

# TRANSGENDER PEOPLE



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# have the RIGHT to HUMAN RIGHTS

The idea that all people have certain rights—among them, the right to freedom, dignity, self-expression, and the basic necessities of life—is fundamental to our understanding of the world as modern people. It is a radical idea in the history of the world but also critical to finding our way past the violence and injustices that continue to plague the human community.

Transgender people also claim these rights as our own. We have the right to be included in discussions of human rights and to have the special issues of gender identity addressed as human rights concerns. We must be included in conversations and actions that seek to further the cause of human rights and strengthen the protections offered to all people. We claim that we, too, have a place at the table. This also means that we as a community must do all that we can to include others, to be sure that the human rights of all people are protected and valued. By claiming human rights for all people, we create a safer, freer and better world for all of us.

*See United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights.*

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