

# FEMINISTISCHER STREIK

IN LUZERN

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Here you can find the programme and information about the feminist strike in 2025, as well as our speeches below.

## PROGRAMME 14 JUNE 2025

**Inselipark Lucerne (right behind the train station / KKL)**

### **11:00 a.m. – Brunch at the Volière (bar on Inseli)**

We will start the day in a relaxed atmosphere with a solidarity brunch at the [Volière of Radio 3FACH](#). There will be coffee from the Volière, delicious pastries from [Ässbar Luzern](#) – and of course we would be delighted if you brought something along too, such as jam or fresh fruit.

### **12:00 p.m. – Start of the Feminist Strike Day on the Inseli**


Right next door on the Inseli, the strike day officially begins:


Numerous organisations will be presenting themselves with information stands. On stage – made possible by [Südpol Luzern](#) – you can expect inspiring speeches, including from the **Grossmütterrevolution** (Grandmothers' Revolution) and on the **current situation in Afghanistan**.

At 2 p.m., there will be a **discussion café** with Agatha Fausch, co-organisier of the 1991 women's strike, and Jana Avanzini, co-organisier of the 2019 women's strike.


At the **open stage from 2.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.**, you too can share your anger, your thoughts and your visions – whether through words, song or performance.

Of course, the **legendary FemStreik bar** will be back again – with [LuzernerinnenBier](#), [SauerBier](#), prosecco, soft drinks and cake.

 **New: Fresh merchandise with the iconic heart design by [Anu](#), [Laura](#) and [Valentina](#) – this time with a new look!**

 There is a separate programme for **children** in the playground: under the supervision of supportive men, posters will be made and games played – so that people with care responsibilities can also participate in a relaxed atmosphere.

 Sweet refreshments will be provided by the **mobile gelato stand from [Gelavena](#)** – part of the proceeds will go to Swiss women's shelters.

 Noëlle and Amélie from the feminist strike collective will accompany you throughout the day. An awareness team will be on site to ensure safety and mutual support – more on this below.

### **3 p.m. – Gathering for the demonstration**

We will gather together for the **big demonstration, with speeches to get us fired up!**

### **From around 6 p.m. – back at Inseli**

After the rally, there will be delicious food:

From the **Kurdish Association** and an **Afghan food stand**, whose proceeds will go to a girls' school in Afghanistan.

And of course, the FemStreik bar will be open again!

### **Evening programme**

- Concert by [zeny](#) & den [Landjäger\\*innen](#)
- Followed by: [Cocon Javel](#) live on stage
- Then there will be a DJ set until 9:45 p.m.

After that, it's time for a night's rest – but the night is far from over!

**11:00 p.m.–5:00 a.m. – Afterparty at Südpol**

[Toda La Noche](#) will take over the night – with feminist beats, solidarity and endurance until dawn!

**We look forward to a loud, ugly, combative 14 June – with you!**

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE DEMONSTRATION

The demonstration has been approved!

Route length: 2.6 km / mostly flat (8 metres elevation difference). The route is easily accessible with prams, wheelchairs and other mobility aids.

There will be cars with water available throughout the demonstration. Please make sure you have sufficient sun protection!



### **Stops for speeches:**

Theaterplatz:

- Iata on the topic of transphobia
- Melanie von Müllenen ([activist with Zunft zu dinere Mutter](#)) on the topic of motherhood

Schwanenplatz

- Sajdeh on the topic of **care and migration**
- Duygu on the topic of violence against women / danger to women

Afterwards, we will hold a minute's silence with our fists raised against femicide. The minute's silence will be accompanied by the **song [‘Cancion Sin Miedo’ by Vivir Quintana](#)**.

