



## TPATH in March

### **Communication**

TPATH has a number of different communication platforms, including [Facebook](#), a [Google Listserv](#), and the website [forums](#). The Facebook group in particular is now almost 450 members! All of these platforms require individual registration, which is open only to trans and/or intersex identified folks. Please feel welcome to add friends and co-workers to the Facebook group, but remind them to answer the membership questions, as they cannot be approved until they do so.

### **Organization**

We have made good progress on creating a proposed document to formalize and guide our organizational structure. We hope to discuss this and other issues at an upcoming online meeting of the general membership. Stay tuned for an announcement of this.

### **Leadership**

Please welcome Trudie Jackson to the [TPATH Leadership Team](#). Trudie comes to us from the Navajo Nation and Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is a 1st year doctoral student in [American Studies at the University of New Mexico](#), where she conducts research into the impact of settler colonialism, capitalism, homonationalism, and Christianity on the Two Spirit people. Currently her research focuses on American Indian transgender women in survival sex in urban areas. Trudie's passion is social justice and advocacy for underrepresented communities of color.

### **Planning for Buenos Aires**

TPATH continues to work hard on organizing for the upcoming WPATH [conference](#) in Buenos Aires (Nov 2-6, 2018).

- **Hotels**

We are happy to announce that we have identified a few alternative hotels to the official conference hotel, which is expected to be in the \$200/night range. It is our hope that this will be a more affordable option and will allow us to be in the same spaces, away from the larger conference. TPATH can't make any guarantees about these hotels, but the reviews are good and present them as basic and clean.

1. Located in the Retiro neighbourhood, the [Feir's Park Hotel](#) is a short 29 min by transit and 32 min walking from the WPATH [conference site](#). Prices vary, with the website listing them as upwards of \$120 USD/night. However, [Priceline](#) has it at \$80 USD/night and a close reading will reveal that the ['blind'](#) deal lists it as \$68 USD/night. The hotel itself includes an airport shuttle, wifi, fitness centre, pool, and restaurant on site. The site also has elevators and should be relatively accessible.
2. Several TPATH members have also booked rooms at the [Anselmo Buenos Aires](#), which is located in the San Telmo neighbourhood, and about 31 minutes walking and 25 minutes by transit from the conference site. Rooms start at \$124 USD/night (with

Hilton Honors membership), but may be found cheaper on discount booking sites. The hotel includes wifi, fitness room, and a bar area. It is also quite accessible, with a full accessibility [audit](#).

3. There are also a number of very affordable [hostels](#) in Buenos Aires, with what appears to be an average price of \$15/night.

- **Scholarships**

We are in the process of applying for grant funding for conference attendance scholarships and are also looking to launch a crowdfunding campaign to raise funds. These scholarships will be open to all TPATH members with a financial need, but will prioritize individuals that are particularly marginalized, including (but not limited to) those who are racialized, (dis)abled, sex workers, and/or from the Global South.

### **Volunteering**

If you are interested in volunteering or sharing knowledge with TPATH in these, or any other roles, please send us a [note](#).

- **TPATH Leadership**

We are actively recruiting folks from the Global South to take on a [leadership](#) role. Commitment is flexible and takes place primarily online.

- **Newsletter**

If you have design skills and/or an interest in writing we'd love to have your help.

- **Fundraising**

We are looking for a few good fundraisers to help us identify and apply for grants.

## **What's up with the PATHs?**

### **WPATH**

- **WPATH Buenos Aires 2018**

Abstract [submissions](#) for oral, poster presentations, and mini-symposia are due by March 9, 2018. The format has changed from previous conferences, so please be sure to check out the instructions before submitting. The various TPATH communication platforms are a good place to discuss possible collaborations.

- **Standards of Care 8**

Chapter Leads have now been [announced](#) and workgroup members and stakeholders will be announced shortly.

- **Becoming a Member**

Becoming a [member](#) of WPATH appears to no longer requires sponsorship from a full member. Please let us know if you experience any problems with this.

### **USPATH**

- The elected representatives and Steering Committee are working to finalize the election process for the remaining board members.