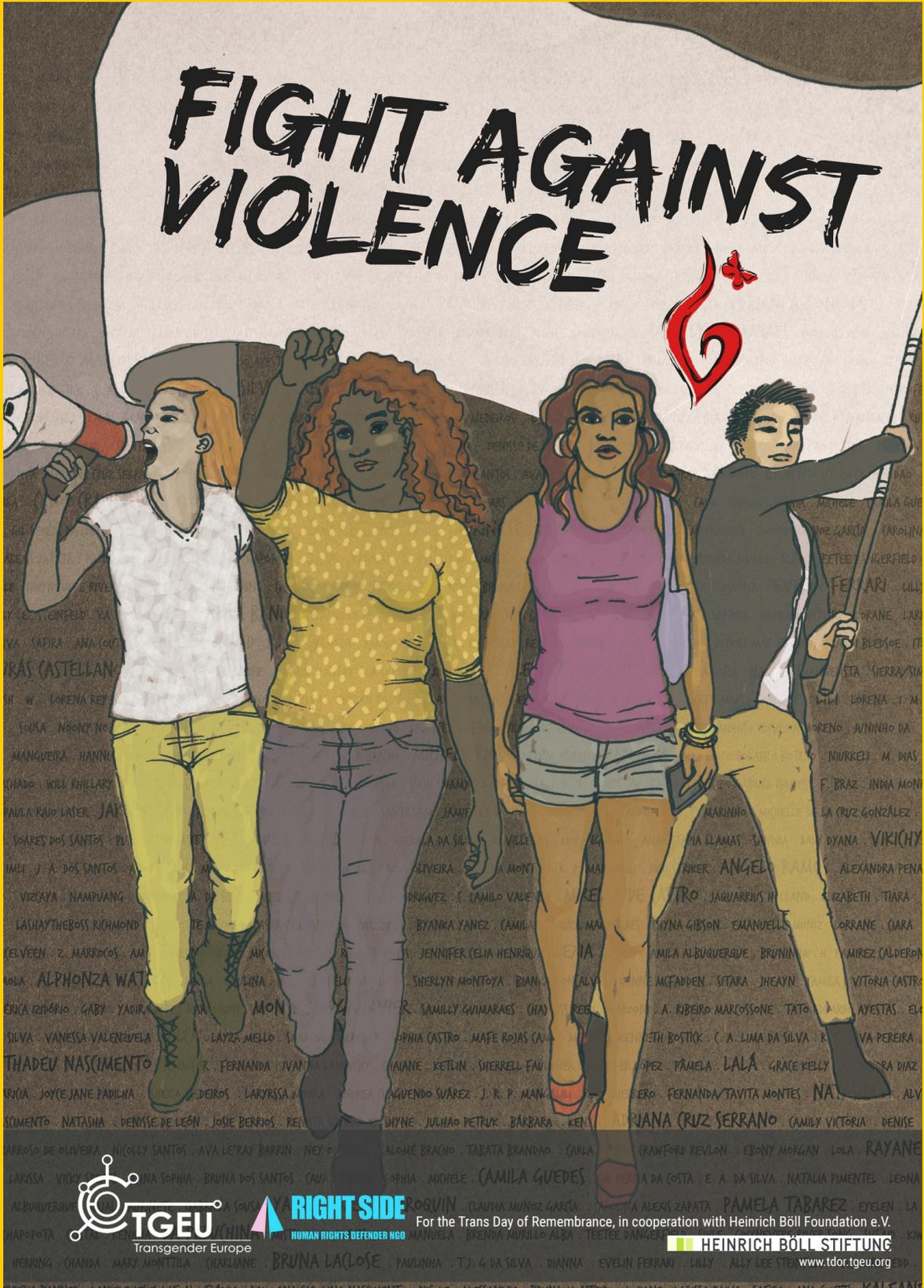


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President of "Right Side" NGO Lilit Martirosyan's review



For “Right Side” human rights defender NGO, raising and solving the problems of trans community is the main task. The Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDoR), also known as the International Transgender Day of Remembrance, is observed annually on November 20 as a day to memorialize those who have been murdered as a result of transphobia and to draw attention to the continued violence endured by the transgender community

“Right Side” human rights defender NGO’s commemorated all the transg people lost to violence in Gyumri, Vanadzor, Dilijan, Yerevan and Tbilisi by organizing candlelight and lounchin a video campaign In Armenia trans people are victims of pressure, violence and hate. And for that reason, we work with the society to decrease hate, violence and discrimination towards trans people.

