The equality and LGTBI arm of the Consell de Formentera announced its activities calendar for the International Day of Action for Trans Depathologisation, which falls on the third weekend in October. Department chief Vanessa Parellada said the programme is “about normalising a multiplicity of gender identities, making them more visible and upending the connotations of pathology that can cling to them”.

Tuesday 22 October at 8.00pm in the Marià Villangómez library a discussion/colloquium on Antoni Roig Roselló’s *Todos los parques no son un paraíso* with the author. Roig’s 1977 novel is based on first-person narration from Antoni, a man trapped between two loves: his religious calling and his sexual orientation. After publication, the novel became a finalist for the Planeta Award, and Roig himself was kicked out of the order of the Unshod Carmelites. The event will be moderated by Toni Martí (Sa clau de s’armari) and Miquel Costa (Espai_F).

Cinefòrum

Tuesday 29 October at 7.00pm, the Sala de Cultura-Cinema will screen *Me llamo Violeta*. At the core of the 76-minute documentary film is a declaration made by Ignacio, the six-year-old child of Nacho Vidal and Franceska Jaimes: “I’m a girl; my name’s Violeta”.

The moving exploration of gender diversity captivated crowds at the Málaga Film Festival, where it won Audience Pick, not to mention DocsBarcelona’s Amnesty International Prize. A discussion forum after the film with members of the group Transitam will also feature the first-hand experiences of the mother of a trans* youth and a person in transition.

Activities at the high school

A host of activities and workshops at IES Marc Ferrer this month are geared towards helping high school students learn about gender diversity and deconstruct stereotypes and the myth of romantic love. The idea, said Councillor Parellada, is to empower teens through education. “Adolescence is such a delicate time in life”, she said: “It’s when we’re constructing our identity”.

The activities programme is put together in partnership with other local government

departments too, not least the Department of Culture, which has gone out of its way to create a space for LGTBIQ+ themes in the island's panoply of cultural programming. "We need to be making sure sexual and gender diversity are the norm throughout society", said Parellada. "That means all the time; not just the special occasions".

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