

# TGI Network



## TGI Network of Rhode Island Monthly Newsletter May 2018

Dear Friends,

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed 150 community members to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rhode Island Trans Health Conference, a 50% increase from last year. Among the day's offerings were a screening of the short documentary film *I am Isak*, a moving poetry performance from local poet Elias Evander, and a series of educational and community-building workshops.

A highlight of the day was Justice Gaines' Keynote Address. Ze highlighted compassion as a primary value, asking providers to make a commitment to giving compassionate care regardless of whether they understand what their patients are experiencing.



We will begin planning for next year's conference in the next few weeks. We welcome new members to our planning committee. You can get involved by emailing [transhealthri@gmail.com](mailto:transhealthri@gmail.com). In particular, we are in need of a graphic designer who could create a new logo as we move from the asterisk to a new, more inclusive design.

On Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, from 7 to 9 pm, we will host our Family and Friends: The Way Forward information session. This session will provide information, resources, and networking for families and friends of transgender and gender-variant people. Please share this event with any family and friends who might be in need of support. You can get location information by reaching out to [family@tginetwork.org](mailto:family@tginetwork.org).

This year, TGI Network is proud to be an Honorary Marshal for RI Pride! We hope you'll visit us at our booth during the day, and we invite you (community members, family, and friends) to march with us in the parade!

With love!  
Ethan Huckel  
Board President

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### Save the Date!

May 15

Borderlands Group

Nonbinary Group

May 19

Borderlands Group

May 29

Family & Friends:

The Way Forward

June 2

Borderlands Group

Partners' Group

June 5

Borderlands Group

June 16

RI Pride Festival &

Parade

June 19

Borderlands Group

Nonbinary Group



On April 19<sup>th</sup>, community members and allies came together to oppose the hateful rhetoric of St. Pius V speaker Michelle Cretella.