



NICARANIMA/NICARANIMUS

Locatie: USVA, Munnekeholm 10, Groningen

27 mei tot en met 5 juli 2019 / 27th of May till 5th of July 2019

Opening: maandag 27 mei om 20:00 uur / Monday the 27th of May at 8.00 pm

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Why do some people react so strongly when the Dutch commercial chain HEMA decides not to use clothing labels with 'boy' or 'girl' anymore? Why do we worry about gender-neutral toilets, when we all go to the same toilet at home?

In Nicaragua, where city twinning organization Stedenband Groningen-San Carlos is active, we see different things happening concerning gender. 'Machismo' plays a major role and femicides take place: women are murdered simply because they are women. We see that homosexuals often manifest themselves very feminine-like: it seems easier for the vast majority to accept. At the same time, within the LGBT community, being transgender appears to be relatively common.

We link many things in our lives to gender and man/woman roles or behaviours. But do you lose your identity if you do not want to be put in a particular box or does that, on the contrary, yield a lot for you as a person? In short: what role does gender play in our lives and in our society? And how do we cope with the confusion gender-topics sometimes evoke? With Nicaranima/Nicaranimus we hope to trigger that feeling of confusion, to let you think about your way of looking at gender and sexual diversity.

The exhibition Nicaranima/Nicaranimus offers you the beautiful series of (transgender) portraits Anima/Animus by painter Bas Nijenhuis, striking photographs from the series Preferred Pronouns by photographer and film maker Koen Suidgeest, pictures from the life of the LGBT community in Nicaragua, and snapshots of the work of the LGBT interest group Modiversex in San Carlos.

The exhibition will be opened with a panel discussion on Monday the 27th of May 2019 at 8 pm. We invite you to engage in a dialogue with Bas Nijenhuis (painter of the portraits), Veerle Ros (one of his models) and Koen Suidgeest (filmer/photographer) and join us in the confusing world of gender and diversity.

The spoken language will be English.

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