



TPATH in November

TPATH is honored to have signed on to the Sampoorna Working Group's statement against the Indian Government's proposed [Transgender Persons \(Protection of Rights\) Bill 2016](#). This bill fails to enshrine protection for self-identified gender, proposes gender recognition be certified through physical examinations by District Screening Committees, and criminalizes begging, putting vulnerable trans and intersex people at further risk. Please consider [signing](#) on as an individual or organization. Deadlines are 5pm Saturday Dec 2nd for Indian signups and 5pm Monday, Dec 4th for International signups.

Organization

We are continuing to work on developing and expressing our organizational structure. In the coming weeks we should have a draft leadership document prepared and will discuss it and other issues in a general TPATH meeting in the next 1-2 months.

Planning for Buenos Aires

TPATH is hard at work organizing a number of projects for WPATH Buenos Aires (Nov 2-6, 2018). Primary among these is a scholarship to allow marginalized trans folks to attend the conference. We are currently exploring a number of avenues, including grants, crowdfunding, billeting and hotel sharing, so stay tuned for developments. We are also planning to negotiate a hotel block rental in a more affordable location, so if you are booking your hotel now, please consider waiting a month or so.

Volunteering

- ***TPATH Leadership***

We would like to encourage individuals that are marginalized within the trans community, particularly people of color and/or those from the majority world, to indicate their interest in taking on a [leadership](#) role. Commitment is flexible and takes place primarily online.

- ***Newsletter***

We are looking for people that are interested in [coordinating and designing](#) the monthly newsletter.

- **Fundraising**

If you have experience and knowledge in [fundraising](#) please contact us.

What's up with WPATH?

Conferences

WPATH recently sent out a newsletter indicating that they expect to release their call for abstract proposals in the next week or so. The program will [focus](#) "on state-of-the-art keynote speakers, literature review sessions (medicine, surgery, mental health, voice and communication, law, etc.) from leading experts in the field, and selected abstract papers rather than having multiple competing streams."

Now is a good time to think about what you want to present on and who you might collaborate with. These [conversations](#) are happening on Facebook and the listserv, as well as the website [forums](#). Sign up to the site to view these pages.

Recruitment

The WPATH Student Initiative is [seeking](#) a full-member Co-chair.

USPATH is [seeking](#) nominations for Officers of the Board of Directors (President, President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer). Among other [requirements](#), candidates must be full WPATH members and [applications](#) must be made by Dec 3, 2017.

Becoming a member

Student membership in WPATH requires sponsorship from a full member. If you need sponsorship or help in navigating the membership application process please [us](#).

Everything Else

The [Yogyakarta Principles](#), enacted in November 2006, are a guiding document for the recognition of human rights with regards to sexual orientation and gender identity. They have recently been updated to reflect developments in international human rights law and incorporate sexual and gender identity human rights violations experienced over the past decade.