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LIVERPOOL COMES OUT TO SUPPORT TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

A day of events are planned across Liverpool as the city lights up in support of Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) on Monday 20th November 2017.

Transgender Day of Remembrance is an annual event remembering those who have been killed or have taken their own lives due to transphobic violence or discrimination. In 2016 this list included 295 names. Liverpool will be hosting a series of events on the day, culminating with the TDOR Vigil in the evening.

TDOR is on the last day of Trans Awareness Week, which runs 14th to 20th November.

The **Transgender Day of Remembrance vigil** will be held at Exchange Station, Tithebarn Street, at 6pm on Monday 20th November 2017.

This years vigil will include speakers from across the community and culminate in a candle lit vigil to remember some of the countless lives lost. The event is free and everyone is welcome to attend, however parents are advised that due to this being a memorial event, some content may be unsuitable for young children. Refreshments will be provided.

Liverpool Lights up for TDOR

In a show of solidarity with the trans community Everton Football Club, St Georges Hall, Merseyside Police, Liverpool One, Merseytravel, LJMU, John Lennon Airport and Lime Street Station are among those who will light the skyline of Liverpool with the pink, blue and white colours of the transgender flag.

Sophie Green, from the TDOR Committee said “While it is fair to say that rights, representation and visibility for transgender people has improved for some in recent years, there’s still a huge way to go to achieve equality. With few rights or access to healthcare,

trans communities are vulnerable, and across the world transgender people are being murdered at an alarming rate.

A survey by Pace found a staggering 48% of young transgender people in the UK have attempted suicide. It's important to have a space where the community can memorialise these lives lost whilst coming together to raise awareness on the issues facing trans people, and building strong allies with the wider community.”

Alongside the vigil in the evening the **Museum of Liverpool** will be hosting a moment's silence and short wreath laying service at 2pm, followed by complimentary teas and coffees for all attendees. Everyone is welcome.

Proceeding this, at 1pm, the Museum will also host a tour of Tales From the City; an exhibition of stories, objects and memories from Liverpool's LGBT+ community. The tour will pay particular attention to the trans testimonials and archives contained within it.

At 4pm **Liverpool Town Hall** will be hosting their 4th annual transgender flag raising event. There will be a reception with the Lord Mayor of Liverpool followed by flag raising ceremony at dusk.

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Links

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[Liverpool TDOR Vigil Event Page](#)

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Liverpool One Lights up for TDOR 2017



Liverpool Town Hall flying the trans flag Nov 20th 2016

NOTES TO EDITOR

Transgender is a term for anyone whose gender identity or gender expression does not conform to the sex or gender they were assigned at birth. There are many gender identities which fall under the transgender (or trans) umbrella which include trans women, trans men, Genderqueer and non-binary people.

Transgender people experience high levels of discrimination in the workplace, in education, housing, healthcare, via legal system and in their own families. Discrimination trans people face day-to-day ranges from social isolation, name calling, physical assault and in some cases murder. Figures from the home office show a 54% increase in transgender hate crime.

About Trans Day of Remembrance

Transgender Day of Remembrance, which occurs annually on November 20, is a day to commemorate those who have been murdered as a result of transphobia and to bring attention to the continued violence endured by the transgender community.

The Transgender Day of Remembrance was founded in 1999 by Gwendolyn Ann Smith, a trans woman who is a graphic designer, columnist, and activist, to memorialize the murder of Rita Hester in Allston, Massachusetts. Since its inception, TDoR has been held annually on November 20, and it has slowly evolved from the web-based project started by Smith into an international day of action. In 2010, TDoR was observed in over 185 cities throughout more than 20 countries.

Typically, a TDoR memorial includes a reading of the names of those who lost their lives during the previous year, and may include other actions, such as candlelight vigils, art shows, food drives, film screenings, and marches... The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) has extensively covered TDoR. GLAAD has interviewed numerous transgender advocates (including actress Candis Cayne), profiled an event at the New York City LGBT Community Centre, and discussed media coverage of TDoR.