HAUS OF KHAMELEON: INTERSECTIONALITY IN ACTION

Haus of Khameleon (HK) is a movement led by young transgender women under the age of 30 who are lobbying, campaigning, organizing, researching, training and advocating for transgender equality in the Pacific. The group considers that art is able to shape transformative insights and possibilities that literally redirect how people think and act: therefore, they use a wide variety of media, including painting, sculpture, installation, video, graphics, music, literature, photography and performance to create, celebrate, inform and inspire each other. Their work is grounded in principles of feminism and includes gender equality, inclusivity, respect, tolerance and understanding. Haus of Khameleon has developed an understanding of how their social identities—gender, race, sexuality, class—function, and how capitalism, racism, sexism, hetero-sexism work together to compound oppression. By using feminist, human rights based and evidence-based approaches, they address trans* issues but also other intersectional issues—ecological justice, gender-based violence, peace and security.