



TPATH in April

Communication

TPATH has a number of different communication platforms, including [Facebook](#), a [Google Listserv](#), and the website [forums](#). The Facebook group in particular now has over 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.

Leadership

Please welcome Ge Labid Ygay to the [TPATH Leadership Team](#). Ge is a transqueer, change learner and prefers “siya” as a pronoun, which is the Filipino personal pronoun for ‘he’ and ‘she’ and is not gender specific. Ge hails from Cebu, Philippines and is currently working on a Social Work degree to further expand their skills in developing trans specific, responsive, and sensitive social welfare. Siya is also involved in HIV advocacy, with significant experience in offering training to health care workers on transgender health-related concerns and needs.

Ge is currently involved with the [LGBT Psychology of the Psychological Association of the Philippines](#), the [Cebu United Rainbow LGBT Sector](#), and working to pass a national anti-discrimination bill, which builds on previous work in planning the Pride March and anti-discrimination ordinance for Cebu and neighbouring cities.

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 have identified a few alternatives to the official [conference hotel](#), which has rooms starting at \$229/night. 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 the following hotels, but each have received good reviews and appear to be basic and clean.

(Note that rates listed are for Nov. 1-7, as retrieved the first week of April.)

1. Located in the Retiro neighbourhood, the [Feir's Park Hotel](#) is approximately 30 minutes on foot or by transit to the WPATH [conference site](#). Since posting this last month, prices on [Priceline](#) have gone up to \$126/night. The 'blind' deal appears to be gone for now, but keep an eye out as Priceline's inventory changes all the time. In the meantime, you may find it a bit cheaper on sites like [Tripadvisor](#) or other travel sites. Don't wait too long though, as prices are likely to go up as time goes by. The hotel itself features an airport shuttle, wifi, fitness centre, pool, and onsite restaurants. It 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, approximately 30 minutes on foot or 25 minutes by transit from the conference site. [Rooms](#) start at \$159 USD/night (requires 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 average prices appearing to be about \$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.