

Interview-Workshop BVT\* Community Werkstatt 2023

## **Rules & Questions**

- You are going to interview one another in your pairs. You have 15
  minutes for each interview, with a short break in between.
- · Please take a moment to decide who will go first.
- Share with your partner **where in your body you can feel stress** or tension. How do you know that a question is not okay for you?
- Take good care of yourselves and each other and try to feel your boundaries in your body. You don't have to answer any question you don't like.
- Read the questions before the interview starts and cross out the
  ones you don't want to answer. You can also highlight your favourite
  questions. If a question is asked that you don't want to answer, you can
  say "skip".
- The questions are merely suggestions if you want to add something else to your answers, you are welcome to.
- The person asking the questions tries to listen actively and can ask follow-up questions, especially if they don't understand something.
- **Be aware of your own and each others needs**. Both the interviewee and the interviewer are allowed and encouraged to communicate boundaries if difficult topics come up.
- Please watch the time together. It can help to set a timer.
- The interview starts with a couple of standard questions for everyone.
   Then you can move on to the pool of questions from which you choose the ones you want to answer. The interview ends with another question for everyone.



Name of the interviewee

## **Questions to get started**

- By what name would you like to be called today?
- What are your pronouns today?
- ◆ How old are you (roughly)? (E.g. "in my early forties")
- ◆ Which labels, if any, do you use for yourself?
- ◆ How many years ago did you first start thinking about being trans\*/non-binary?

## **Questions to choose from**

- ◆ Do you remember a specific moment of "coming out to yourself" as trans\*/non-binary? How did that feel for you?
- ◆ How do you experience your own trans\*/non-binary identity?
- Who or what was important or supportive to you in finding your trans\*/non-binary identity?
- How do you deal with everyday transphobia?
- Were there positive or negative surprises in your life as a trans\*/nonbinary person so far?
- ◆ Are there other trans\*/non-binary people that had an impact on your life?
- What is one of your favourite memories with other trans\*/non-binary people?
- What does community mean to you? How did community influence your coming out to yourself or others?
- Which communities are your home? Why?
- ◆ If you could give the trans\* community a magical gift, what would it be?

## **Final question**

• What would you like to tell young people thinking about their own trans\*/non-binary identity?