



International Day of Action for Trans Depathologization 2012: More than 100 Actions Worldwide

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On October 20, 2012, International Day of Action for Trans Depathologization, actions for trans depathologization took place in different regions worldwide, within the annual call of action of STP 2012, International Campaign Stop Trans Pathologization.

Specifically, this 'Trans October' included over 100 activities in 48 cities of different continents, organized by more than 80 activist groups and organizations. Furthermore, to date more than 350 groups, networks and organizations from Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America and Oceania, as well as numerous individuals, have declared their support for SP 2012.

STP 2012 demands the removal of the diagnostic categories 'Gender Identity Disorder' and 'Transvestic Fetishism' / 'Fetishistic Transvestism' from the DSM (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders) published by the American Psychiatric Association, and from the ICD (International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems), edited by the WHO, World Health Organization. Furthermore, this campaign calls for state-funded coverage of trans health care, as well as the substitution of the current evaluation model for accessing trans-specific treatments, for an approach based on autonomy and informed decision making. With the aim of facilitating state-funded coverage, STP 2012 proposes the introduction of a non-pathologizing reference of trans health care in the ICD-11, as a health care process not based on illness or mental disorder. Furthermore, the International Campaign STP 2012 demands the removal of medical requirements from existing gender identity laws, as well as the approval of new gender recognition laws based on a depathologization and human rights perspective.

The activist movement for trans depathologization is in a decisive moment: the publication of the DSM-5 is planned for 2013, and the ICD revision process is currently in process, with the publication of the 11th version announced for 2015.

Over the past few years, the demand for trans depathologization has achieved an increasing recognition from activist networks, professional associations, governments, as well as international bodies. At the same time, trans people continue to be exposed to situations of



pathologization, psychiatrization, discrimination, social exclusion and transphobic violence. Finally, the current situation of economic crisis encloses new risks for a loss of citizenship rights and an increase of social inequalities.

For these reasons, the demands of STP 2012 and the activists groups from different world regions that participated in the International Day of Action for Trans Depathologization 2012 are more pressing than ever.

¡Stop Trans Pathologization!

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