

Girl? Boy? Pony?

*... or
everything
you want.*



A zine about trans* and gender
(not only) for young people

trans*geniale f_antifa?

Antifa, because Nazis and the conditions which make their ideology possible still need to be abolished.

F_, because feminism does not only mean smashing the patriarchy, but also keeping other power relations in mind and sabotaging them.

Trans*genial (*trans*genius*), because too many people still believe there are only two genders and we will glitter away this claim.

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Introduction

We had the idea for this zine when we heard of a young trans*person who didn't dare to speak to their parents about being trans*. We wanted to give this person some material that would explain the topic in an easily accessible way and that wouldn't reproduce stereotypical ideas of trans*-people. Unfortunately we noticed that there wasn't any material like that available. The only possible solution for this problem was: do it yourself! That is how this zine that you're holding in your hands came into being. We are trying to answer the various questions regarding the subject of (being) trans*. We are trying our best to write in an understandable way. In the end of the zine there's a glossary about words that might not be known to everyone.

Who is this zine for?

You can read this zine if you know that you don't want to live as a boy or a girl. Or if you're not sure if you want to be a boy or a girl. You can also read this zine if you're getting harassed at school or if you don't dress the way others want you to. Or if you feel that you would like to be called by another name, but you don't dare to tell your parents. You can also read this zine if you suspect that a person that you know (e.g. your child, a friend, a parent...) doesn't want to live in the gender that they are expected to. Or if you're just interested in finding out what trans* means and why there's a star attached to it. This zine is meant for all people who want to know about trans* and everything connected to it.

What does the underscore mean?

In the german version of this zine you might find words with an underscore (_). It is not often used in english, since most english words aren't gendered like in german. But we might use it in english as well sometimes. For instance if we want to talk about people of all genders we could use a pronoun like s_he. This means that the person in question might be a girl, a boy, both or neither. The underscore or »gender-gap« represents people who don't fit into the binary idea of ›male‹ and ›female‹.

And now ...

...we hope you will enjoy reading this zine. If you have any questions, criticism or comments, please contact us at:

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What does trans* mean?

Some people notice at some point that they don't want to live in the gender that they are expected to live in. For instance if a child who lived as a girl rather wants to be a boy. Or if a boy rather wears dresses and wants to be a girl. People who are expected to live as women*, but feel that they are men* are called **trans*-men**. **Trans*-women** are people who are expected to live as men*, but feel that they are women*. The word **trans*** is used to describe different people who don't want to live in the gender that they are expected to live in. The **star** (* also called asterisk) stands for the different possibilities how people can be trans*. This also includes identities like a-gender and gender-queer.

What does cis mean?

Cis is the opposite of trans*. It means that a person wants to live in the gender that they are expected to live in. If a person is expected to live as a man* and wants to live as a man*, he is called a **cis-man**. And if a person who is expected to live as a woman* and wants to live as a woman*, she is called a **cis-woman**. We use these words to describe people who have the gender they are expected to have in order for them not to be considered normal and to avoid describing trans* people as something strange. Most people might be cis, but that doesn't mean that it is ›normal‹ to be cis.