

## **Workshop with Dr. Beverley Ditsie (they/them)**

Activist, Author, and Filmmaker from South Africa

Dr. Beverley Ditsie is a co-founder of GLOW (Gay and Lesbian Organisation of the Witwatersrand) and, in 1995, brought lesbian and queer demands to the global political agenda at the UN Women's Conference in Beijing—pioneering an intersectional perspective that continues to inspire today. At the heart of this work lies the concept of **“queer joy and affirmation”**: the idea that queer joy and self-affirmation are not just personal feelings, but **essential acts of resistance** in a world marked by multiple forms of discrimination. For Queers of Colour and Black activists from the Global South, this is not just about happiness—it's about **survival** and a powerful form of resistance.

On **Monday, April 27, 2026, 5:30–8:00 PM**, the interactive workshop *“Joy & Resistance – Intersectional Perspectives on LGBTIQ Activism with Dr. Beverley Ditsie”*\* offers a space for exchange about resistance experiences in today's geopolitical landscape and the role of the UN. The focus will be on **intersectional perspectives of shared experiences** and the **intergenerational dimension** of Queer of Colour and Black activism from the Global South.

Dr. Beverley Ditsie brings their own experiences as a multiply discriminated Black South African, perspectives from the Global South, and a deep understanding of “queer joy and affirmation.” Ditsie is particularly interested in the challenges and solidarity networks of Queers of Colour and Black people with connections to or from the Global South—and warmly invites everyone to join the reflection.

### **For whom?**

This workshop is especially aimed at **Queers of Colour and Black people with connections to or from the Global South**—and at anyone interested in **“queer joy and affirmation” as an act of resistance**: the art of finding joy and self-affirmation in environments of structural violence.

### **Moderation:**

Silvia Abiyeme de Bertolini (Black & Queer NRW)

Cornelia Sperling (FliP – Frauenliebe im Pott)

We look forward to an empowering and inspiring exchange!

**Language:** English

**Participation:** Free, limited seats

**Registration:** By **April 20, 2026**, with your first and last name, email address, and optionally organization: [info@hirschfeld-eddy-stiftung.de](mailto:info@hirschfeld-eddy-stiftung.de)