

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT...

... the fact that most studies and data collection only refer to „men“ and „women“?

Gender diversity is rarely taken into account in data collection. Studies focus almost exclusively on the situation of men and women - that includes Wuppertal. For example, residents are only classified as „male“ or „female“.

...how FLINTA* are portrayed on advertising posters or in shop windows?

In public spaces, we are confronted with a variety of advertisements and shop windows. The women shown are usually classically beautiful, white and able-bodied. In addition, heteronormative family ideals and stereotypical role models are reproduced.

...the fact that there are hardly any public spaces aimed towards FLINTA*?

FLINTA* prefer spaces that are more protected, as they are often observed and harassed in public spaces. But such safe and consumption-free places are rare. There is also a lack of offers for young FLINTA*. While youth centers offer skate parks or basketball courts that are generally open to all young people, access for young FLINTA* is more difficult due to gender-specific norms and expectations.

... the fact that we don't talk so much about queer people in public spaces here?

We are committed to ensure that urban planning takes into addressing the needs of all citizens regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, origin, class or disability.

However, there is currently still too little research that sheds light on the needs of queer people in public spaces and offers concrete solutions. That's why we want to work with you to find out what queer people in Wuppertal need in terms of public spaces. Share your wishes and experiences here in our exhibition. And that's not all: in November, we will be inviting you to workshops in which we want to develop solutions on how to design a gender-equitable city, especially for queer people. Join and help us create an inclusive and diverse city for everyone.

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- > Leslie Kern, Feminist City (2022).
 - > Daten und Fakten. Wuppertal.