SWIMMING for trans, inter & friends

The University of Göttingen offers an open swimming hour to trans and inter people and their friends.

Supported by University Sports Centre (Hochschulsport)

DATES: 06.10.18, 27.10.18, 24.11.18, 15.12.18 and 26.01.19
TIME: 06:30 – 08:30 pm
FEE: 2,- €
ADDRESS: University Sports Centre
      swimming area
      Gutenbergstr. 60
      37075 Göttingen

This is a cooperation between the projects „Diversity Through University Sport“ and „Support for Trans Students“ of the Equal Opportunities and Diversity Unit.
The open swimming hour takes place once a month and specifically addresses all trans and inter students who like to swim and enjoy leisure time without the common obstacles in public swimming areas.

The pool area as well as the changing rooms will be opened exclusively for trans and inter people and their friends. All areas will be void of gendered markers and body-related rules. Thus, everyone is welcome to participate regardless of their (current) body shape or preferred swimming clothes.

All participating persons agree to a non-staring, non-commenting policy concerning bodies or clothing matters. This environment is all about feeling safe, respecting each other’s boundaries, and minding one’s own respectful behaviour.

Deep water pool! The ability to swim is mandatory.

WHAT DOES TRANS MEAN?
The term “trans” describes all people that do not or just sometimes identify with their assigned gender at birth. For example, transgender people, transsexual people, genderqueer and non-binary people as well as cross-dressers and so-called transvestites are included. Thus, people who identify as trans have very different experiences, backgrounds, and body expressions.

WHAT DOES INTER MEAN?
The term “inter” describes the experience to have been born with a body that does not adhere to or show the binary make-up of male/man or female/woman. This regularly leads to discrimination and human rights violations, for example non-consensual gender altering surgeries. “Inter” is not a third gender because the realities of people born with a variation of gendered markers are diverse. Importantly, inter people can, like all other people, have a female, male, trans or non-binary gender identity.

WHAT DOES “FRIENDS” MEAN?
Friends are all people who tend to avoid public swimming areas because of body shaming, e. g. scars or body shape. Friends are also cis-gendered people who are specifically invited to the event by their trans or/and inter peers.

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