger, pleasure, sex & rage, diaspora & visibility. Senja studied international social work with a focus on peacebuilding and subsequently studied choreography, dance education, and performance at the Tanzzentrale Leipzig.

SHIVA (she/they) is a queer, disabled person of color and consistently strives to incorporate decolonial and intersectional perspectives into her work. Shiva is a self-employed social worker and movement researcher with advanced training in trauma and human rights education, as well as certification as an awareness trainer. In addition to somatic work and sociocultural projects, Shiva explores ways to embody social justice and a culture of remembrance.

VISIONS OF CARE-WORK BASED ON SOLIDARITY - KLEO BECKER (KONZEPTWERK NEUE ÖKONOMIE)

Care work is exploited on various levels: Paid and unpaid care work remains unevenly distributed both globally and within society, while the social and health care sectors are plagued by budget cuts and structural bottlenecks. At the same time, there are numerous forms of resistance, struggles, and visions for a more just economy and communities built on solidarity. In this workshop, we want to explore how people and collectives are already fighting for more solidarity-based forms of care work, what approaches they are taking, and what care utopias they are envisioning. Together, we want to discover examples, learn from them, and design our own utopias.

Kleo (she) is interested in intersectional perspectives and class issues and advocates for queer ways of life. At Konzeptwerk, Kleo works to promote the social recognition of care work. She wants to help ensure that marginalized perspectives are given a stronger voice in care-related debates.

SECURING YOUR STRUCTURES, STAYING SAFE - EMPOWERMENT & BEST PRACTICE FOR ACTIVISTS IN RURAL AREAS – EVA HOFFMANN(HAUS DES WANDELS)

Projects in rural areas that openly take a stand against the far right are subject to structural, verbal, and physical attacks. The workshop will develop strategies for dealing with these threats, analyzing risks, and proactively countering them. The focus will be on long-term structural and financial safeguards, security concepts related to infrastructure, and community building as an essential component of social security.

Eva (she/her) is part of Haus des Wandels, a queer-feminist commons/housing project/cultural center in East Brandenburg. Over the past five years, attacks on this space have increased. Some defense strategies have failed, while others work phenomenally well—and no one should have to face these challenges alone. Eva will therefore share best-practice examples from HdW and the East Brandenburg region. There will also be an opportunity to discuss your own safety concerns and strategies.

HOW CAN WE, AS CARE WORKERS, ORGANIZE OURSELVES AT WORK, IN OUR VILLAGES, AND IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS? METHODS FOR VALUING CARE WORK AT THE LOCAL LEVEL (AT) – WITH TASHY ENDRES (ZENTRUM FÜR TRANSFORMATIVES ORGANIZING)

How can we, as care workers, organize ourselves at work, in our villages, and in our neighborhoods? An introduction to workplace and community organizing for people who work in care - with Tashy Endres

Care work is the foundation of all life and work - yet it is constantly devalued in our society. This workshop offers insights into strategies for workplace and community organizing so that we can collectively advocate for fairer conditions, pay, distribution, and recognition of care work. We'll start with the question: Who is the "WE" that can stand up for this together? How do we understand who is affected and motivated, and in what ways? How do we foster a sense of belonging - and how do we make an impact?

As an organizer and trainer in social movements, Tashy Endres (she) has been engaged for many years in organizing around care, anti-racism, and the right to housing, including in Brazil's Landless Workers' Movement (MST) in Buenos Aires, Occupy Wall Street in New York, the social housing tenants' initiative Kotti & Co in Berlin, and currently as one of the founders of the AG Starthilfe group of Deutsche Wohnen & Co Enteignen, the Kiezprojekt, and the Zentrum für Transformatives Organizing (zen-tr-o.org).

DISCUSSION

TOPIC: INTERSECTIONAL FEMINIST STRATEGIES AND ALLIANCES AGAINST THE EROSION OF DEMOCRACY AND THE GROWING POWER OF RIGHT-WING ACTORS

With: Tatiana Kulbakina (Queer Refugees Network, RosaLinde Leipzig e.V.), Marika Vetter (Gleichstellungsbeauftragte des Landkreises Görlitz & Sprecherin LAG der Sächsischen Gleichstellungsbeauftragten & more speakers

More information soon