

The Others

Providing a safe space for trans* students at school

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“The more the teachers know and understand, the easier it will become for them and the easier it will become for us.”

Student interviewee 2

Objectives

- Create a safe space for our trans* students
- Educate teachers on queer topics
- Create simple guidelines for social transition

Interviews with trans* students

Their **largest concerns** were:

- gendered language
- teacher education
- limited safe spaces

Methodology & Results

Trans In College* by Nicolazzo, Z.

- Gender is dictated by oneself.
- The "trans*" label should be as open as possible to accommodate various identities.

Bullying and Suicide Risk among LGBTQ Youth

The Trevor Project (2020)

- Trans* students face increased bullying risks, resulting in a higher chance of suicide.
- Establishing safe spaces can improve their situation.

Solutions

The Workshop

In October and November 2022, I organized two one-hour workshops for our teachers.

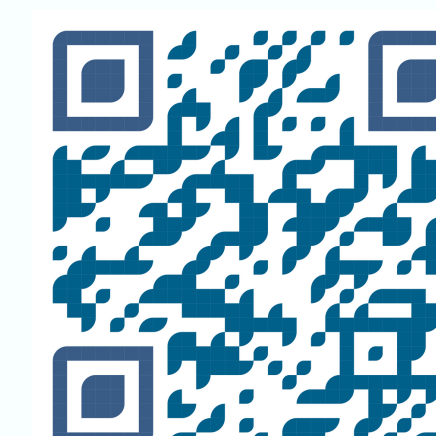
Workshop content:

- trans* people's testimonies
- definitions of commonly used terms
- use of gender neutral pronouns in different languages (ENG, GER, FR)

All of the information offered was practical and applicable for the teachers.

Legal issues

- Minors have **the right to socially transition** without the acknowledgement of their **parents**.
- The decision to socially transition **must be respected**.



See the guides and the workshop summary here!

Diversity AG

In collaboration with the head of the school, a **task force** consisting of students, teachers and administration responsible for **creating active change** at our school.

Currently working on:

- **guideline for teachers** (FAQs, inclusive curriculum ideas, glossary...)
- **guideline for students** (the process of social transition, contact groups...)

Conclusion

“It is reassuring to know that someone cares.”

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Every step towards **societal change and inclusion is essential**, no matter how small. Through honest and educational discussions, we can create a future that **embraces the voices of trans* people**.