

# **REAL BOOK STORIES FROM YOUNG LESBIANS**

## **- A record of woke homophobia**

The project is a book in which young lesbians, write in their own words, about what it is like to be lesbian today in the gender identity inclusion era.

This is a collaboration between Tonje Gjevjon (Norway) and Alison Ellis (UK). and the organizations Lezbicon & Lezbiconic.

The idea behind the project developed because of conversations we have had with young lesbians especially in Norway, UK, and Germany. We thought it would help unite young lesbians across the globe so that they feel less isolated, and to also raise awareness on the challenges they experience in a time where being a lesbian is deemed as bigotry. They may well seek community and lesbian representation online which is a minefield of misogyny and homophobia, or even excluded from their LGBT youth groups where they're supposed to be able to meet other lesbians and feel safe.

The project has received funding from "Fritt ord", An institution for Freedom of speech in Norway. We are thankful our project is being funded in a time where we risk being silenced for using the factual definition of a lesbian and a woman! It's important that lesbian voices and experiences are represented accurately, so that young lesbians know they're not alone in what they're going through.

### **This project is dedicated to lesbians (not bisexuals or detrans)**

We are looking for young lesbians aged between 18-35 who want to contribute with their stories in the book. If you know of any, please tell them about this project. The younger generations of lesbians are some of the worst impacted by trans activism so this book aims to shine a light on how resilient they are for not being caught up in gender identity.

**We plan to release/publish the book in 2025.**

### **Template**

We've made a template that can be used - or not.

Most stories are around 2 A4 pages, but no problem if it is longer

We do not demand that the ones who contribute use their real name, but Tonje and Alison must know the names of the contributors. It's completely understandable why some young lesbians would prefer to remain anonymous, and we respect that.

### **Deadline for stories is 15<sup>th</sup> of April.**

The book will first be published in English & Norwegian language, and if possible - later in Spanish and German language.

### **About Tonje and Alison**

Tonje Gjevjon is a lesbian artist and social debater from Norway. Her main project is the lesbian performance group Hungry Hearts who make performance art concerts, songs, videos and photos. Tonje has been editor for two books and part of the LGB subculture since she was 16 years old. She was the one starting the debate on sex versus gender identity in Norway. Tonje was reported for hate crime and investigated by the police for a facebook status. The police found she had written nothing hateful and did not take her to court. She is member of the WDI Norway board and was the poster lesbian for *Lesbian Not Criminal Road Show* organized by LGBAlliance and Lesbian Labour in 2023. She married Edith in 2020. She is born in 1967.

Alison Ellis, is a lesbian (age 25) from the UK, who felt that she had to tackle the misinformation surrounding lesbians online, as a TikTok content creator. This was after searching what a "TERF" was, eventually coming across the youtuber Magdalen Berns whose legacy inspired Alison to take a stand. She states facts about what a lesbian is and her experiences on TikTok, a platform notorious for gaslighting young lesbians and promoting gender identity beliefs. Having numerous accounts permanently banned, mass reports and factual comments taken down, Alison remains determined in getting the truth heard. Alison's TikTok videos are regularly shared on the Nine Wolves Facebook page. After her video platform and support network grew, Alison received a standing ovation as a speaker at the annual LGB Alliance conference 2024.