

AUGUST
7TH - 9TH
2026

PROGRAM



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 - 7:30 pm

Dinner

7:30 pm

Get-to-know

8:30 - 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, PRECARIITY, AND CARE WORK

– WITH **VŨ VÂN PHẠM**

This 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'll examine moments of resistance, engage in discussion, and try to experience history from a different perspective.

Vũ Vân Phạm (she) is a cultural practitioner 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 addresses in particular 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

– WITH 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.

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 strong gender equality work in Saxony might look like.

Karin Luttmann (she/her) is an education specialist at the Genderkompetenzzentrum Sachsen, focusing on facilitation and counseling, the legal foundations and strategies of gender equality work, the history and theories of feminism, and political education.

Fatma Kütle (she/her) is an education specialist at the Genderkompetenzzentrum Sachsen, focusing on anti-racism and networking. "I'm interested in how inequalities are created in societies—how they are negotiated and how they change. I want to maintain a critical perspective on domination and power, while remaining aware that I, too, am woven into all these structures. I think it's important to amplify voices that are otherwise rarely heard."



YOUR VOICE COUNTS! - WITH SINAH

In this workshop, we'll explore why independent radio is an important part of a democratic society. Sinah will share insights into the origins and fights of independent radio. We'll also discuss how it can serve as a space for queer-feminist empowerment. We'll also have a go at being behind the microphone ourselves and learn the basics of conducting an interview.

Sinah (dey/their) is a media educator and has many years' experience in radio production and journalism. Dey is the project lead for Radio Blau's radio project "Stimme erfahren". Sinah also works on the "Radio Inklusive" project at the Hör- und Projektwerkstatt Leipzig. Dey was an audio producer on "Alles wird gut", a utopian audio installation, and produces music broadcasts and the Podcast "Gilmore Squirrels".

CUTTING FUNDING FOR DAYCARE CENTERS — NOT ON OUR WATCH - WITH LAURA

Staff shortages, increasing workloads, and looming budget cuts are posing major challenges for many employees (in social and educational services). How can we work together to advocate for good working conditions? In this workshop, we'll share experiences from collective bargaining efforts and workplace organizing, discuss successes and obstacles, and collaboratively develop ideas on how to counter the current budget cuts and stand up for good working conditions.

Laura (she/her) is a preschool teacher, staff council member, and ver.di activist from Leipzig. She is committed to this cause because she is convinced that good working conditions and employee participation can only be achieved through collective effort. Exchanging ideas with colleagues and organizing together to advance our interests motivate her anew every day.



"HEY SIB, HOW ARE WE DOING?"

- WITH SENJA & SHIVA

How can we build relationships that provide stability and enable mutual support – even in times of overwhelm, conflict, and social crises? As two friends whose lives are shaped by intersectionality, we support each other through life's challenges, learn with and from one another, and practice support, closeness, and honesty. Time and again, we ask ourselves: How can we be there for each other without burning out?

Together, we create a space where these questions are addressed not only with words but also with our bodies. Using elements from contact improvisation, dance, embodiment, somatic practices, and ritual work, we explore care, solidarity, and community.

Senja Brütting (none/senja) is a spaceholder for racism-sensitive 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 later 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 their work. Shiva works as a freelance 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 leading various workshops, somatic work, and sociocultural projects, Shiva researches ways to embody social justice and a culture of remembrance.



VISIONS OF CARE WORK BASED ON SOLIDARITY – WITH 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 individuals 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! – WITH EVA HOFFMANN (HAUS DES WANDELS)

Projects in rural areas that openly take a stand against the far right are subjected to structural, verbal, and physical attacks. This 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 security, safety measures regarding infrastructure, and community building as an essential component of social security.

Eva Hoffmann (she/her) is part of Haus des Wandels (HdW), 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 the HdW and the East Brandenburg region. There will also be space for discussion about participants' own safety concerns and strategies.



ORGANISING FOR CARE AT WORK, IN THE VILLAGE AND IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD – WITH TASHY ENDRES (ZENTRUM FÜR TRANSFORMATIVES ORGANIZING)

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).



PODIUMSGESPRÄCH

TOPIC: FEMINISM IN MOTION—TOGETHER AGAINST BUDGET CUTS AND THE SHIFT TO THE RIGHT

We're there for one another—whether at the counseling center, through friendships, or in queer-feminist groups. But budget cuts, the shift to the right, and the economic crisis are putting us under pressure: our spaces for freedom are shrinking, exhaustion is mounting, and many feel powerless. How can we fully understand the current political situation? What impact are budget cuts having on queer and migrant projects and networks in Saxony? And what do we need to connect with one another and feel our strength?

Together, let's talk about the challenges we face, how we can come together, and what vision of a different kind of community motivates us to keep going!

With: Tanchik Kulbakina (Queer Refugees Network until Januar 2026, RosaLinde Leipzig e.V.), Delal Atmaca (Damigra), Claudia Kurzweg (CSD Torgau)

