

NEWSLETTER  
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**RIGHT SIDE**

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER NGO



# I AM FEARLESS

## Video

On the occasion of the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia "Right Side" human rights defender NGO created a video, which shows the public acceptance of trans people and tells personal stories of trans activists who overcame challenges that they faced and became FEARLESS!

Armenian society is very transphobic, which is depicted in the video.



Unfortunately bullying and violence against Trans people and the level of aggression is raising every day.



Trans people are more vulnerable, and are discriminated in every aspect of their life.



Trans activists and trans people in general have the courage to say **I AM FEARLESS**

You can watch the full video by clicking **HERE**



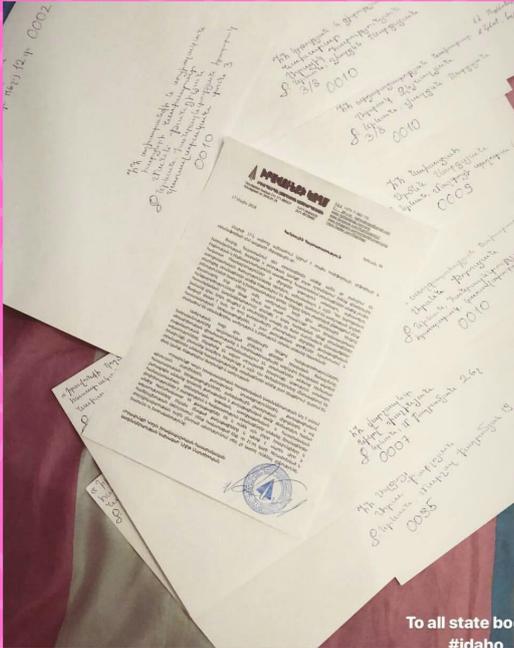
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## Public Statement

The social ad "I am Fearless" was one of the events done on IDAHOBIT 2018. I am Fearless was a social campaign which included the video, I AM FEARLESS poster, a public statement and a Live Facebook Q&A with Lilit Martirosyan



“Right Side” human rights defender NGO urged to all state bodies, political parties, civil society representatives, mass media and other interested parties to show civic and political will to undertake appropriate legal, social, educational and healthcare reforms to ensure the well-being and equality of trans people. Trans people are equal citizens of Armenia, and they have all the rights and freedoms as other citizens. Trans people should live in an environment of love and solidarity. We believe that in a country, which went through a revolution and is on the paths of democracy, there is no place for stigma, hate and discrimination. You can read full statement:

[HERE](#)



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## Live Facebook Q&A



On the occasion of IDAHOBiT 2018, 'Right Side' human rights defender NGO organized a live Facebook Q&A with 'Right Side' human rights defender NGO president Lilit Martirosyan.

A lot of questions were asked, ranging from healthcare accessibility of trans community to education of trans community. The Q&A was almost an hour long.

The main topics of the Q&A were:

- Access to healthcare of trans community;
- Access to education of trans community;
- Employment of trans community;
- Specific needs of trans sex worker community;
- Future plans of the organization.

The full video is available in Armenian language and it can be watched [HERE](#)

# EVENTS IN MAY

Overall in May we had **106 beneficiaries**, they visited our community center for different services such as, social and legal services or to attend different courses and other non formal educational events. Our events in May included:

- a movie screening "The Suffragette"
- 2 discussions ("Trans people and feminism" "LGBT movement in art")
- 12 make-up and sewing classes

We are proud to announce that make-up and sewing courses restarted in our community center. The length of one course is 3 months. There are 5 people involved in each course.



"Right Side" human rights defender NGO organized "Feminist Week" in the community center of the organization. The events for the week were, a movie screening, "Trans people and Feminism" discussion.



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# EVENTS IN MAY

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Last month our hotline service received 11 calls, and all callers received legal consultation. Beside that our lawyer provided 15 free legal consultations to our beneficiaries.



Last month "Right Side" human rights defender NGO organized two needs assessment for trans community. more than 10 community members participated in these events. The needs assessment in our community center are not an unusual thing, we organize these kind of events every month. As a community based trans organization we are obligated to asses the needs of our community. The main disscussed topics of this month's needs assessments were:

- Accessibility to healthcare services;
- Accessibility to condoms, lubricants;
- Specific needs of trans sex workers;
- Safety and Security;

# EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIONS



On the occasion of the International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia (IDAHOBiT), Ambassador of The United Kingdom to Armenia Judith Farnworth invited the president and community manager of "Right Side" human rights defender NGO. Lilit Martirosyan and Vrezh Varzhapetyan participated in the meeting and discuss the events of the IDAHOBiT, the issues of the trans community and the ways to resolve these issues. We are thankful Judith Farnworth for her solidarity to our communiyt.



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The president of "Right Side" human rights NGO Lilit Martirosyan participated in the 2nd regional consultation on HIV among MSM and trans people in Eastern Europe and Central Asia organized by Eurasian Coalition on Male Health - ECOM in Tbilisi, Georgia, from May 31st to June 1st. There were almost 100 representatives from the region, mostly from organizations representing MSM and trans people.

Various strategically important topics were discussed during the consultation, such as, accessibility of HIV services among MSM and trans people, HIV and trans people, well-being of LGBT people in different countries. The president of "Right Side" human rights defender NGO Lilit Martirosyan presented the issues of trans community in Armenia, and public healthcare situation in Armenia.





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