

TIN* Parenting in Berlin
A creative and participatory photo project

Hey everybody,

my name is Ilo (they/them) and I am looking for TIN* people (trans, inter, non-binary), who are parenting or caregivers. If you have time and feel like it, I would like to speak to you about your experiences of TIN* parenting and create photographs with you. The timeframe is from 15 May to 22 June in Berlin.

Time needed: approx. 30mins for conversation only, at least 1 hour for short conversation and photos, or as much time as you want to give me for planning a longer photoshoot and a fun activity

Contact: email (toerkell@hu-berlin.de) or telegram (@ilooo_t)

This is an unpaid project, but you can use all the pictures that we create.

More information:

As a non-binary person, I am very interested in the experiences that other TIN* people make in parenting constellations. Beyond that, I am also a passionate photographer and would like to combine these two things to create images that represent and empower you.

This project is part of my master's thesis, but I don't want it to be super academic. Instead, I want to focus on creative and participatory exchange. For that, I need 5-10 people who would like to speak to be about their individual experiences and who I can take pictures with. These conversations and photos will then accompany the written part of the text on concepts and context of queer parenthood and creative-participatory methods of working.

Depending on how much time you have, we can do different things. Here is an example: you reach out to me, and we talk about how you imagine yourself participating, what you want to do, and I answer any questions you might have. After that, we meet in person for a conversation about your experience of parenting. I will prepare some questions, that we can use as a guideline if we want to. If you have more time, I would also be up for accompanying and helping you during some daily tasks or planning an activity together. This is a fun way to get to know each other and could be the setting for photographs. Kids, other caregivers, friends, or animals are also welcome to join! I will then send you all the photos that we took, and you can use them however you want.

All of these parts are optional, and we can plan it according to your wishes. When taking photos and interviewing, it is important to me that you feel comfortable and seen in the space that we create.

About me:

I am non-binary, white, and grew up in Germany. I am studying gender studies and have been working as a freelance photographer for the past five years. You can check out some of my images on Instagram. I'm also an introvert, quite the nerd, and tend to get so hyper-focused when taking photos that I forget to breathe. I like taking breaks to experience my emotions, and I enjoy letting my thoughts wander.

If you know people who could be interested in this, or if you are interested yourself, feel free to reach out anytime via email (toerkell@hu-berlin.de) or telegram (@iloo_t)

Thanks so much!!