

Engagement Activity

Research question:

To what extent are NGOs effective in promoting the rights of transgender people in Finland?

Possible links to the syllabus:

- Human rights
- Equality
- Justice
- Power

Engagement activities:

1. Interview with a national NGO
2. Interview with an international NGO
3. Interview with the chairperson of the Helsinki city council

Questions for the interviews:

Interview with the national NGO

1. What has your NGO done to promote the rights of transgender people in Finland?
 - What methods has your NGO employed?
2. Has your NGO collaborated with other NGOs and/or IGOs or have they taken notice of your efforts and initiatives?
 - If yes, who and how? If no, why not?
3. How does your methods and/or approaches differ from those of an international NGO?
4. Has there been any change in laws, policies, public or political mindset as a result of your efforts to promote the rights of transgender people in Finland?
 - To what extent would you consider your efforts effective?
5. What challenges have you faced so far when trying to promote the rights of transgender people in Finland?
6. Do you believe that political and/or judicial change would be possible without the work of your NGO or any other NGO in general?

Interview with the international NGO

1. What has your NGO done to promote the rights of transgender people in Finland?
 - What methods has your NGO employed?
2. Has your NGO collaborated with other NGOs and/or IGOs or have they taken notice of your efforts and initiatives?
 - If yes, who and how? If no, why not?
3. How does your methods and/or approaches differ from those of a national NGO?
4. Has there been any change in laws, policies, public or political mindset as a result of your efforts to promote the rights of transgender people in Finland?
 - To what extent would you consider your efforts effective?
5. What challenges have you faced so far when trying to promote the rights of transgender people in Finland?
6. Do you believe that political and/or judicial change would be possible without the work of your NGO or any other NGO in general?

Interview with the chairperson of the Helsinki city council

1. According to your own perception and knowledge, what have NGOs done in order to promote the rights of the transgender people in Finland?
2. Do you believe that political and/or judicial change would be possible without the work of NGOs?
 - Why or why not?
3. To what extent do you think that the work done by NGOs has been effective in promoting transgender rights?
4. How has the work of NGOs affected your work as a politician promoting transgender rights?
5. Do you or other individual politicians collaborate with any NGOs regarding the promotion or protection of transgender rights?
 - If yes, how and how often? If no, why not?
6. Do you notice a difference between the work done by national versus international NGOs to promote transgender rights?
 - If yes, what is the difference, and which approach do you believe to be more effective in creating a change?