



TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

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package of materials

The Trans Day of Remembrance (TDoR) is commemorated on 20 November each year by trans communities worldwide. It is an opportunity to come together with our communities and grief collectively. In this package of materials you can find different resources to use around TDoR, including :

SAFE(R) SPACE GUIDELINES

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7 TIPS EVERY ALLY SHOULD KNOW

TDoR is one of the most significant international observances for trans communities but it's also a time to come together as wider communities and allies.

7 WAYS TO COMMEMORATE TDoR

Communities come together on 20 November to honor trans people who suffered or have lost their lives to anti-trans, racist, gender-based, xenophobic or other hate-motivated violence and celebrate the resilience of those who are living. Read 7 ways to commemorate this.

TIPS FOR JOURNALISTS

Recognise that we live in a society full of power imbalances due to race, ethnicity, class, gender, immigration status, sexuality, age, physical and mental (dis)ability and other experiences and identities. Respect our differences and diversity.



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RESPECT

All our identities are valid and equal. Respect people's gender identities and address people with the name and pronoun they ask you to use.

BE OPEN

Don't assume you can read a person's gender identity, pronoun, history as a sex worker or any other history or identity, from the way they are presenting themselves.

RESPECT PRIVACY

Don't ask people about their past, former names, sexual practices, history of abuse etc. without their explicit permission.

PHOTOS

Do not take photographs without participants' explicit consent. Be clear about where and if photos will be published.

HERE TO HELP

We are here to help. If you feel unsafe at any point contact one of the organisers. You can always approach us.

PRONOUNS

Use gender neutral pronouns or ask politely if you are not sure how to refer to someone.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Don't disclose intimate knowledge about anyone. Be trustworthy.

BE ANTI-OPRESSIVE

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7 things every ally should know

7 things every ally should know about Trans Day of Remembrance (TDoR)

1 TDoR is commemorated on 20 November each year by trans communities worldwide.

3 TDoR events, usually vigils, memorials, rallies or marches reflect the impact that murder has on trans individuals and communities and the very real lives represented by the names of those who have been lost.

5 TDoR events are acts of protesting injustice. When trans people are murdered or subjected to violence, public attention and outcry are often lacking, thus TDoR events are used to respond collectively to the neglect of society and authorities.

7 TDoR is also an occasion to reach out to those who are most impacted by anti-trans violence, racism, misogyny, ableism, xenophobia and other forms of (intersectional) bias-motivated hatred, building relationships, solidarity, and understanding among the trans community.

2 TDoR is one of the most significant international observances for trans communities along with the International Transgender Day of Visibility (31 March) and International Day of Action for Trans Depathologisation (22 October).

4 TDoR is not only centred around grief, but also creates a space to acknowledge that grief publicly and celebrate the resilience of those who are living.

6 It is an opportunity for the community to come together, remember, and heal.

This is a non-exhaustive list, do you have more tips for allies?
Send your suggestions to media@transrespect.org

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7 ways to commemorate Trans Day of Remembrance (TDoR)

On 28 November 1988, Rita Hester, a Black trans woman was murdered in the USA. The tragic event kicked off candlelight vigils in 1999 that later became TDoR. Ever since, communities come together on 20 November to honor trans people who suffered or have lost their lives to anti-trans, racist, gender-based, xenophobic or other hate-motivated violence and celebrate the resilience of those who are living.

1. ORGANISE OR ATTEND AN EVENT

Many TDoR events are centred around a vigil, memorial, or march where the names of all reported murdered trans people are read aloud. Whether you want to include trans people only, or allies as well, make sure that the event is trans-led, centering the experiences of those most affected by violence in your context, including trans people of colour, (undocumented) migrants, trans-feminine people, or sex workers.

2. REFLECT ON CORPORATE AND POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

There is a long history of how LGBT Pride marches and events shifted away from their original purpose of being community solidarity gatherings with strong political messaging, focusing on the most marginalised and attacked in our communities. Thus, around TDoR it is important to reflect on how TDoR events can remain community-run and empowering, without giving space for corporate and political hi-jacking.

3. BE CRITICAL AND SHARE CRITICISM

Moments of silence and remembrance are not enough. We need to be critical of our movement(s) and develop more complex analysis of the world in which we live in. Use TDoR to initiate community dialogue about structural and institutional exclusion and violence we and other marginalised communities face.



