

## **QUEER MOTHERS**

### **UnMothering the Woman Project**

#### **Background**

The children of non-hetero couples are considered the most planned for children. Whether through surrogacy, adoption or pregnancy through a father/sperm donor, these couples are intentional about when they would like children to be a part of their lives.

Depending on the preferred route to parenthood, there are some significant structural constraints and financial costs associated with trying to have children.

In most countries, non-hetero couples have to prove they constitute a family in order to have access to various benefits, as well as to be allowed to adopt a child.

What other challenges do these couples face when trying to have a child? What does motherhood look like in a family with two parents of the same sex?

#### **What we're hoping to do**

We would love to speak to non-hetero couples who are currently parenting, or attempting to have children, and hear from them what their experience of parenthood has been. We are also curious to see how the social construct of motherhood plays out in their unions. We hope that by this, we will create awareness and empathy for those “non-traditional” families and hopefully drive conversation that will lead to a reduction in the hurdles they have to jump through to experience motherhood.

#### **How you can help**

##### *Interviewees:*

We would love to hear your story and share it with the world! We will send a set of questions for your review in advance, and if you have any concerns, we would love to talk about them. We have opened ourselves up to truly empathise with what your experience is. However, you are the expert - this is your life. As such, we invite you to co-create this conversation with us. With this campaign, we hope to be able to do justice to your point of view.