### **Public toilet facilities along the route:**

1. Inselipark – toilets between Inseli and the car park
2. Lucerne train station – toilets by the archway
3. Mühleplatz – toilets next to the Spreuerbrücke
4. Schwanenplatz – toilets at the bus stop (towards the railway station)

**To ensure that the demonstration runs smoothly and the atmosphere remains positive, please adhere to the following rules.**

### **Rules of conduct**

- Respect your own boundaries and those of others
- Report inappropriate behaviour → respond with ‘Go away!’ for example.
- If you experience physical or psychological problems, contact the people in yellow vests.
- Follow the instructions of the security service
- Do not damage public or private property.
- Stay on the route, no wild postering, no fireworks.
- Do not spread extremist messages or calls for hatred/violence.
- Do not wear a balaclava/mask: hiding your face is prohibited in the canton of Lucerne (face covering ban).

### **Well-being**

- Water will be available on carts throughout the event.
- It is recommended that you protect yourself from the sun.
- A sign language interpreter will be present (reserved area to the right of the stage).

## **Our demands for The Feminist Strike of 2025**

### **Migration and care work**

We demand fair working conditions for all care workers! Stop the exploitation of women\* and migrants as “cheap” labour in nursing and care. Equal rights, fair wages, and comprehensive protection.

Affordable and accessible childcare – also for care workers! Many women\* and migrants work in the care sector while also looking after their families. To ensure fair distribution of care work, we need quality childcare services and childcare vouchers for everyone.

### **Care and childcare**

We demand well-trained staff and fair pay. High-quality care requires qualified professionals with solid training and continuous education.

We call for more political recognition for and appreciation of care workers, along with modern and fair working conditions!

## Unpaid care work

We call for the introduction of equal parental leave: in addition to maternity leave, fairly shared parental leave must be introduced to enable shared caregiving.

We demand enough affordable, needs-based nurseries and daytime care structures: all families – whether in cities, suburbs, or rural areas – must have access to affordable and high-quality childcare.

We demand accessible services for people in need of support, so that care work does not fall solely on the shoulders of relatives, especially women\*.

## Politics and care work

We demand more women\*, migrants and queer people in political offices and leadership positions! Those who do care work must also be represented in decision-making spaces. We call for diverse, feminist and inclusive politics.

We demand that political decisions be made and implemented in a gender-equitable, anti-racist and intersectional way! Care work concerns us all, yet it is unequally distributed. Political measures must reflect the lived realities of women\*, migrants, queer and marginalised people and dismantle structural discrimination.

## Violence against FLINTA\* (Women\*, Lesbians, Intersex people, Non-binary people, Transgender people and Agender people)

We call for the expansion and long-term funding of women's\* shelters, counselling centres and protection services across all cantons of Central Switzerland.

We demand a multilingual, 24/7 emergency hotline for people affected by violence, in line with the Istanbul Convention.

## Speeches

### Speeches in Inseli Park

We look forward to a loud, angry, combative 14 June – with you!

### Korintha Bärtsch (City Councillor, Lucerne, Green Party) and Melanie Setz (City Councillor, Lucerne, Social Democratic Party)

Just over a year ago, we achieved something historic together in the city of Lucerne:

Together with our colleague Franziska Bitzi, we secured a **female majority** on Lucerne City Council!

After too many years without a woman on the cantonal government, women were finally elected back into government a year earlier: two seats on the Lucerne cantonal government were filled by women, Ylfete Fanaj and Michaela Tschuor.

Yes, filled. Because we will not let these seats be taken away from us again!

However, this will require a lot of determination and perseverance.

Although the overall number of women in municipal executive bodies and in the cantonal council has increased, we are still in the minority in most city and municipal councils, especially in the larger municipalities.

Sursee: majority

Willisau: at least 2

Ebikon: 1 out of 5

Emmen: 1 out of 5

Kriens: 1 out of 5

Horw: 1 out of 5

To all those who are already warning of the downfall of humanity and the takeover of power by women: don't worry, this progressive danger is unfortunately still a long way off. On the contrary, we must be careful that the slow progress towards equality and the cracks in the patriarchy do not fall back again.

That is why we need you all. In order for all genders to be adequately represented in politics, we still need many women to get involved and stand for political office. Not just for a charitable, unpaid position, because the proportion of women in such roles is usually very high. No, but for a political office, so that they can help shape the world.