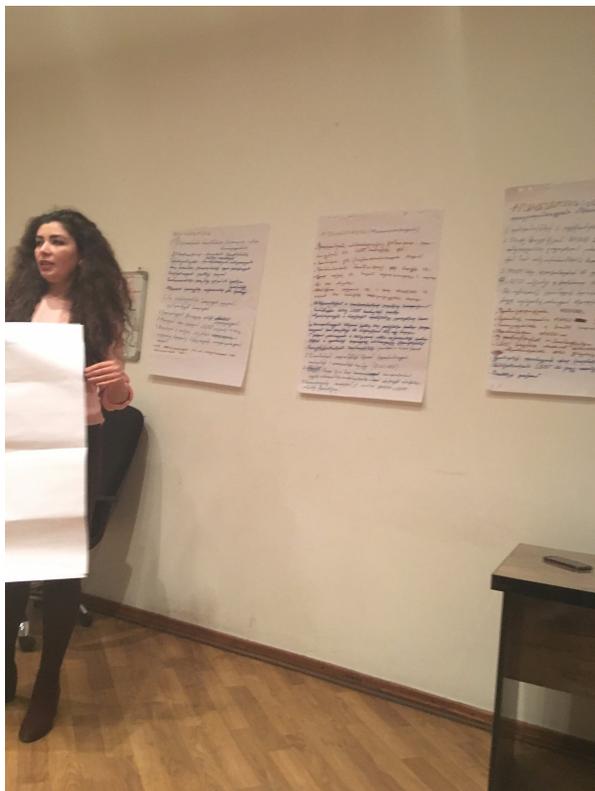
November was full of achievements for us, our staff members participated in the “Gender Academy”, we had a number of events in our safe and secure community center, and many other things.

President of "Right Side" Human Rights Defender NGO
Lilit Martirosyan

Trans need assessment in healthcare

On November 3rd, CCM “Community involvement, human rights, gender equality” work group coordinator Mariam Muradyan, , organized a Focus Group on the needs and capacity of the community in response to HIV/AIDS, in “Right Side” human rights defender NGO’s community center. Community representatives discussed various problems, which exist in the community, and tried to find the solutions.

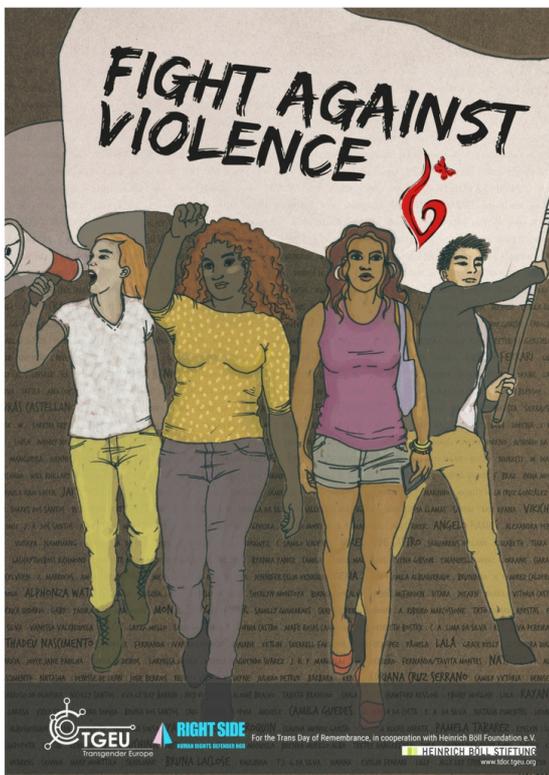
Also discussed the importance of collaboration with the Governmental bodies, the involvement of the community in NGOs, and the importance of the NGOs and their activities for the community.





