

The Norwegian Children and Youth Council & Queer Youth

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The Norwegian Children and Youth Council (LNU) and Queer Youth (Skeiv Ungdom) welcome the opportunity to submit its views to the UPR on Norway.

The Norwegian Children and Youth Council (LNU) is an umbrella organisation for 97 Norwegian non-governmental children and youth organisations. The member organisations are voluntary and democratic and represent a broad spectre of activities and values. In LNU the organisations meet regardless of their activities, creed and political stance. As a body of interest, LNU works with issues regarding children and youth. LNU also manages grants contributing to organisational development, and spreads knowledge and competence through courses and other forms of training. The bases of all work in LNU are the UN Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention of the Rights of the Child. Date of establishment: June 7th, 1980.

Queer Youth is a member organization open to all under 30, both gay, bisexual, lesbian, trans and queer youth, and for those who support the work of the organization. Queer Youth is politically and religiously nonpartisan and established as the youth organization of FRI - the association for gender and sexuality diversity. Queer Youth works for each individual's freedom to be independent of gender identity, gender expression and sexuality through political lobbying, social gatherings and assistance for queer youth. Queer Youth wants a world in which all sexual relationships and expressions based on consent and equality are accepted, and no one gets privileges in society based on gender identity, gender expressions or sexuality. Queer Youth is for diversity and against discrimination. Date of establishment: August 6th, 2004.

In the process of preparing our submission, we have participated in two information meetings on UPR hosted by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

This report is focused on issues concerning transgender and intersex people and based on political priorities of both organizations. Please note that it is not exhaustive of human rights issues in Norway deserving attention. The fact that a subject is not addressed in this report does not necessarily mean that the issue is not relevant to address in the human rights context in Norway.

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