We urgently need your voices, your opinions, your views! Who else will address issues such as equality, appreciation of care work, work-life balance, sexual and domestic violence, equal pay for equal work, etc.?

And it is not only we women who need women's voices, but also men who no longer want to define themselves solely in terms of strength, power and the preservation of power. Society as a whole needs the voice of women – half of it is made up of women!

That's why we're here: to tell you that we can do it, and so can you! Politics is about engaging with our society and our environment – something you already do every day, at home, in your free time and at work.

You have taken the first step, you are standing here and you are ready to run! The next elections will be here sooner than you think – get yourself in the starting blocks now for the distribution of seats – we will not let them be taken away from us again.

And 1 – 2 – 3 – it's NOT rocket science!

### **Jasmin Stangl (qualified early childhood educator / nursery worker)**

Today, I have three minutes to talk to you about conditions in nurseries, after-school clubs and daycare facilities. It's probably clear to everyone that three minutes isn't enough. But performing under pressure isn't something you learn in theory – it's something you learn in practice. While I should be focusing my attention on the child who can't let go of me in the morning, I also have one eye on the two children who are about to fight over the Bobby car and one ear tuned to the pram, where I hope the baby is sleeping. The intern is sitting at the breakfast table with four children, feeding them all, keeping order and remembering that the new child is lactose intolerant. The trainee has called in sick. Until 8:30 a.m., there are two of us with 15 children.

At lunchtime, the child next to me empties his glass, while on the other side another child tries to subtly (or not so subtly) drop his salad under the table while I feed the third child his homemade porridge. Within three minutes, chaos reigns and everyone's needs collide. Eating together is part of everyday life in

education and makes perfect sense in theory. In practice, you mainly eat cold food – if you get around to it. And in the daycare centre, you don't have to feed porridge anymore, but you do have to look after ten children on your own, because they're already big. No punchline.

I could tell you loads more anecdotes like that. These aren't isolated cases. It's everyday life. We need more time and we need more money. Time to not constantly make the intern clean the nursery, but to teach her about education. Money to hire enough staff at attractive working hours (i.e. not 2 hours 3 times a week over lunchtime) so that the whole day doesn't fall apart (and the remaining staff don't have to pick up the slack) when someone is off sick. And time to continue their training, organise peer supervision and ensure quality. Money to make this happen and to pay fair wages for a tough job that is a damn good investment in our future! In autumn, we will vote on the nursery initiative in Lucerne – I recommend voting YES to the SP's proposal. Thank you!

## Collective Feminist Strike Lucerne

→ See 'Our demands for the feminist strike 2025'.

### Speeches at Theaterplatz (1st demonstration stop)

#### Melanie von Müllenen (Activist, 'Zunft zo dinere Muetter')

We are the Zunft zo dinere Muetter!  
A Zunft is an association of craftspeople.  
Our craft is caring for children – whether paid  
or unpaid!  
But this is not recognised as such.

All we ever hear from politicians is:  
'Mothers should get back into the labour  
market quickly.' High employment rates.  
Economic power. Work-life balance.  
This is exactly what we hear in the debate  
surrounding the new parental leave initiative.

But what does that mean?

We can only work  
because another FINTA person does our work:  
looking after children, cooking, cleaning –  
unpaid or poorly paid.

And we are simply relieved  
that someone else is now being exploited  
so that we can function.

What kind of progress is this  
when we mothers are supposed to celebrate  
equality at the cost of other mothers?

Who is actually being made equal to whom  
here?  
Why are mothers being forced to be half-  
fathers instead of fathers being made whole  
parents?

Why is no one demanding that fathers do their  
share?  
And I don't mean one daddy day a week!

It's not our children who exhaust us – no!  
It's the system.  
A system that thrives on our unpaid labour  
and has no appreciation for us.

And then we're told we're not productive  
enough.

When are you going back to work?  
When are you getting back to it?  
How long are you taking off?

I've never not worked.  
I never quit.  
I never took a break.

I'm here. Always.  
With lots of love, little time and space.  
Not even to say, 'I can't do this anymore.'  
There's no room for that.

