

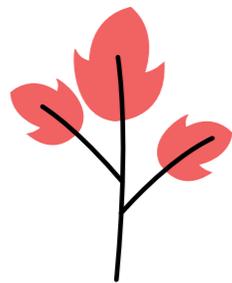
Did you know that most people do not know what intersex / variations of sex characteristics is?

Plain fact! Lots of people still don't know what it means or have negative perceptions about it; let's clarify things then:

Intersex /variations of sex characteristics is an umbrella term used for a variety of conditions in which a person is born with a reproductive or sexual anatomy that doesn't fit the typical definitions of female or male.

Did you know that it is estimated that between 0.5% and 1.7% of the total population are born with variations of sex characteristics and face severe human rights violations from the moment they are born?

Knocking down four big myths, stereotypes and misconceptions about intersex and variations of sex characteristics so as to raise awareness and support their fight for increased visibility of their rights and needs. Supporting, but not intruding on individuals' and families' people's privacy is our main principle for challenging existing taboos.



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There is a variety of terminology used to describe intersex and variations of sex characteristics. Some people prefer to use the term differences of sex development, some choose variations in sex development, and others prefer to use their variation specific terms. We use the term intersex and variations of sex characteristics but we understand and appreciate that some people will prefer other terms.

The consortium

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PREVAILING MYTH 01



Being intersex is a very rare health condition

The upper bound estimate of the population with variations in sex characteristics is similar in size as other groups, like natural born redheads, etc. And no, it's not a health condition in reality. Intersex people have health issues as any other human being, but rarely these relate to their physical characteristics. In reality, the overwhelming majority of natural intersex bodies are completely healthy.

PREVAILING MYTH 02



All intersex people are LGBT

Some intersex people and people with variations of sex characteristics are LGBT indeed, but many of them are not. Similarly to non-intersex people, intersex individuals can have a range of sexual orientations and gender identities.

PREVAILING MYTH 03



It is very easy to recognize an intersex person just from their appearance

The intersex population is very diverse and does not share a common identity. It's impossible to know who is intersex and who is not just based on their looks.

PREVAILING MYTH 04



Being intersex is not normal and should be "fixed" from an early age

This is one of the most harmful stereotypes that affects hundreds of intersex children every year around the globe, as they undergo unnecessary and often irreversible surgeries. Those, frequently emergency, surgeries are usually performed before the age of 2, following in many cases the doctors' pressure on parents to make a quick decision. In turn, this quick decision causes incredible trauma and results in serious lifelong emotional and physical complications for the child.

So, what can we do in order to promote the rights of intersex people?

Stay Informed and let others know!

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EMBRACE DIVERSITY,
CELEBRATE UNIQUENESS.**



STANDING UP FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF INTERSEX PEOPLE! THE BRING-IN INITIATIVE

Short info about the project

BRING-In is a ground breaking 2-year initiative that aims at enhancing the visibility of Intersex People, as well as at promoting Intersex Equality in Greece, Hungary, UK and Bulgaria by educating social and healthcare professionals on how to recognise, prevent and combat discrimination against intersex people and their families, while raising public awareness and advocating for the need to act upon the human rights violations that intersex people face.

Research: Our starting point

We are breaking new ground in countries where there is no background information about the situation of intersex people and their families through:

A field research with the participation of intersex people and people with variations in sex characteristics and professionals working in the field, in order to identify the challenges and obstacles individuals face in all sectors of human activity and life.

A training needs assessment of health and social care/services professionals regarding support services provision to intersex people and people with variations in sex characteristics.

Design: Developing new tools and learning materials for social and health care professionals

An online Learning Resource Platform on intersex rights that will be designed and made widely available to other professionals, stakeholders and the general public through open access mechanisms.

Train: Equipping social and health care professionals with skills and resources

A comprehensive training programme for social and healthcare professionals in order to raise their awareness of the human rights' violations of intersex people and people with variations in sex characteristics and equip them with the necessary tools and knowledge to better meet the needs of the target group.

Advocate and spread the word

An awareness raising campaign targeting not only the scientific community, policy and decision makers but also the general public, in all project countries.

The project's activities started in March 2020 and its duration is 24 months.

Who will benefit from our activities?

At least

150

intersex people and/or their families in 4 EU countries

At least

1000

social and health care professionals and intersex rights defenders

At least

8000

public and private stakeholders, policy makers and human rights representatives



For more information, visit our website bring-in.eu and do not hesitate to contact us. We would love to hear your ideas and thoughts!