Protection from violence and hate

Gender-based violence against women is well-documented. Yet, when it comes to trans people, there is far less research and understanding.

Sometimes trans people are targeted due to their trans identity. This type of violence can often be considered a hate crime, and warrant certain protections.

How do violence and hate crimes affect trans people?

Studies, such as the Fundamental Rights Association (FRA) LGBTIQ survey, continue to show that trans, non-binary, and gender-diverse people face high rates of violence. This can range from verbal attacks to physical or sexual assault, or even murder.

In countries where homosexuality or trans identities are criminalised, violence or hate is often more prevalent. Further, when people’s identities are criminalised, access to protection or justice is often limited. This also means that many cases of violence or murder are never reported. Or the victim’s trans identity is not public knowledge. All of this leads to underreporting.

What does TGEU do?

Since 2009, TGEU has tracked murders of trans and gender-diverse people globally through the Trans Murder Monitoring project. We track these murders to pay homage to our lost siblings. We also use this data to understand how anti-trans violence affects our community. From this, we advocate for stronger protections and measures that would help reduce the number of trans people murdered.

We work with local organisations in Europe and Central Asia to advocate for stronger protections. In particular, we are working to have both gender identity and gender expression legally protected as bias motivation.
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