And there's just more and more to do.  
We've been doing paid work for a long time –  
and yet we do most of the unpaid work.

Unpaid or underpaid –  
we're in the same boat, my sisters!

Go on strike? Impossible.  
Who would fill in?

And that, my fellow comrades, is exhausting.  
Childcare is not a job you can just walk away  
from.  
And we don't want to – what would be the  
consequences?

We can't just pass childcare work back and  
forth.  
Not from the mother to the nursery worker.  
Not from the cleaner back to the mother.  
Not to the neighbour, the grandmother, the  
friend...

One of us will always be poorly paid –  
or not paid at all.

But apparently no one is listening.

Or they don't care.

That's why we're joining forces!  
Band together!

Together with mothers and childless people.  
Together with the exhausted and the angry.  
Together with those who give birth and other  
FINTAs.

### **Iata (activist)**

It's not the cutest time to thrive and shine as a trans person, and as always, the dishonourable fraternisation of patriarchy and capitalism is to blame for the misery. And unfortunately, although not entirely hot and new, there is a thriving revival of overt fascism. It is comfortably nesting in democratic structures, spreading and pompously poisoning what little politics there is that focuses on people and the environment rather than the cash of a few rich white assholes. The people are being incited to defend their country and men are being encouraged to subjugate their wives. It's about possession and control and a whole lot of invented superiority that has been written down over the years as declared natural phenomena. Yes, that may be a bit of a simplistic summary. But we can also zoom in on the shit. And shit is a good keyword, because it's back in vogue: the toilet debate. I really wish we were done with the fucking toilet debate, it's so fucking basic. But here we are. Trans women in the UK can pee at home if they have the disproportionately posh requirement of not wanting to be subjected to verbal and physical violence while doing so. (Not that any trans person has ever felt truly safe in a public toilet anywhere. Only in the UK has the Supreme Court just decided that they don't have the right to pee where they might feel a little safer. Namely, as a woman in the women's toilet.) And things are looking bleak in other areas of physical autonomy (which is also a human right, by the way). Trans children are pitied as ideological pawns and figments of the perverse queer agenda. Trans men? They can

Together with those who can do it right now –  
and those who simply can't do it anymore.

We have learned to function.  
Now we are learning to say no.  
And yes – to each other.  
Today we are loud – also for those who can't  
be here!  
Today – and all the days to come!

be ignored; they're just manly women with crazy complexes. As long as they continue to be classified as women, they can be denied everything, just like normal women. Non-binary people are welcome to continue imagining their existence as long as they keep their pronoun stuff to themselves and don't want to claim the welfare, medical and democratic systems for themselves. And speaking of fucked up: for years, trans and non-binary communities have been fighting for social and political recognition for all gender identities. At the same time, many enbys would never voluntarily mark themselves with an X or a D or whatever on their passports. With a little historical understanding and a look into the fascist abysses that are opening up in the midst of our oh-so-perfect democratic world, all this fear is very real and very current. All these very real fears, systems of oppression and power structures cannot be overcome with cynicism alone. What we need is vehement anti-fascist resistance. We need determined intersectional queer-feminist struggles. We need political and social recognition and protection for all genders. Access to education and adequate medical care. We need lots of trans joy and t4t love and care, gender-bending imagination, queer realities and as many reasons as possible to stay alive. And we do thrive and shine, because we know: Queer life is anti-fascist resistance. Trans women are women! Non-binary people exist! There is enough feminism for everyone!

## Speeches at Schwanenplatz (2nd demonstration stop)

### Sajdeh (care worker)

I am glad to be able to speak today. My name is Sajideh, I come from Iraq, have been living in Lucerne for 17 years and work in nursing. Until yesterday, I didn't know if I would be able to be here today. As a mother, I have a lot of stress and have also been through a lot personally. I rarely have time. Working hours are difficult, especially as single parents; you have to organise a lot. Unfortunately, we often experience a lot of pressure and stress at

work. I would like to see more recognition from society – working in nursing is not easy, it is important work. Give us opportunities to train. And don't forget that we were essential workers during the coronavirus pandemic. We still are today. Our work often goes unnoticed. The pay for so much work is also too little. But expectations are high. Dear women, keep going, let's fight for better conditions.

