

Introduction of various groups involved:



We are the Trans*solidarity Network Jena. We are here because violence against women must be considered for all women. Trans*misogynistic violence, i.e. violence against trans* women, is to be understood as a specific form of patriarchal violence and only intersectionally. Twitter: [transsoli_jena](#) // Instagram: [transsoli_jena](#)



The women's center "TOWANDA Jena e. V." has had a clear (queer) feminist orientation since the beginning of its 33 years of work. V. has had a clear (queer) feminist orientation since the beginning of its 33 years of work and has set itself the goal of contributing to social peace and advocating a self-determined, non-violent life for women and FLINTA*s. We see ourselves as a pillar of (queer) feminism in Jena. We advocate needs-based support and fair payment for women and FLINTA*s. We demand that alternative romantic and cohabiting relationships be socially equalized to the traditional construction of family. We are committed to social change towards equality for all genders. The women's center TOWANDA Jena e. V. is an indispensable shelter, advice and contact point for women and FLINTA*s in the city of Jena. We join forces with other like-minded, (queer) feminist groups to fight for a social and solidary society! Contact: koordination@towanda-jena.de

Self-help group for mothers affected by violence in Jena Founded in Jena in 2023, the self-help group is a place for mothers who have experienced violence - regardless of the phase of life or the form of violence affecting them and their children. The group is linked to the Mothers' Initiative for Single Parents (MIAs) and is committed to ensuring that violence reported by mothers and their children is taken seriously and taken into account by authorities and courts and that the Istanbul Convention is finally implemented in Germany without restriction. Contact: jena.selbsthilfegruppe@gmx.de



The feminist strike Jena is a group that deals with wage labor struggles in the social and educational services and fights for better working conditions in care work. We pursue the goal of socializing and de-privatizing care work, which means realizing care (such as care for the elderly, childcare, etc.) without profit logic, but as a common social project. In general, we stand up for the

interests and protection of women and queers and would like to draw attention to structural patriarchal violence today and commemorate the victims. Contact: feministischer-streik-jena@riseup.net



Gemeinsam Kämpfen – as feminist organization for democratic autonomy and self-determination we refer to the ideas of the Kurdish liberation movement. We are a nationwide organization and want to strengthen and build a broad organization of women, lesbians, trans* and inter* people, in connection with feminist struggles worldwide. For us, grassroots democracy, autonomy and self-determination are not utopias, but concrete emancipatory concepts and goals that we want to achieve in our societies. They have been fought for and are being lived worldwide//The international struggles worldwide can be a role model for us in this. We see it as fundamental to see ourselves as part of a global struggle against capitalist patriarchy and to recognize our own role in it. Contact: gemeinsamkaempfen_jena@riseup.net



The Jenaer Frauenhaus e.V. is an association that offers: Protection (women's shelter), outpatient specialist advice center for domestic violence and the 24-hour emergency call for acute situations is a contact point for victims of domestic violence, relatives and professionals. Contact: post@frauenhaus-jena.de

Why we are here today:

Every year on November 25th there is a day of remembrance and action to combat all forms of violence and discrimination against women, mothers, girls, daughters and queers. This day was officially introduced by the UN in 1999. This day can be traced back to the story of the Mirabal sisters. In 1960, they fought against the then dictator Rafael Trujillo in the Dominican Republic and were abducted, tortured and murdered by members of the military. The courage of the sisters in their fight against tyranny is now seen worldwide as a symbol of standing up against injustice of any kind.

Gender-specific violence is still concealed, ignored, made invisible and presented as an individual case. This violence takes many forms, whether physical, psychological or caused by economic dependency. It is often difficult to grasp. But for so many it is part of everyday life, be it in relationships, in the family or at work. In Germany, a femicide - the murder of a woman because of her gender, for example by her (ex-)partner or family members - is committed every third day. In 2020, there were 139 women (BKA 2021). According to a Europe-wide study (FRA) in 2014, one in three women surveyed (33%) had experienced physical and/or sexual violence since the age of 15. In addition, violence against trans* women is often not recorded as femicide because they are not recognized as women. These figures make it clear that the experiences of violence against women and queers are not isolated cases!

Only a small proportion of women and queers who experience violence make use of the existing advice and support facilities, such as women's shelters, women's centers or the help hotline (0800 116 016). Despite this, the Jena women's shelter did not have enough places for all those seeking protection last year and this year.

The Istanbul-Convention is a binding instrument under international law preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence. This includes the protection of those affected, prevention and prosecution as well as the legal equality of the sexes in constitutions and legal systems. In Germany have been identified serious shortcomings in the funding of violence protection in the implementation of the Istanbul Convention! Not even the required sum of 500 million euros is being invested in the expansion and promotion of violence protection facilities. Instead, there are even discussions about cutting further costs! This is a situation that is not acceptable to us! That is why we are here today!

Our demands are as follows:

We demand the unrestricted and immediate implementation of the Istanbul Convention!

We call on the European Union, the Federal Republic of Germany, the state government and the city of Jena to do everything possible to combat violence against women and queers effectively and resolutely. We demand the provision of the necessary financial resources to do so!

We demand free accommodation and support for women in women's shelters and continuous public funding for them! We demand gender parity in all decision-making bodies!

We demand the financial support and protection of essential meeting and protection spaces for women and FLINTA*s!

We demand: a stop to the perpetrator-victim reversal and the trivialization of reported violence in authorities and in court and, as a result, the improvement of quality and transparency in family court proceedings, through

- ◇ Including mandatory and regular further training of family court judges and professionals involved in proceedings (youth welfare offices, guardians ad litem, experts), in particular with regard to violence dynamics, perpetrator strategies and victim behavior! Monitoring bodies for the work of youth welfare offices, guardian's ad litem and experts.
- ◇ The obligation to investigate and prosecute every case of reported violence (domestic violence is not a private offence!)
- ◇ The expansion of the concept of violence in the justice system and the recognition and consideration of different forms of violence, including post-separation violence!
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- ◇ Child protection before access rights (no forced access in violent contexts)!

We demand greater consideration of the needs of particularly neglected groups, such as women with disabilities, migrant women, or queer people! We demand the lifting of the ban on the Kurdistan Workers' Party, which has enabled the structural criminalization of the Kurdish women's liberation movement and political femicides!

We demand a binding and long-term common struggle against patriarchy and fascism worldwide and for life - up the international solidarity!