

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE



NATIONAL CENTER for
TRANSGENDER EQUALITY

have the
RIGHT to

SELF-EXPRESSION

The right to be ourselves—it is vital for transgender people. We believe that all people have the right to express their gender, in all of the ways that they may experience it, through their clothing, their appearance, their internal thoughts and feelings, and in their bodies. Other people cannot determine our genders for us; it is a unique dimension of who we are and who we know ourselves to be.

For too many years, alternate gender identities and expressions have been categorized as pathological, criminal, or deviant. But differences in gender expression are part of the range of human experiences and vary widely by culture.

We affirm the right of all people to express their personhood and their unique identities. We all have the right to say who we are in this world.

See United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights, Article 18-19

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