



Transgender Day of Remembrance was first observed in 1999. It started as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998, in an act of anti-Transgender violence. The vigil commemorated all of the transgender people who were tragically lost to violence since Rita's death. This initial vigil started a very important tradition of annually honouring the Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Transgender Day of Remembrance is recognized internationally on November 20th each year. This is a day to mourn and honour the lives of the Transgender community who have been killed in an act of anti-Transgender violence. It is also an opportunity to raise visibility of Transgender people and address the issues the Transgender community faces.

How common are discrimination, violence and structural barriers for trans people?

- 58%** could not get academic transcripts with the correct name/pronoun
- 31%** of those who changed their legal names and lived genders have not changed sex designation on any legal ID
- 20%** have been physically or sexually assaulted for being trans
- 13%** were fired for being trans (another 15% were also fired but were unsure if this was why)
- 10%** of trans emergency room patients reported having care stopped or denied.

Please join the EDI committee in honouring Transgender Day of Remembrance. To access some resources on how to participate please visit <https://www.glaad.org/tdor>. For more information and statistics please visit <https://transpulseproject.ca/research/>.

If you or someone you love is Transgender, and is in need of supports, please access Trans Lifeline by calling 1-877-330-6366. Trans Lifeline provides trans peer support for the Transgender community.

All information gathered from <https://www.glaad.org/tdor>, infographic from <https://transpulseproject.ca/research>.