

AFFIRMING NEWS

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AlbertaTrans*org

AlbertaTrans*org is an information resource for and about transgender people in the province of Alberta.

It is an all encompassing website that educates folks on what it means to be transgender, how to transition in Alberta, legal information, medical professionals and resources! When I began my transition in early 2015, I had no support or information on how to transition or find help. This website was a huge resource for me personally and has helped thousands of trans folks & allies all over Alberta. If you or someone you know needs more information about gender dysphoria, hormones, gender confirmation surgery, resources and a list of medical professionals, this is your go to spot!

Question:

Why do we celebrate Transgender Day of Remembrance?

Answer:

TDOR has been observed annually on November 20 as a day to raise public awareness of hate crimes against transgender people, publicly mourns and honours the lives of those lost, and gives our allies a chance to step forward with us and stand in vigil, memorializing those of us who've died by transphobic violence.

Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil Service

Transgender Day of Remembrance was founded in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith, to memorialize the murder of Rita Hester, a transgender woman, in Allston, Massachusetts.

On November 20th, 2021, Affirming Ministries, in collaboration with Robertson-Wesley United Church, will be hosting an in-person and livestreamed Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil service to memorialize the 409 people who have been murdered as a result of transphobia.

You can tune into the live streamed event as well as find out more information by visiting the event on the Affirming Ministries Facebook Page!