## WHAT DOES LGBTIQ+ MEAN?



"LGBTIQ\*" or similar acronyms serve as an abbreviation for "lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans\*, intersex\* and queer people".

These abbreviations describe strategic alliances between people with very different life realities, needs and goals, but who are all affected by discrimination.

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Monday – Friday 09:00 – 15:00 and by appointment

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Project for visibility, networking and participation of LGBTIQ+ people in old age



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# Vision

- Creating queer-friendly conditions in the meeting center "AWO-Begegnungszentrum".
- Our meeting center is perceived as a safer place for queer people, especially those in old age.
- Active participation of queer people in old age in the activities and offers of the meeting center "AWO-Begegnungszentrum"

Do you want to start a discussion group, a Self-Help group, or an initiative but don't have a place to do so?

contact us!

# **Methods**

- Trainings
- Information events
- Dialogue rounds and talks
- Cultural events
- Networking with counseling centers for queer people
- Networking with queer associations and initiatives



# Goals

- Establishment of Self-Help groups of queer people in the AWO Begegnungszentrum.
- Provide spaces and resources for queer projects or initiatives.
- Active participation of the queer community in the meeting center, especially of FLINTA\*, TIN\* and BIPoC queer people in old age.

# **Approaches – Concepts**

- Intersectional approach
- Queerfeminist perspective on social work with older (queer) people (heteronormativity/racism-critical, decolonizing perspective).
- Focus on people's biographies, their networks, social spaces, resources and wishes.
- Human rights & educational work
- Intercultural education

Queer people in old age are often facing further experiences of discrimination. Promoting and securing their participation in society is one of the central goals of the activities of Queere Vielfalt