

International Transgender Day of Remembrance compiles a list of the trans people who we have lost this year. You can see it at [www.tdor.info](http://www.tdor.info)

*"Gender is the poetry each of us makes out of the language we are taught."*

- *Leslie Feinberg* (1949 - 2014)



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# TRANSGENDER DAY OF *Remembrance*

*a day where we remember the lives lost from transmisogyny, transphobia, cissexism and violence against transgender people*

*a day where we stop and ask ourselves how we can support trans people in Yellowknife so no more lives are lost*

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## Statistics

43% of trans people surveyed in an Ontario survey had attempted suicide at some point in their lives.<sup>1</sup>

30% of trans women have been imprisoned.<sup>2</sup>

58.7% of non-binary trans students have been verbally harassed due to their gender expression.<sup>2</sup>

Trans women have a 1 in 12 chance of being murdered. Trans women of colour have a 1 in 8 chance of being murdered.<sup>2</sup>

1 in 5 transgender people have experienced homelessness at some point in their lives.<sup>2</sup>

Trans people of colour are 6 times more likely to experience physical violence when interacting with the police than white cisgender survivors of violence.<sup>2</sup>

50% of trans people have been raped or assaulted by a romantic partner.<sup>2</sup>

74.2% of Canadian transgender youth experience verbal harassment due to their gender expression.<sup>3</sup>

90% of trans youth hear transphobic comments daily or weekly from other students.<sup>3</sup>

44% of trans students reported being likely to miss school because they felt unsafe at school due to their identity.<sup>3</sup>

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1 TransPULSE, 2012

2 Trans Student Educational Resources ([transstudent.org/graphics](http://transstudent.org/graphics))

3 Egale Canada; National Climate Survey (<http://egale.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/EgaleFinalReport-web.pdf>)



All trans people are invited to join our Trans+ Together support group. Every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:00pm at the Rainbow Youth Centre (5112 52nd Street, Yellowknife).  
[www.rainbowcoalitionyk.org/trans](http://www.rainbowcoalitionyk.org/trans)

## Trans Allyship

*Here are some ways that you can support trans people in Yellowknife!*

Make an active effort to refer to people by their chosen names, and by their personal pronouns.

Support and encourage all people's rights to use the gendered washroom, change room or space that corresponds with their gender identity.

Be cognisant of the ways that race, class, Indigeneity and disability affect people's experiences of transphobia.

Don't ask invasive questions about a trans person's identity. (e.g. "What is your birth name?", "Are you taking hormones?", "Have you had surgery?")

Do not share somebody's transgender status without their consent. Don't "out" them to other people.

Reflect on the ways that you use gendered language. Consider changing your habits to avoid making assumptions about people's gender or pronouns.

Consider the way that policies in your school, workplace, or government might affect trans people. Speak up against unfair, unjust policies.

Promote the education of transgender and gendered issues and histories in your community.

Work with non-profits in your community to ensure that they are safe and accessible for transgender people. (e.g. Are the women's shelters in your community inclusive of transgender women? Are the men's shelters inclusive of transgender men?)

Donate to trans-related organizations in your communities. Consider donating to the Rainbow Coalition of Yellowknife, NWT Pride, Sir John's GSA, St. Pat's LIFE Club, Norman Wells' GSA, Hay River Pride, or Inuvik Youth Centre's Rainbow Club.

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If your organization or group would like to host a Trans Allyship or Trans+ 101 workshop, please contact us at [info@rainbowcoalitionyk.org](mailto:info@rainbowcoalitionyk.org).