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4. ESTABLISH SAFE(R) SPACE GUIDELINES AND USE TRIGGER WARNINGS

Remembering those whose lives were stopped short by violence might be traumatising for many, therefore it is crucial to create inclusive and safe(r) spaces for healing. Develop safe(r) space guidelines in consultation with the community and use messaging and facilitation techniques that prevent exposing people to further trauma.

5. SUPPORT TRANS ARTISTS AND PERFORMERS

Artistic and creative expression has been long used by communities to support emotional healing for those living in pain, grief, and violence. Use TDoR to uplift and support trans artists and involve them in your campaigns and events.

6. SUPPORT GRASSROOTS ORGANISATIONS

Community-mobilising is of great importance to prevent, respond to, and allow healing from violence. Although in many contexts, initiatives aimed at policy advocacy are prioritised by funding, freedom from violence cannot be achieved without powerful grassroots anti-violence actions. TDoR is a great occasion to support groups who provide community-care to marginalised trans communities.

7. ENGAGE WITH OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS

The trans community is diverse and resilient. We are men, women, non-binary, intersex, siblings and parents, migrants, people of colour, disabled persons, sex workers, and have many other oppressed identities. Gender-based, class-based, racist, and any other form of structural, institutional, and direct violence can only be addressed collectively. Use TDoR for alliance-making with other communities affected by marginalisation and exclusion.

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Tips for journalists

INTRODUCTION

Every year on November 20, activists all over the world commemorate Trans Day of Remembrance to honor and remember trans people who have been murdered during the year. Transgender Europe (TGEU) encourages journalists to mark the occasion with stories about violence against trans people, as well as the diversity and resilience of the community in the face of systemic marginalisation and exclusion.

For almost 20 years, communities have come together and found their own ways to honor trans people who have suffered or lost their lives to anti-trans, racist, gender-based, xenophobic or other hate-motivated violence and celebrate the resilience of those who are living.

Media however tends to rely on over-simplifications, sensationalist arguments, and stereotypes about trans people, often dehumanising the persons involved, instead of showing the strength, solidarity, and power of our communities. For years, the few stories and reports about trans people in the media have focused on medical details about transitioning and surgeries. While media outlets have started to challenge this, it remains a norm to overcome, and even sensitive reporting on trans people's and their communities' experiences can do a lot of damage, for instance by using click-bait titles and headlines.

TRANSGENDER EUROPE ACTIONS ON TDOR

Since 2009, the Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) research project of TGEU has been systematically monitoring, collecting, and analysing reports of murders of trans people worldwide. According to its latest update, a total of 2608 trans and gender-diverse people were reported killed in 70 countries between January 2008 and September 2017.

TGEU uses the data and further evidence from its violence documentation project to raise awareness of the ongoing epidemic of violence committed against trans people, and also to contextualise the reported murders in light of structural, institutional, societal, and interpersonal forms of violence through an intersectional approach, highlighting the high levels of violence trans people of colour, (undocumented) migrants, trans-feminine persons, and sex workers face.

Tips for journalists to cover TDoR

TIPS FOR TDoR

- Contact local trans organisations and groups to discuss stories that could be featured around TDoR.
- Call attention to local victims/survivors of anti-trans violence and the broader context in which violence takes place, e.g. availability and implementation of protections that make it illegal to discriminate someone person because of their gender identity or gender expression in the country, social attitudes, etc.
- If you focus on individual stories of violence or murders, pay attention to contextualising the many types of violence affecting trans people and their communities and how they contribute to and perpetuate hate crimes.
- Trans persons not only are victimised because of anti-trans prejudices and motivations, but due to (trans)misogyny, racism, xenophobia, sexism, ableism, etc. It is important to highlight the violence people facing intersectional oppression and violence are exposed to.
- Cover positive stories of trans individuals and the discrimination and violence they have faced in their everyday lives. Highlight relevant statistics and remind your audience that dehumanisation often leads to violence.
- Produce a feature on local trans individuals or organisations that are coordinating Trans Day of Remembrance event(s) and/or carry out anti-violence work. Include information about how survivors of violence continue to be active in their communities and report on mobilised community responses that can be inspiring.

MORE INFO

Please find more about terminology in TGEU'S Journalist Guide: https://tgeu.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/TGEU_journalistGuide16LR_singlepages.pdf

Report on anti-trans discrimination and violence in the European context: Being Trans in the European Union, Comparative Analysis of EU LGBT Survey Data, Fundamental Rights Agency's EU LGBT survey. <http://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2014/being-trans-eu-comparative-analysis-eu-lgbt-survey-data>

Reports from TGEU's ProTrans project: <http://tgeu.org/pro-trans/>