Week of remembrance in November

"Right Side" Human Rights Defender NGO is looking forward to Transgender Day Of Remembrance and announced that a week from November 16 is a Trans Memorial Week



November 2017
Trans Remembrance Week

- 16/11/17/ Candlelight in Gyumri and Vanadzor
- 17/11/17/ TDoR Workshop - Discussion - Meeting with the community and NGO representatives at " Right Side " Human Rights defender ngo's community center
- 18/11/17/ Candlelight in Yerevan
- 19/11/17/ Opening a social photo campaign and publishing candle lighting photos with #TransArmenia #TDoR17 #RightSideNGO hashtags
- 21/11/17 Social Photo Campaign Summary
- 29/11/17 Press conference at 13:00

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Social advertisement to stop violence and discrimination against trans people

"Right Side" Human Rights Defender NGO made a social advertisement video campaign dedicated to Transgender day of remembrance.

Video tells 3 different stories of 3 different people who has the same gender identity.

They live in our society, they study and work with us, but they face hate, discrimination and violence every day.

The aim of this video is to raise trans people's problems in our society, to stop the violence, discrimination and hate against trans people in Armenia.

This video was made in memory of victims of anti- trans violence.

Raise your hand for equality, put an end to violence!

Link to the video

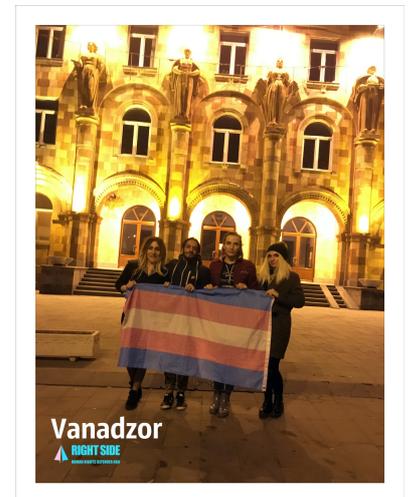
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Candlelight in Gyumri, Vanadzor, Dilijan, Yerevan and in Tbilisi

In the framework of the transgender day of remembrance, which is November 20th, we organized candlelights, and waved the trans flag proudly, in Armenia, particularly, in Gyumri, Vanadzor, Dilijan, Yerevan, and in Tbilisi as well, to respect and remember those who were victim of anti-trans violence



"Gender Academy"



From 19th to 22nd of November, "Right Side" human rights defender NGO's representatives were in Tbilisi, Georgia, to participate in "gender academy" training, which was organized by Alliance for Public Health, European key populations health network and Robert Carr foundations. There were participants from different countries, such as, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Belarus, Russia, Ukraine and Moldova. President and founder of "Right Side" human rights defender NGO Lilit Martirosyan, makeup artist of the NGO Monica Sarkisyan, and Public relations and communications officer - Vrezh Varzhapetyan presented Armenia and "Right Side" human rights defender NGO. Trainers of the seminar, Karen Badalyan and Marina Varban trained participants about, gender, gender identity, age specifications of gender, etc.



The seven winners of the Frida and Edita Sisters awards are

1. Armenia - Lilit MARTIROSYAN
2. Belarus - Valiantsina KASYKH
3. Georgia - Tamar GAKHOKIDZE
4. Azerbaijan - Vusala HAGVERDIYEVA
5. Moldova - Alexei LEORDA
6. Russia - Svetlana TSUKANOVA
7. Ukraine - Vera VARYGA

The Frida and Edita Sisters is a reward that is developed by the Eurasian Key Populations Health Network (EKHN) and is intended for leadership in the field of social activism that improves the quality of life of sex workers, drug users, MSM's, trans people and inspire other people to engage in activism



Events of November at "Right Side" Human Rights Defender NGO

"Club of confidence" - 3 times

Make up courses - 13 times

Sewing courses - 13 times

Legal Clubs - 2 times

Legal consultations - 4 times

"Queer and Proud" Club - 2 times

"Cinema" Clubs - 2 times

**TOTAL NUMBER OF THE
PARTICIPANTS - 53**

