

## MANIFESTO OF THE NATIONAL LGTBI COUNCIL FOR LESBIAN VISIBILITY DAY – APRIL 26, 2026



This **April 26, Lesbian Visibility Day**, we reaffirm the need to continue advancing in the recognition and effective guarantee of the rights of lesbian women. Despite the progress achieved, visibility remains essential, as their realities and experiences are still not fully acknowledged. We make ourselves visible as a collective tool to combat discrimination, transform mindsets, and move towards a more just, plural, and inclusive society.

Despite the legislative progress of recent years, data continue to show a worrying reality: LGBTI-phobic attacks have not disappeared, and many lesbians still face discrimination in areas such as employment, healthcare, housing, and public spaces. Underreporting remains high, especially in the case of lesbian women, who are often invisible even within official statistics.

Even today, many women — in Catalonia and around the world — must hide whom they love out of fear of retaliation, losing opportunities, or being questioned as mothers, professionals, or citizens. Lesbophobia persists, often in subtle ways, yet deeply rooted in social, cultural, and institutional structures.

We continue to be made invisible in official narratives, in culture, in the media, and in research. This absence is not accidental: it reflects a system that still prioritizes heterosexual norms and penalizes dissent.

Therefore, this April 26 is not only a day of visibility: it is an urgent call for collective action, institutional co-responsibility, and real social transformation.

Our struggle is feminist, intersectional, and anti-racist. We cannot speak about rights without considering the diversity of lesbian experiences: migrant women, trans women, racialized women, women with disabilities, of different ages, social classes, and territories. There is no partial liberation: either it is for all, or it is not.

Lesbian visibility is not only symbolic: it is a tool for transformation. It breaks stigmas, creates role models, educates, and opens spaces of freedom, helping us move toward a more just and democratic society.

Despite the progress made in terms of visibility — such as the inclusion of the concept of lesbophobia in Law 13/2025 and the strengthening of the rights framework it establishes — situations of discrimination and inequality still persist. For this reason, we demand:

- **Inclusive, comprehensive, and compulsory affective-sexual education at all educational stages, incorporating real and diverse lesbian role models.**
- **A public healthcare system with a gender perspective and a lesbian-inclusive approach, ensuring dignified care without bias or invisibilization, especially in sexual and reproductive health.**
- **Public policies based on disaggregated data (sex, gender, age, etc.) to identify and combat the specific forms of discrimination affecting lesbian women.**
- **The right to live freely and safely in all spaces, including rural, digital, and sports environments, where violence often remains invisible.**
- **Recognition and support for diverse families, as well as effective protection of parenting and filiation rights.**
- **The effective incorporation of a lesbian perspective in all feminist and LGBTI policies, with proper resources, monitoring, and evaluation.**
- **Effective mechanisms against lesbophobia, including mandatory training for public service professionals and the strengthening of reporting and support systems.**

To all citizens: your involvement is essential. It is not enough not to discriminate. We must take a stand, make visible, listen, and act. The rights of lesbian women are human rights, and their defense concerns us all.

Let us take another step towards a future where loving between women is not an act of resistance, but a full expression of freedom, dignity, and rights.

**Neither silenced, nor invisible, nor questioned: visible, diverse, free, and proud to love each other!** 🧡💛🧡💜

**Coordination Committee of the National LGBTI Council**