

# We exist

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The "Right Side " human rights NGO in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice to make 6 renaming transgender persons

January-April 2017

January-April 788 beneficiary (Based on attendance sheets)

### January-April Events

<i>Sexuality and Transgender</i>	<i>Jun.14/24</i>
<i>Feminization of voice</i>	<i>Jun.28/ Feb.4</i>
<i>Of stage speech. actor's skill</i>	<i>Feb.4</i>
<i>Health and welfare</i>	<i>Feb.4/14/23/Mar.7/14/28</i>
<i>Performance with Max</i>	<i>Feb.16</i>
<i>Recycle</i>	<i>Mar.17</i>
<i>Body flexibility</i>	<i>Mar.24</i>
<i>My Rights</i>	<i>Apr.1/8/15</i>
<i>Security</i>	<i>Apr.4/6/7/13</i>
<i>End Gender</i>	<i>Apr.18</i>
<i>Music Quiz</i>	<i>Apr.20</i>
<i>Day of silence</i>	<i>Apr.21</i>
<i>Freedom of speech</i>	<i>Apr.21</i>
<i>Movie screening</i>	<i>Jun.17/Feb.5/21/Mar.16/23/Apr.6/25</i>



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HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER NGO

## *Who we are*

**“Rights Side” Human Rights Defender NGO was founded in 2016 by trans activists. “Rights Side” is the first and the only NGO in Armenia that is run by and for trans community.**



## *Values*

### **Organization’s adopted values**

- 1. We acknowledge, accept and prioritize diversity, equality, humanism, social justice and universal values.**
- 2. We recognize and respect fundamental human values, in particular emphasising on equality and elimination of discrimination.**
- 3. We promote active citizenship, human rights and democratic values among the LGBT community Armenian society in general.**
- 4. We encourage solidarity towards other discriminated groups, civil society movements which aimed at achieving full democracy in our country.**

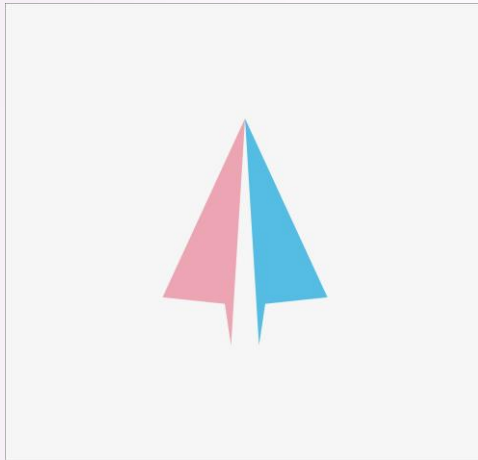


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# *Vision*

**“Rights Side” NGO’s vision is to create a society respecting the gender diversity where trans people have equal rights, live safe, healthy lives and are equally involved in all spheres of life regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.**



# *Mission*

**Our mission is to create an egalitarian society and a strong trans community, providing health, educational, social, psychological and legal services to the trans community, raising their visibility in society and enhancing the protection of the rights of trans people.**

**“Rights Side” NGO, in cooperation with a number of other initiatives is providing a safe space to the trans community where the community gets an opportunity to self-education, free and unconstrained self expression and protection by attending to various social, psychological, legal, informational, and educational events organized by staff members, volunteers and experts.**



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## *Welcome to our “Safe Home”*

On January 25 2017 “Right Side” human rights defender NGO celebrated its first year anniversary and officially opened doors of its “Safe Home” with support of Planetromeo fund.

Lilit, the head of the NGO presented to the event’s participants the work that had been done and events that had been organized by the NGO during past year and also talked about new programs the NGO will realize in the coming year. LGBT community members will have opportunity to attend different trainings, workshops, classes, where they will gain various skills. The participants had a chance to meet current members, volunteers and those who will be joining the team in near future. They shared their feelings as well as those present shared their impressions.

