

This is the AIT*R (Autonomes Inter Trans* Referat/ Autonomous Inter Trans* Department) of the AStA (Allgemeiner Studierenden Ausschuss/ Student Unit) of the Philipps-University Marburg. We aim to be and create a safe space for all trans*, inter*, non-binary, agender and questioning (short: TINQA*) people and all people who do not align with the endo-cis norm^[4].

The AIT*R aims to be a community space where people can meet, get to know each other, exchange ideas and receive support. Thus, in our work, we want to take a critical look at the normativities of society as a whole, as well as the prevailing power and domination relations.

We see ourselves as a political group and representative of TINQA* students at the university. We reject any form of group-based misanthropy. Discrimination based on gender, identity, sexuality, religion, social and geographical origin, skin colour, age, (chronic) illness, disability, class, poverty and other forms of discrimination will not be tolerated. This explicitly applies to multiple discrimination and intersectional forms of discrimination. We are aware that we as well have internalised various forms of discriminations, thus we strive to listen to criticism, to constantly reflect on these internalised forms of discrimination and adapt our actions accordingly.

We meet once a week in a relaxed atmosphere to talk about future projects, exchange ideas and casually spend time together. So far, we have organised (board-)game-nights and workshops, supported and helped to organise demonstrations and rallies, and planned and co-financed community-oriented projects. It is important to us that everyone can look after their own capacities and we place a strong focus on self-care. In a capitalist society that is geared towards performance, justification and politicisation of one's own existence, we see ourselves primarily as a place of community independent of social demands for performance.

The participation in our meetings aims not to require anything, not any previous knowledge, student politics or plenary experience nor any active participation or anything similar.

As an autonomous department, we are located at and financed by the Student Unit (AStA), we legitimise ourselves through our statute law and in an annual plenary assembly in which all TINQA* students at the university are entitled to vote. The there elected heads of the department ensure the continued existence of the department and enable all TINQA* individuals participation. We are approachable for problems at the university such as trans hostility, discrimination etc. and aim to address the problems you voice. Because we are not professionals, we can provide support in the form of listening to you, facing you with empathy and referring you to organisations that offer professional support. We endeavour to keep hierarchies as low as possible in our meetings. Everyone's opinions and suggestions should be heard on an equal footing.

We welcome all TINQA* students and also explicitly people who are not students, people who are unsure of their gender identity and everyone who wants to be part of a community.

If you have any criticism, questions, suggestions, or if you want to contact us for support, you can reach us via:

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