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All The People book presented in Europe with accompanying Berlin exhibit

[Bernd Ott](#) photographed and [Emily Besa](#) interviewed 39 individuals to create a loving document that captures, relates, and celebrates the diversity of gender expression and being. This international photo book project includes people in 5 cities, 4 countries, and 15 nationalities. The aim of this book is to build bridges and reach beyond one's own communities with this intimate exploration of how the individual experiences, defines, and expresses gender and gender identity. By viewing the images and reading the stories, the reader may draw closer to understanding someone they may find strange, challenging, or just unfamiliar.

The book publicly launched in Berlin at Galerie pavlov's dog on 2 April and in London at The Russian Club Studio on 21 April. In London, Susie Green, the CEO of [Mermaids UK](#), an organization that connects and supports transgender children, youth, and their families, was on hand to speak. Nathalie McDermott, director of [On Road Media](#), spoke about the company's initiative [All About Trans](#) which seeks to educate and promote better portrayal of transgender individuals in the media. Trines Ward, one of the book's oldest participants, shared her story.

The book's Amsterdam launch on 28 April was held at the main branch of Openbare Bibliotheek Amsterdam and cohosted by [IHLIA](#), which houses and shares Europe's largest collection of LGBT culture and literature. Three participants from the book, Ashily Dior, Bear Silver, and Damian Adney, who are all active in the LGBT+ community, spoke about their experiences and relationship with the project. The book, designed by [Edgar Hoffmann](#), is published by [Kerber](#). It is distributed by [Cornerhouse](#) in the UK. From the end of September, it will be available through [D.A.P.](#) in the US.

The first accompanying exhibition opened 15 July at [Neue Galerie Berlin](#), with eight large-format tableaus of photos and quotes from the stories, and 16 more photographs. At the opening, Benjamin Melzer, the first transgender model on the cover of Men's Health Germany, and Yasmine-Blanche Werder, member of [LSVD](#) (Lesbian and Gay Association) spoke. The closing event is 15 September with the following guests: Stefan Evers of the CDU and two members of the trans* community from Turkey, who will speak as refugees in Germany on the situation in Turkey, with a focus on the [Trans* Home](#), a safe home for displaced LGBTIQ people in Istanbul.

Bernd Ott has been working as a professional photographer for the past 16 years and got his start in London shooting for publications like *NME* and *TimeOut*. He returns to his love of portrait photography with this personal project. Emily Besa holds a degree in English Literature and Creative Writing from Columbia University. She has been writing as long as she can remember.