2022 Trans Day of Remembrance Tips

The Trans Day of Remembrance serves as an annual reminder of not only the risks, but also the real danger that society inflicts on trans\* folks. The chart below consists of reminders for the correct manner to address transgender people and is based on guidelines compiled by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation’s (GLAAD) article, Doubly Victimized: Reporting on transgender victims of crime. Though these examples reference particular individuals they are universal principles that can be applied to students, colleagues, parents, and throughout our communities.

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| A person assigned male at birth but who lives as a girl is a transgender girl. |
| Incorrect | Correct |
| Justice Williams, a transgender ~~boy~~, is 13 years old. | Justice Williams, a transgender girl, is 13 years old. |

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| The word transgender is an adjective, and should never be used as a noun, nor should it have an “ed” at the end. |
| Incorrect | Correct |
| Justice Williams, a transgender~~ed~~ girl, is 13 years old. | Justice Williams, a transgender girl, is 13 years old. |
| Justice Williams, a ~~transgender~~, is 13 years old.  |

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| A person’s chosen name should be considered their real name whether it has been changed legally or not. |
| Incorrect | Correct |
| Julian Williams, ~~who used the name~~ Justice, is 13 years old. | Justice Williams is 13 years old. |
| ~~“~~Justice~~”~~ Williams is 13 years old. |  |

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| A person who is non-binary should be described as such when being discussed. |
| Incorrect | Correct |
| On Friday, a celebration for Justice Williams will be organized by his close friends. He ~~sometimes identifies as a woman~~. | On Friday, a celebration for Justice Williams will be organized by their close friends. Smith described their gender identify as non-binary and uses they/them pronouns. |

Do your best and continue to learn. Once you know better,

do better.

**Trans**\* is an umbrella term that refers to the identities within the gender identity spectrum.

https://www.etfo.ca/calendar/transgender-day-of-remembrance