About TGEU

We represent more than 200 member organisations in over 50 countries.

TGEU — Trans Europe and Central Asia — was founded in 2005 under the name Transgender Europe e.V. Since then, we've established ourselves as a legitimate voice for the trans community. In 2018, we expanded our regional scope to include Central Asia. We now serve trans people in over 50 countries in Europe and Central Asia.

Our vision

TGEU envisions a world free from discrimination, where gender diversity is celebrated, trans people are valued, and trans movements are intersectional and inclusive, strong and adaptable to the needs of a diverse community.

Our mission

TGEU's mission is to protect and enhance the rights and wellbeing of trans people in Europe and Central Asia. We amplify trans voices in human rights and political forums, provide targeted training and resources to empower local trans communities, and foster collaboration across the region through intersectional and decolonial approaches. By building skills in advocacy, community organising, and hosting regional gatherings, we aim to strengthen and unify trans movements while advancing systemic change.

How we advocate for trans rights & wellbeing

TGEU has three primary areas of work: advocacy, community and research.

Advocacy

TGEU advocates for the rights of trans people in the EU and UN.

We endeavour to centre vulnerable groups in our advocacy. We also work with our members to advocate at national level.

Community

TGEU invests in the capacity, skills, and wellbeing of local trans communities.

We provide support and opportunities to our members. Our work focuses on building strong and resilient trans rights movements.

Research

We research problems trans people face to publish clear and verified data. We use this data to understand our needs and advocate for laws and policies that improve trans rights and wellbeing.

Every two years, our members vote to adopt our strategic plan. This guides our direction in these three areas of work

Our values

We are committed to fostering an environment of empathy, kindness, trust, safety, appreciation, and cooperation, where resilience and diversity within our communities are celebrated. Guided by a focus on wellbeing, we work to ensure that those directly impacted by the issues we address are central to our strategy. Our commitment to community involvement drives us to measure our success by the tangible improvements in advocacy, support, representation, and resources for trans communities across Europe and Central Asia.

Community involvement

We prioritise community engagement, ensuring trans communities are central to our actions and decision-making. By collaborating with and amplifying the diverse voices of trans individuals and communities, we collectively work to identify shared goals, advocate for solutions, and enhance community resources and access.

Intersectional approach

We adopt an intersectional approach, addressing overlapping forms of oppression to centre and empower the most marginalised groups within our work. Particularly trans people who are refugees, migrants, asylum seekers, sex workers, BPOC, transfemme, older persons, D/deaf and disabled, young people and sexworkers. By prioritising diverse lived experiences, we aim to create inclusive processes and amplify the voices of those most impacted by systemic inequities. Our vision is rooted in collaboration. We strive to build alliances and foster mutual support, working hand-in-hand with movements and causes that share our values. Together, we amplify our collective impact and drive meaningful change.

Decolonial approach

We recognise that trans identities are shaped by historical and ongoing impacts of racial violence, climate change and colonialism. We commit to challenging Eurocentric perspectives and gender norms, and addressing the colonial and racialised roots of trans marginalisation to unlearn, reimagine, and build equitable and intersectional collaborations that dismantle ongoing power imbalances.

Wellbeing focus

We commit to fostering wellbeing, collective care and sustainability within our organisation and the communities we serve. By prioritising both individual wellbeing and collective care, we address the emotional and mental toll of systemic oppression and work towards creating supportive, healthy and sustainable environments within our organisation, and for our communities.

Our statutes

TGEU's statutes outline our aims and purpose and give more information about governance and membership.

Read our statutes

Our standing orders

TGEU's Standing orders set out the rules and procedures for conducting the General Assembly and the decision making process within the organisation.

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