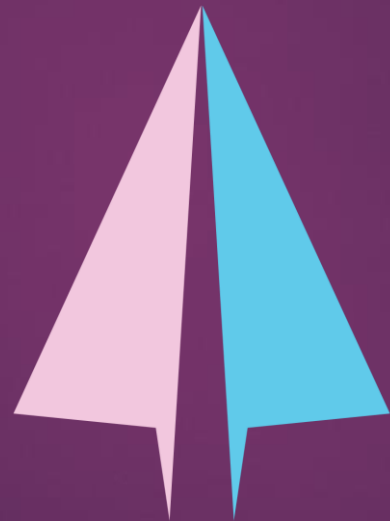


Annual Programmatic Report 2017



RIGHT SIDE
HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER NGO

Paid Staff In 2017

- ▶ 1 Director
- ▶ 1 Financial manager
- ▶ 1 Project assistant
- ▶ 1 Community Programs officer
- ▶ 1 Programs and Policy officer
- ▶ 1 PR& communication officer
- ▶ 1 Lawyer
- ▶ 1 Make up teacher
- ▶ 1 Sewing Teacher

Safe Home

Project Home Safe Home, the first safe space for Trans community members. The project provided relief from the daily prejudice, threats, harassment, attacks and discrimination the trans community faces. In the safe home project offered psychological and legal counseling, as well assistance from social workers. Also, informal educational training sessions were organized, covering a wide range of topics, including sexuality and safe sex. Various clubs offer courses, such as English language for beginners, physical and mental health, career and entrepreneurship development.

Documentation of hate crime cases against trans people

The project aimed at enhancing transgender individuals' human rights protection in Armenia through fact-finding and evidence based advocacy. This project is going to collect first ever data exclusively focused on hate crimes, violence and discrimination faced by transgender community in Armenia, creating a comprehensive and consistent data collection mechanism in Armenian on hate crime cases and incidents documentation.

Advancing gender equality and human rights protection of transgender people in Armenia

The project is dedicated to advance equality for transgender people in Armenia by promoting and establishing income-generating activities in parallel to raising awareness about human rights among the community.

- ▶ Vocational trainings
- ▶ Legal support
- ▶ Community empowerment
- ▶ Campaigning

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7qOSZUX76Zk>

Improving access of trans community to healthcare and legal services in Armenia

This project is designed to assess the needs of trans and especially trans sex workers in the public areas such as health and legal protection, develop a national advocacy and strategic plan for enabling trans inclusive legal environment for trans people to address their needs correctly and tackle discrimination, crime and phobia against them.

Our love is real

Photo project “Our Love Is Real” tried to convey that transgender, androgynous and other non-binary people are not somewhere far away, but nearby, in Armenia and to show the public that, despite the sexual orientation and gender identity of a person, everyone is equal, and everyone can love each other. Non cisgender people became the main heroes of the photos in the background of the picturesque regions of Armenia: as the Matenadaran, Republic Square, Complex after Karen Demirchyan the Opera House, the pagan temple of Garni, Grigor Lusavorich Church, Zvartnots Temple and Cascade and other places.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1vJjqc6uVk>

Improving legal protection of transgender people in Armenia

This project is designed to establish a hotline support of the victims of transphobic violence. Thanks to the project will be that for seven months, trans people in Armenia will be able to get legal counsellings and their rights are represented in the courts, police, or other state bodies.

- ▶ To maintain a 24/7 hotline service for legal support for transgender people for seven months
- ▶ To document the cases of transphobic violence to do legal representations for victims for seven months
- ▶ To sustain the safe space (community center) for trans people with dedicated legal counseling room

Events and activities

Club of confidence- 48

Legal club- 32

Social movies discussion - 16

Queer and Proud- 7

Voice feminization- 8

SOGIE-7

Well being – 4

Trans camp- 1

Workshop with public officials – 1

**Advocacy and strategic planning
workshop - 1**

Security planning workshop-1

Beneficiaries

Club of confidence- 223

Legal club- 176

Social movies discussion - 72

Queer and Proud- 64

Voice feminization- 39

SOGIE Club- 56

Make up courses – 5

Sewing courses - 5

Well being – 28

Trans camp- 24

Workshop with public officials – 14

Advocacy and strategic planning workshop - 12

Security planning workshop-15

NUMBERS

People reached for services in 2017

733

Visits to community center in 2017

1236

Success stories

- ▶ Administrative changes regarding legal name changes
- ▶ 8 legal name changes
- ▶ 5 assisted for GRS (2 FTM, 3 MTF)
- ▶ 5 cases taken to the court
- ▶ 62 legal representations in police and state bodies
- ▶ 3 campaigns on trans rights

Challenges

- ▶ **Internal transphobia**
- ▶ **Attempts to isolate trans activists**
- ▶ **Online and offline hate speech**
- ▶ **Physical attacks on activists**
- ▶ **Naira Nahapetyan's Case**
- ▶ **Discrimination**

Plans for 2018

- ▶ **Training for media**
- ▶ **Guidelines for Media**
- ▶ **3 Campaigns**
- ▶ **2nd trans camp**
- ▶ **Hotline and legal representation**
- ▶ **Make up, sewing, IT and Cooking courses**
- ▶ **Report on hate crime cases**
- ▶ **Strategic and advocacy plan**

Networking

- ▶ IGLYO
- ▶ TGEU
- ▶ ILGA-Europe
- ▶ EKHN

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