Joint Statement TDoR 2022: Mourning, Caring, Mobilising

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This joint statement was developed by TGEU, GATE, ILGA World, APTN, and ESWA on Trans Day of Remembrance. You can find the full list of signatories below.

On 20 November 2022, we pause to mark Trans Day of Remembrance (TDoR) and raise awareness about violence against trans and gender-diverse people. Today we mourn and honour the 327 trans and gender-diverse people who were reported murdered worldwide between 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022, whose lives might otherwise be forgotten.

We are living through dangerous times in which trans and gender-diverse communities around the globe are facing unprecedented hardships due to multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, stigma, marginalisation, and oppression. Trans women and trans femmes, Black and people of colour, sex workers, migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, Roma, people with disabilities, those living with HIV, and the elderly, to name just a few, are even more vulnerable in these troublesome times.

Over the last few years, our movement has gained increased visibility and pushed forward progressive and inclusive legal measures. However, a large part of our community continues to struggle with high levels of violence, social discrimination, poor health outcomes, economic hardship, unemployment, and homelessness. Moreover, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are still being felt and the rise of the anti-gender movement is severely impacting us.

Right-wing populist and anti-feminist movements' mobilising against gender equality as well as sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) have gained power across the region in recent years. This dominance brings to light an increasingly transnationally organised and independently financed anti-gender movement that attacks the basic rights of trans people.

Trans activists and groups are working relentlessly, together with governments, other social movements, and allies, to resist those who would dehumanise us, and to ensure that each and every trans and gender-diverse person can lead a safe and fulfilling life. Today, we remind the world that we will continue resisting and challenging oppressive systems until the rights and lives of trans and gender-diverse people are upheld everywhere.

Join us and take action!

- Ensure that your feminism is intersectional and trans inclusive
- Share data on anti-trans violence
- Treasure and support trans people who are alive
- Educate yourself and others
- Learn more about intersectional organising and social justice movements
- Volunteer your work to trans groups
- Donate and/or fund community services and organisations directed at supporting trans people, especially trans people that face intersectional marginalisation, like trans of colour, sex workers and/or migrants.

- Hold policy and decision makers accountable
- Show compassion

Together, we mourn, we care, we mobilise.

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Signatories

The signatories of this Statement (listed below) are organisations representing trans and gender-diverse people on the national, regional, and international level.

1. ACCEPT Association, Romania/Eastern Europe
2. APTN – Asia Pacific Transgender Network
3. ARELAS – Asociación de familias de menores trans de Galicia, Spain
4. AZAD LGBTI Azerbaijan, Azerbaijan
5. Catcalls of Leipzig CHALKBACK, Germany
6. Creative Being, United Kingdom
7. Dr. Mega Consulting, Germany & international
8. Égides – l'alliance internationale francophone pour l'égalité et les diversités, Canada
9. ESWA – European Sex Workers' Rights Alliance, Europe
10. GATE, International
11. ILGA Portugal – Intervenção Lésbica, Gay, Bissexual, Trans e Intersexo, Portugal
12. ILGA World, International
13. ILGA-Europe, Europe and Central Asia
14. Insight NGO, Ukraine
15. Migration Hub Heidelberg, Germany
16. National Trans Coalition human rights NGO, Armenia
17. Prizma közösség, Hungary
18. Proud Seniors Greece LGBTQI+ 50+ individuals, Greece
19. Queer Cyprus Association, Cyprus
20. Queer Trans Liberation, Germany
21. Rede Trans Brasil, Brazil
22. RFSL – The Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex Rights, Sweden
23. RFSL Ungdom, Sweden
24. Seitenwechsel-Berlin Sport club, Germany
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26. STAR-STAR Skopje, North Macedonia
27. TGEU, Europe and Central Asia
28. The Garnet Initiative, Sweden
29. TLLPC, Australia
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