

QINTA* Café

Nowadays, capitalism often tries to sell itself in pink glitter or rainbow colors, wrapping the same patriarchal crimes in nicer promises.

Thus, while cis feminism of hetero-normative society has made meaningful strides for cis women, who are not the only ones affected by patriarchal, sexist, and capitalist violence and discrimination. To ensure that other identities do not continue to be explicitly excluded or swept under the rug, or at least that a process takes place that may one day prevent this from happening, terms such as FLINTA* (women, lesbian, inter, non-binary, trans, agender, and others affected by patriarchy) or QINTA* (questioning/queer, inter, non-binary, trans, agender, and others affected by patriarchy) have become established in queer feminist communities.

What differentiates FLINTA* from QINTA* is the presence/absence of cis women because, although we all suffer from patriarchy and should and want to fight against it together, it is important to acknowledge that cis women can benefit from more privileges.

In Lützerath it is very important for us to do work against all discrimination and often this is not easy at all, because internalized forms of patriarchal violence are often very deeply rooted in us and the fight against it is often a very slow, laborious process.

In addition to critical rounds about toxic masculinity or discussions and workshops, which are sometimes more often, sometimes less often brought to life, we are currently in a phase in which the Lützerather QINTA* community is coming together. Shared meals, various events for relaxation or empowerment, communal reappraisal through awareness, a party by and for FLINTA* AND QINTA*, various safe spaces, a queer feminist house project, a shared apartment and the artistic design of the facade in the newly occupied Paulas Hof, but also the stimulation of self-reflection of the communities that are allowed to enjoy more privileges are part of the process we are trying to live in Lützerath for more inclusion.

More detailed explanation of the terms:

Cis:

Cis is the term used to describe people who identify with the binary gender assigned to them at birth. assigned to them at birth. Thus, there are cis male and cis female people.

Hetero-normative society:

Heteronormativity is a central concept in queer theory that is used to challenge the naturalization and privileging of heterosexuality and bisexuality.

This means that not only the assumption, based on everyday knowledge, that there are two opposite genders and that they are sexually related to each other is criticized, but also the privileges and marginalizations that come along with bisexuality and (marital) heterosexuality.

(feel free to add or improve...)

Marginalization:

A group excluded and oppressed by conservative society, such as queer people, is described as marginalized because it is disadvantaged and not seen as a full part of society.

Questioning:

People who have not (yet) found a suitable orientation that aptly describes their sexuality or gender identity can describe themselves as questioning. People who identify as questioning or questioning are an integral part of the queer community.

Inter:

Intersex bodies exhibit characteristics from both the female and male genders. In other words, these are people whose gender appearance from birth, in terms of chromosomes, gonads, hormone production, and body shape, is not only male or only female distinct, but appears to be a mixture.

Non-binary:

A non-binary gender identity (or non-binary, nonbinary, enby for short) refers to a gender that is neither wholly/always female, nor wholly/always male. This is therefore a gender identity that does not fit into the binary system.

Trans:

A transgender gender identity refers to a gender that is no longer the same as the gender assigned at the beginning of life. It is sometimes used as an umbrella term for (binary) trans women and trans men and non-binary / genderqueer (i.e., neither wholly / always female, nor wholly / always male) gender identity includes.

Agender:

Individuals who do not assign themselves to a gender

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Persons not explicitly mentioned who do not classify themselves into one of the above-mentioned sexual orientations or gender identities and are meant (with).