

## **Resolution of the Youth Welfare Committee (Jugendhilfeausschuss) of 14.05.2024 on the extraordinary termination of Frieda e.V.**

The Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg Youth Welfare Committee disapproves of the extraordinary termination of the facilities *Phantalisa - Space for Girls and Young Women* and *Alia - Center for Girls and Young Women*, which are run by the Frieda Frauen\*zentrum e.V., and calls on City Councillor Kindler to respect the hearing and decision-making rights of the Youth Welfare Committee in the future.

The Youth Welfare Office is requested (to):

- The extraordinary termination of the service contracts for the operation of the “Phantalisa” and “ALIA” facilities, which was issued to 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 Max Kindler, on 17.4.2024, be withdrawn in order to initiate an orderly procedure.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.

The Youth Welfare Committee expects

- Frieda e.V. to publicly distance itself from anti-Semitic statements and attitudes and to publicly distance itself as an organization (not as an individual) from the fundamental denial of Israel's right to exist,
- Frieda e.V. to show a respectful willingness to cooperate and engage in dialogue with the Youth Welfare Office and the Youth Welfare Committee to clarify the allegations and further proceedings.

The staff and management of the organization that have come under suspicion should not be subject to any supervision or professional authority until the allegations have been clarified.

The possibility of external counseling for all employees of the organization should be guaranteed.

The organization is tasked with developing a concept to prevent further harm to the target group:

- how to ensure that all girls and young women can feel comfortable and safe, and experience an environment in which they can open up,
- how future socio-pedagogical work will be carried out in the context of the fundamental neutrality of social work,
- how social peace and the ability to work will be restored.

Cooperation is not possible without compliance with the aforementioned conditions. Reports must be submitted to the Youth Welfare Committee at regular intervals.