

Statement on Violence in Orlando

On behalf of the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto, we would like to offer our support, condolences, and solidarity to students and members of the community following the violence at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando. We offer our solidarity to all those around the world who continue to experience queerphobia and transphobia on their campuses, at their workplaces, in their communities and in all facets of their lives. We offer our respects to those we have lost.

We recognize and denounce the acts of queerphobia, transphobia and discrimination that happen everyday to members of our community at the University of Toronto and beyond. We recognize the disproportionate levels of queerphobic and transphobic violence that affect Black, Indigenous and people of colour communities. We also acknowledge and denounce any and all racist and Islamophobic narratives that may be used to inflict more imperial violence on members of our community and derail from the violent loss of life that has occurred.

We encourage members of the community to come together to mourn, to connect our struggles, and unite to resist this violence, and the intersecting realities of discrimination and oppression everywhere.

We honour the unity, strength, and power of our LGBTTIQQ2SA communities.

Today, and everyday we must continue to fight for safer communities and work to end violence against all queer and trans members of our community.

In solidarity, APUS

Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto Local 97 of the Canadian Federation of Students

Please join us:

Vigil for Pulse Night Club Tragedy June 14, 2016 | 9pm Front Campus / King's College Circle University of Toronto