“Right Side” human rights defender NGO is always ready to help and support transgender (LGBTQI+) people of the Republic of Armenia providing legal, psychological counseling and other assistance, as well as a safe space in the “Safe Home”





In 4th, 6th, 9th and 13th of april 2017, at "Right Side" NGO took place a "*Security*" seminar for staff and beneficiaries which hosted, Mamikon Hovsepyan and Heghine Babayan. At the seminar they have spoken about security, self-defense, and NGO's security.

In 1st, 8th, 15th of april 2017, at the NGO occurred series of "*My rights*" seminars which hosted NGO's lawyer. At the seminar they talked about human rights.



### *"End Gender"*

On 18 April 2017 at the "Right Side" Human Rights Defender took place interactive meeting.

The guest speaker of event was Alok Vaid-Menon who is a performance artist, writer and educator. For the past decade Alok has worked with feminist, queer, and trans movements across the world. Their work has been internationally recognised.

The event was in English but by joint efforts translation was ensured. Alok's visit was organized by group of Armenian, Georgian, TurkmenaKazakh and American feminists. During the meeting we discuse Gender as a term and gender steretypes. Alok sherd their personal stories, prolems conected with LGBT and feminist people and why they hate gender.



# Award Ceremony

The “Right Side” Human Rights Defender NGO would like to present to you the Awards Ceremony took office on April 15, 2017.

The award ceremony took place at 16: 00 pm and was attended by about 20 participants. NGO awarded 7 Acknowledgment of the most active volunteers.

Mayranush Davtyan was awarded a prize for the invaluable contribution of the NGO establishment, Sevak Sofik Kirakosyan line joined us because of being absent from the country, and won a prize NGO for promoting psychological harmony of the community, Agnes Blow for NGO as best regional volunteer Dina Ghazarian for NGO actively participate in local events, Eliza Avetisyan for actively participate in the activities of the NGO, Harik Alex Mkrtyumyan and Edgar Zatikyan for active participation in the activities of the NGO. The participants were very excited about the ceremony, they were pleased to congratulate each other.

Now the award ceremony will be held once every three months and will be attended by the volunteers who contribute to the organization's activities and empowerment..



On 20 April 2017 at the “Right Side” Human Rights Defender took place *music quiz* with Sergey.

. Three best participants were selected by Sergey, Those who were in the first place, Max was awarded a prize, and others positive emotions.



On 20 April 2017 at the “Right Side” Human Rights Defender took place *discussion*, and organizer is Mayranush Davtyan. The topics of discussion were: Individual, total frames, cooperation, reciprocity, merit. procedure and criteria, confidence. social capital. Free discussion took place, each shared his thoughts and issues.





# *Workshop on “Transition processes of HIV and Tuberculosis Programs from Global Fund Financing to Public Funding in Armenia and Possibilities of Civil Society’s Influence on Them*

A two-day workshop on “Transition processes of HIV and Tuberculosis Programs from Global Fund Financing to Public Funding in Armenia and Possibilities of Civil Society’s Influence on Them” started in Yerevan city, on February 27, 2017. From “Right Side “ NGO presenter was Eliza Avetisyan. The meeting was organized by Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN) within the framework of Global Fund’s Community, Rights and Gender Technical Assistance Program implementation with the support of CCM secretariat.

