



November 20, 2016

Trans Day of Remembrance

On November 20, we join communities across the continent in the recognition and honouring of friends, family members, and community members lost to transphobic violence.

We recognize and denounce the acts of transphobia and discrimination that happen everyday to members of our community at the University of Toronto and beyond. We recognize the disproportionate levels of transphobic violence that affect Black, Indigenous and people of colour communities, We must think about how transphobia intersects with racism, heteropatriarchy, classism, colonialism, ableism and other forms of oppression. We must centre the most marginalized members of our community and work to ensure their safety, dignity, and access.

As we recognize these realities, we must also think about how we can create open, accessible, and supportive campus and community spaces for trans* and non-binary students and community members. We must also create such spaces within our organizations. The lack of safety for trans* students on campus and trans-inclusive spaces, adequate university services and mental health supports remain challenges facing members of the trans* community. APUS as an organization commits to working on these barriers and we offer our solidarity to all those at the University of Toronto and around the world who continue to experience transphobia on campus, in their workplaces, in their communities and in all other facets of their lives.

We honour the resilience of trans* members and organizers of our community who continue to resist transphobic violence.

In solidarity,
APUS Executive Committee