## **CALL TO THE DEMONSTRATION: March 8, 2024 3:00 PM, Connewitz Cross to Kolonnadenstraße**



<u>Intersectional Feminist Fight Day</u> <u>We can buy ourselves flowers.</u> <u>We demand solidarity and (queer) feminist autonomy!</u>

We have numerous reasons to take to the streets together – in Germany and worldwide: Starting with the extreme form of patriarchal violence: femicides. In the past year alone, there were 101 femicides in Germany. This year is only two months old, and we have already counted 16 femicides.

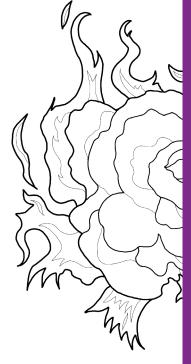
Women and FLINTA (Women, Lesbians, Inter, Non-binary, Trans, and Agender individuals) still bear the majority of care work. FLIN-TA still earn on average 18% less and are disproportionately affected by old-age poverty. Migrantized FLINTA and guest workers are additionally disadvantaged. Current austerity policies worsen this situation. We must unite to advocate for the rights of *all* workers!

FLINTA with disabilities also face particular discrimination and are socially made invisible. How can it be that there are still few barrier-free medical practices and especially gynecological medical surgeries? Why are there very few women's shelters that are accessible? And this, even though FLINTA are often affected by (domestic) violence? Why do women with disabilities still have to justify themselves when they have a desire for children? Why is information material in easy language scarcely available? If we understand ourselves as intersectional, we must fight for equal rights and fair treatment for all!

Right-wing extremist and nationalist parties build on anti-feminist and racist slogans – these form the foundation of their political agenda. The current effects include a shift in discourse, reflected in the escalating and increasingly accepted deportation policies. The demanded re-traditionalization of gender roles reinforces homophobic, transphobic, and queerphobic tendencies and acts of violence.

Patriarchal power struggles worldwide lead to war and violence, disproportionately affecting FLINTA. Rape and humiliation of FLINTA are considered weapons of war, and FLINTA are particularly vulnerable when fleeing. The list of international conflicts and wars is long: The Taliban terrorizes Afghanistan,







continuously restricting the rights and lives of FLINTA. The Mullah regime in Iran brutally suppresses any fights for the rights of FLINTA. The Russian invasion persists, claiming victims on both Ukrainian and Russian sides. In fundamentalist and nationalist struggles in Israel and Palestine, people – especially FLINTA – are killed, raped, and displaced. Alongside the disastrous consequences in the respective war zones, this results in racist, anti-Semitic, and anti-Muslim motivated acts of violence worldwide, including in Germany.

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These are structural discriminations that establish extremely unequal rights and living conditions for people – as do femicides. Patriarchal, capitalist power structures and violence form the foundation. Those who benefit from it understand how to network well. Only with a strong, feminist alliance we can stand against this.

Currently, however, we experience divisions within the left, feminist movements – we distance ourselves from one-sided positions.

For March 8, we focus on all FLINTA affected by patriarchal violence. Our solidarity goes to all women and FLINTA – and our struggle is against every patriarchal system that instrumentalizes, humiliates, rapes, and kills FLINTA!

We advocate for a dialogue that aims to dismantle anti-Semitic, racist, and anti-Muslim tendencies and actions. We stand behind the demand: For free countries – i.e., without patriarchal power structures and violence, without toxic-patriarchal National Socialism!

**Demonstration Consensus** 

## It is important for us to show solidarity without national and territorial flags.

Banners expressing opinions, without the use of national flags and nationalist symbols, encourage the possibility of engaging in dialogue. We stand against forms of oppression and discrimination such sexism, nationalism, ableism, racism, anti-Semitism, anti-Muslim racism, transphobia, and homophobia.

