Lenny Emson Appointed Executive Director of TGEU

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Lenny Emson assumed the role of Executive Director at TGEU on 1 February 2023, while Acting Co-Directors Anwar Ogrm and Milena Papakoch are remaining with the organisation in a manager capacity.

“We are pleased to announce that we have a new Executive Director starting in February,” comments TGEU Chair, Jovan Džoli Uli?evi?. “After the TGEU European and Central Asia Trans Council, our Board has been actively involved in the recruitment process of an Executive Director. The Board has approached this process with attention, taking into account many aspects: the candidates’ experience, their contribution to the movement, their capacity to support the sustainability and growth of TGEU, their ability to work in a team, their knowledge of TGEU and the way it functions, especially considering that it is a membership-based organisation, with a diverse team of amazing and experienced activists.”

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About Lenny

Born in Ukraine, Lenny Emson is a bigender trans activist with extensive knowledge in growing the movement, fundraising, and political presence. Lenny has been involved in the LGBTQI movement as an activist, founder, and employee of several LGBTQI organisations for over 20 years. Lenny has served as Executive Director for KyivPride, and represented the international community in the ILGA World Trans Steering Committee, the Eurasian Key Populations Health Network’s “Global expert group on Transgender People and HIV/AIDS”, TGEU Board, and the Grant Making Panel of the International Trans Fund. Lenny is an active Board Member of the European Pride Organisers Association.

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