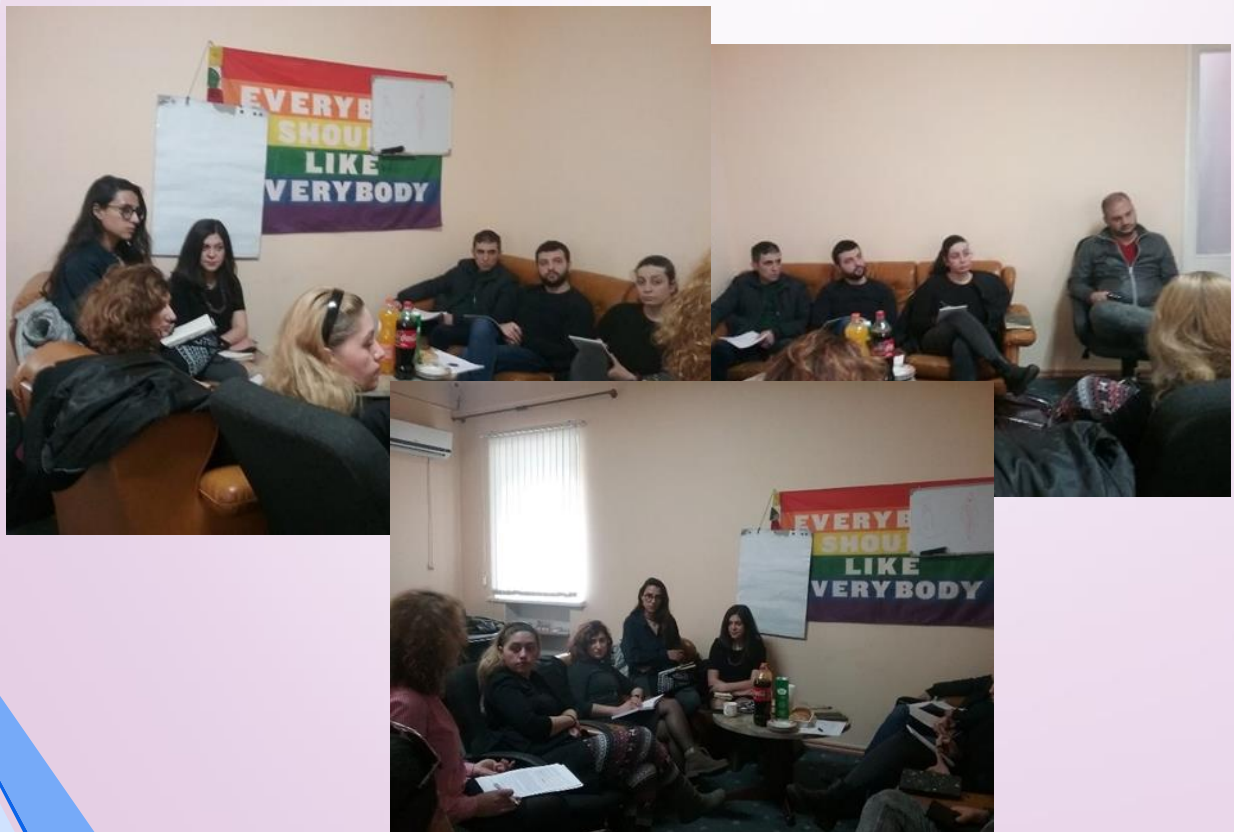
Representatives of civil society and communities of Armenia that are not indifferent to the given processes and issues of ensuring the sustainability of HIV/TB programs targeting key vulnerable groups, took part in the meeting.





# *Crimes on the basis of hatred and other offenses made against transgender individuals in Armenia*

Were made 2 meetings by this topic at March 17th and March 27th with trans community and with some social foundations. These social foundations were New Generation "NG", Pink Armenia "Public Information And Need Of Knowledge", Society Without Violence, WFCV, Common Path and Woman's Resource Center Of Yerevan.

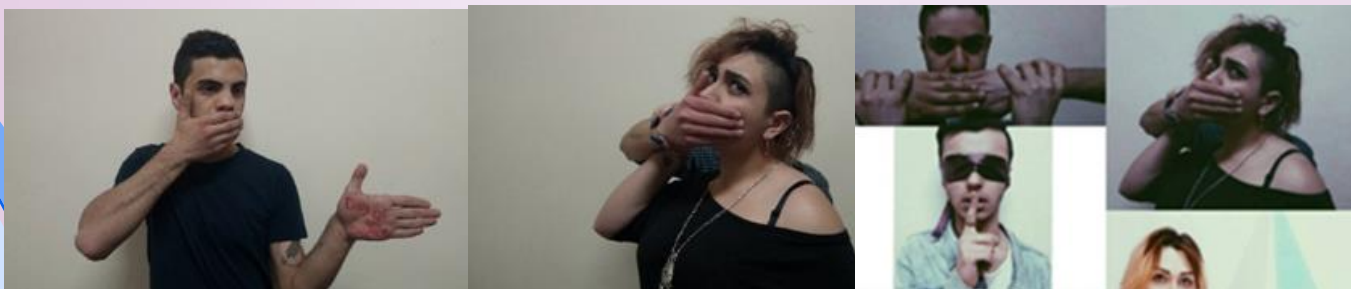


## March 31 International Transgender Day of Visibility at “Right Side” NGO.



Today April 21 is the Day of Silence. It is an annual international campaign against bullying and harassment against LGBT students and pupils. It was first carried out by the US GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network's) in 1996.

