Lives Remembered, Futures Reclaimed: A Time to Honor and Uplift Transgender People

Transgender Awareness Week 2025 includes Transgender Day of Remembrance (#TDOR) on November 20 plus Zero Transphobia events and more.

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Thursday, November 20, is Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) 2025, a time to honor transgender, nonbinary and gender-nonconforming people who have died as a result of anti-trans violence. This year's theme is "Lives Remembered, Futures Reclaimed."

In recent years, many organizations have expanded the annual observance day into a week of activities and awareness events that aim to educate the public about the challenges transgender people face, to honor advocates and to show solidarity with the trans community.

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To find events near you or that you can join virtually, search social media for the hashtags #TDOR or #ZEROTDOR or #ZeroTransphobia. Several samples and campaigns are posted throughout this article. A number of events will lead up to and follow TDOR.

Join us 11/18 at 1 p.m. ET for our 3rd annual webinar sharing our work to protect & advance transgender, gender-nonconforming, nonbinary, & intersex (TGNCNBI) rights. Tune in as we break down fast-moving developments & share the info you need to stay empowered. RSVP now: tinyurl.com/45tmvz56

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In 2019 the Latino Commission on AIDS launched the “Zero Transphobia” initiative and its Week of Action. (The similar “Zero Homophobia” campaign runs in May and aligns with the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia—#IDAHOBIT—marked May 17.) Although the events are tailored to the Latino community, they resonate across society at large.

One of the earliest events takes place Friday, November 14, in Houston, at the Montrose Center. Hosted by Trans Men Empowerment along with Zero Transphobia, the evening includes storytelling, art and a candlelight vigil.

On Sunday, November 16, from 2 p.m to 5 p.m. ET in Tampa, the Gender Advancement Project and Trans Masc of Tampa will host a networking and social mixer in commemoration of Transgender Awareness Week and TDOR.

On Saturday, November 22, SNAP! and Zero Transphobia will host a New Orleans TDOR event from 7:30 p.m to 11:30 p.m., at Courtyard Brewery, where people are encouraged to “laugh through your grief, give trans folx their flowers and dance into your power!”

On Sunday, November 23, in Atlanta, the Dreaming Justice Project will host “Living Art: The Trans Body” at 4:30 p.m ET. The gathering “centers Black and Latine trans and queer artists, healers and visionaries in a living gallery filled with color, rhythm and spirit. There will be body painting with models, music that moves through the room like a heartbeat and food and drinks made with love and intention. Everybody becomes art, every mark becomes a prayer, every moment becomes proof that we are still here, still alive and still dreaming together.”

A Transgender Day of Remembrance virtual event held Friday, November 21Courtesy of Latino Commission on AIDS

The biggest Zero Transphobia event is a virtual Zoom on Friday, November 21, at 1 p.m. ET, titled "¡Presente! A Collective TDOR Breath in Remembrance & Resistance." The invite reads:

In the face of increased transphobia and anti-immigrant sentiment, we invite you to a dedicated space for collective care and strategy. This webinar will serve as a virtual altar to honor the lives lost during TDOR and a community huddle to take a collective breath. We will gather to grieve, reflect, and discuss how we can collectively address transphobia within Latine communities moving forward. Your voice is essential in shaping the future of this work.



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HIV disproportionately affects both the trans and Latino communities. The Latino Commission on AIDS also spearheads the annual National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day, marked each October 15. For more background, see the POZ Basics on HIV and Transgender People and HIV and Latinos.

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For related news and inspiring stories in POZ and our sister publications, click #Transgender and #Latino. And be sure to check out the October/November issue of POZ. It includes the cover story “Staying Positive in Challenging Times,” which profiles transgender advocate Arianna Lint. Also in the issue is the feature “The Importance of AIDS in Modern Stories,” an interview with poet and writer Andrés N. Ordorica.

On Nov. 20, #TransDayofRemembrance, we gather to remember those who have passed and Give Them Their Flowers. GLAAD is honored to co-host a virtual event with @transequality.bsky.social: action.transequality.org/a/tdor-gathe...

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