

## **Press Release**

**29-30-31 March**

### **Non Una di Meno in Verona against the World Congress of Families**

Alongside the World Congress of Families (WCF), that is taking place in Verona on March 29-30-31, *Non Una di Meno* (NUDM), a feminist network widespread on the territory with 70 bases in Italian cities, convenes a parade and a three-days mobilisation to speak about women and LGBTQI's rights. NUDM had already taken action against the motion "*Verona Città a favore della vita*" ("Verona, city in support of life"). This motion finances associations connected with anti-abortion movements, and it has already been proposed in other Italian cities.

"*Verona Città Transfemminista*" (Verona Trans-Feminist City) is a three-days event, organized by NUDM, that will take place alongside the WCF. Its initiatives entail conferences with European researchers, concerning how the so called "gender ideology" was born and spread out; labs for teachers on education against racist and sexist stereotypes; the projection of the documentary "*Aborto, le nuove crociate*" (Abortion The New Crusades), by the Franco-German TV *Arte*, which deals with anti-abortion attacks on an international scale; the projection of "City of the Damned", about the fight of LGBTQI+ communities in Uganda, with the participation of the LGBTQI+ Ugandan activist Najib Kabuye.

On Saturday, March 30, NUDM has announced a parade that will host other Italian and international movements. Moreover, an international trans-feminist assembly will take place on Sunday 31: this assembly will gather together activists from the UK, Poland, Croatia, France, the Netherland, along with Italians. One of the funders of *Ni Una Menos* (the first Argentinian NUDM movement) will also take part in the event.

#### **Why should one mobilise against the WCF?**

Verona, the city where the Minister of Family and Disability, Fontana, comes from, is the cradle of the misogynistic and trans-homophobic Italian far-right. Our city is running for the European capital of anti-feminism, with the sponsorship of the Minister of Family and Disability, and the one of the *Regione Veneto* and *Regione Friuli Venezia Giulia* (Veneto and Friuli Venezia Giulia's local governments). Not only will the Vice-president and Minister of Internal Affairs, Matteo Salvini, take part in the meeting, but also the aforementioned Lorenzo Fontana, the Ministry of Education Marco Bussetti, The Senator of *Lega* party Simone Pillon, the President of the Region Veneto Luca Zaia, the Major of Verona Federico Sboarina, the President of *Fratelli d'Italia* party Giorgia Meloni, the President of the Family Day Massimo Gandolfini. Moreover, the Congress is welcoming political figures who come from countries where homosexuality is considered a crime or it's prosecuted, where abortion is illegal or where there are draft laws that try to make them illegal, such as Poland.

**The Press Conference for the presentation of “Verona Città Transfemminista” will be on Friday, March 29 at 11.30 at Circolo della Rosa - Via Santa Felicita, 13.**

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