

Non-discrimination

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Trans people are still disproportionately affected by discrimination. This can be discrimination at school, work, or access to goods and services, such as certain shops.

TGEU works for full equality of trans people. We do this by advocating for explicit protection from discrimination in all spheres of life.

What type of discrimination do trans people face?

Transphobia shows us how anti-trans sentiments enter our daily lives. When these views are turned into action, it can be considered discrimination. For instance, it's discrimination if you are denied services by a business based on your trans identity.

Discrimination can take place in many different settings. Several areas where it is common to see legal protections are:

- Employment
- Healthcare
- Education
- Goods & services
- Housing.

Why is it important to protect both gender identity and gender expression?

Discrimination due to transphobia can affect both trans people and people who are perceived as trans. For the latter, this is regardless of whether or not they actually identify as trans.

It is important to protect all people from discrimination. Having both gender identity and gender expression explicitly protected can achieve this.

What does TGEU do?

Anti-discrimination protections are needed at every level. We campaign for non-discrimination measures on the basis of both gender identity and gender expression. We also fight for protections in all spheres of life. This ranges from employment and education to healthcare, and beyond.

We are working to get a strong commitment from the EU and the Council of Europe to fight discrimination against trans people. This helps ensure that all Member States adopt these protections.

We also collaborate with trans activists to strengthen protections at the national level.

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