### Duygu (activist)

CAN ANYONE HEAR ME? (Yes!)  
Is there anyone who can hear me?  
IS ANYONE THERE? (Yes!)  
HELP!  
SAVE ME!  
Can anyone hear me screaming? (Yes!)  
(Pause)  
Good. Then I'm in the right place.  
Because this isn't a play.  
I was recently subjected to systematic harassment.  
I am a feminist woman.  
I have always fought –  
against harassment,  
against rape,  
against psychological, physical and sexual violence.

But when it happened to me, I understood:  
WE ARE DEFINITELY NOT SAFE.  
That's why I keep shouting:  
CAN YOU HEAR ME?  
WE ARE NOT SAFE!  
(Pause)  
The patriarchal system is showing its true colours –  
IN THE DARKNESS.  
Men draw strength from this darkness:  
For violence.  
For harassment.  
For femicide.  
My bedroom window faces the dark forest.

I live with my two children – on the ground floor.  
Our shutters are always closed.  
But this year – several times, always at three o'clock in the morning –  
he came.  
With a knife.  
He opened our shutters.  
He scared us.  
And when the police came – he was gone.  
I don't know him.  
I called the police every time.  
I filed a report every time.  
And the police said:  
'He's mentally ill.  
He harasses other women too.  
You're not the only one.'  
Once he was almost naked.  
And they said:  
'He's sexually dangerous.  
He wants to scare you.'  
(Pause)  
But the worst thing was:  
MY HOUSING ASSOCIATION DID NOTHING.  
I said:  
'I'm scared. My children are scared.'  
I asked for a new flat – they said no.  
I asked for light – they said no.  
I asked for secure shutters – I have to pay for them myself.  
I asked for security guards – they said call the police.

Ten years as a tenant. And then – left alone.  
(Pause)  
But I wasn't completely alone.  
My fellow residents – like you here –  
YOU were there.  
You installed cameras.  
You put up motion detectors.  
You stayed with me –  
so that my children would feel safe.  
You call me every day.  
You are light.  
WE WANT TO BE SAFE IN THE DARKNESS  
TOO.  
TO BE FREE.  
We want free streets.  
A free life.  
WE ARE LIGHTS IN THE DARK.  
We fight together –  
Against male violence.  
Against a system that lives in the dark.  
(Pause)  
We know  
that being FINTA in a patriarchal system is  
hard.  
Being FINTA and a mother is twice as hard.  
FINTA, mother and foreigner – three times as  
hard.  
FINTA, mother, foreigner and unemployed –  
even harder.

That is why we are fighting  
TOGETHER AGAINST THE PATRIARCHY.  
(Pause)  
On the 28<sup>th</sup> of May, a mother, a foreigner, a  
refugee with three children was deported –  
with police violence.  
Children's rights? DESTROYED.  
Women's rights? DESTROYED.  
Why?  
Because she fled.  
Because she is a woman.  
But we will not give up!  
NOT WITH US!  
WE DEFEND OUR VOICE.  
HER VOICE.  
THE VOICES OF THE CHILDREN.  
(Pause)  
This year alone:  
At least 15 women have been murdered by a  
man in Switzerland.

15 too many!  
And what do the media and politicians say?  
'Family drama.'  
But we know:  
THIS IS NOT A DRAMA. THIS IS FEMICIDE.  
This is PATRIARCHAL VIOLENCE.  
When women want to leave, the system says:  
You belong to me.  
You cannot be free.  
As long as we are not safe, we will shout:  
IS THERE ANYONE WHO HEARS US?  
(Pause)  
When I lose hope –  
I think of you.  
Of your voices.  
Of this street.  
YES, WE HEAR YOU!  
WE ARE SHOUTING WITH YOU!  
WE FIGHT WITH YOU!  
NI UNA MENOS –  
VIVAS NOS QUEREMOS!