

Dear visitors, dear girls\*, dear parents, dear caregivers,

due to the impending closure of the Phantalisa/Alia girls' center, the youth welfare department has posted this notice.

In the Youth Welfare Committee on 14.05.2024, a resolution recommendation was voted on by a majority, which states the following, among other things:

***The Youth Welfare Office requests that:***

- *The extraordinary termination of the service contracts for the operation of the “Phantalisa” and “ALIA” facilities, which was issued to the provider Frieda e.V. by the City Councillor for Youth and Health, Mr. Max Kindler, on 17.4.2024, be withdrawn in order to initiate an orderly procedure. If this is not possible, the youth welfare office will be asked to continue the current contract under the previous conditions until the end of the year. If Frieda e.V. agrees to this offer, the service contract will be legally re-established and an orderly, open-ended and legally secure procedure will be initiated to review the cooperation. In this context, it should be noted that the Youth Welfare Committee has the right of decision in this matter of youth welfare and that the administration of the Youth Welfare Office is legally bound by such a vote.*
- *A joint training day for employees of the youth work facilities be offered.*
- *At the end of the process, the Youth Welfare Office will be asked to draw up rules of procedure in conjunction with the Youth Welfare Committee, in order to prevent future legal uncertainties or different interpretations of the law.*

Despite this recommended resolution, we found this letter today, 17.05.2024, without prior communication with us or our sponsoring association Frieda e.V.

As employees of Phantalisa/Alia, we are disappointed by this approach and are sorry that Phantalisa's/Alia's visitors, who have regularly used these premises up to now, have been informed in such an impersonal and unappreciative manner that they are no longer permitted to use them.

Although individual employees from the facilities listed on the note have spoken out against the naming of their children's and youth centers in such a letter in various working groups, this letter was written and posted without any prior consultation with them. For information: the listed facilities are not 'pure' girls' centers that do queer-feminist and gender-sensitive and gender-specific work, but open children's and youth centers, some of which have already provided girls\* days or spaces before or have now been asked/requested by the youth development department to be able to accommodate our female\* visitors.

This is a public announcement. We will continue to offer our services as long as we can. We would like to point out that the current situation can change at any time.

The PHANTALISA/ ALIA team