Bullying is an act of repeated physical and/or psychological pressure towards another person. It can cause a number of negative consequences such as complexes, loss of interest towards classes, school and university, fear of society and even suicidal thoughts and suicide attempts.



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*The "Right Side" human rights NGO has conducted a number of courses.*

The aim of the course is to provide information about human rights and responsibilities. To inform participants of the course, if we have a legal right to resolve the problem and how it can be applied to bodies. The following topics are training courses held in coordination with the choice of the theme of the NGO beneficiaries. The courses were held in very active discussions and question and answer method.



25.03.2017 conducted training on human rights. The Dsaentatsi introduced the concept of human rights, general information about the European Convention on Human Rights. General information submitted to the European Court of Human Rights, apply to the court order, terms of who can be a plaintiff and, with some exceptions designed to appeal to the court.



02.04.2017 In conducted a course on politics and civil activism. During the training participants were introduced to Armenia's law on freedom of information in general about the peaceful nature of the demonstrations the police actions. As well as the order of the Yerevan Municipality knowledge of peaceful assembly, unlawful assembly and aware of the information that was presented to the rights and obligations of the participants, rights and duties of the police. The course was presented to the participants examined the cases of violation of rights and RA Administrative Court on Judgments.



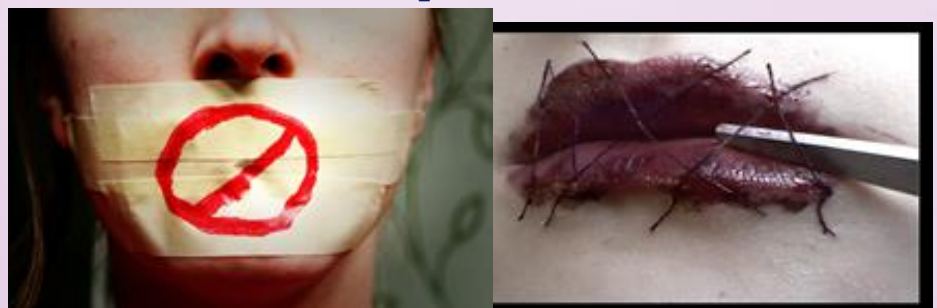
08.04.2017 were made a training "Drug use in Armenia" topic. During the course of the drug provided by the articles of the Law on Administrative Offenses and Armenia's Criminal Code. As well as the legal consequences of drug use, storage, handling, processing, dissemination, drug trafficking, penalties and penalty rates, etc.



15.04.2017 In conducted a training on domestic violence. During the course of the notion of domestic violence, its forms, general information on the RA draft law on domestic violence. Presented general information about the criminal cases of domestic violence, etc.



22 April 2017 Freedom of Speech. During the seminar participants talked about the differences between freedom of speech and discrimination. Participants spoke out about various issues, conflicts, and shared their opinions regarding the freedom of speech.



# *The “Right Side” NGO is a member of*

The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Youth and Student Organisation (IGLYO) is an international LGBT organisation that was created in 1984 as a reaction to the need for better cooperation among regional, local and national LGBTQ youth and student organisations. IGLYO is a membership-based umbrella organisation that aims to empower and enable its members to ensure representation of LGBTQ youth and student issues. IGLYO advocates on behalf of members to international bodies, institutions and other organisations.



Transgender Europe (TGEU) is a network of different organizations of transgender, transsexual, gender variant and other like-minded people to combat discrimination and support trans people rights. It was founded in 2005 in Vienna during the 1st European Transgender Council as "European Transgender Network" and it is currently a registered NGO as "Transgender Europe“



ILGA-Europe - the European Region of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA) is an international non-governmental umbrella organization.

