

## Trans Day of Remembrance 2019

On November 20th, we join our campus community in the recognition and honouring of friends, family members, and community members lost to transphobic violence. This day is a reminder that transphobia has no place in our movements if we are dedicated to creating a better world for everyone.

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

As we recognize these realities, we must work to create accessible, and supportive campus and community spaces for Two Spirit, Trans and non-binary students and community members. The lack of safety for Two Spirit and 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 Two Spirit, Trans and non-binary members and organizers of our community who continue to resist transphobic violence.

In solidarity, APUS Executive Committee

## TDOR Campus Events:

- <u>St George Campus</u> (hosted by the Sexual and Gender Diversity Office)
- <u>Scarborough Campus</u> (hosted by SC:OUT with support from the EDI Office, SGDO and SCSU)

## **TDOR Community Events**

- TDOR: Sharing Circle and Medicine Making (hosted by the 519)
- TDOR Dinner, a feast for our hearts (November 22, hosted by Unit 2)