

IMPROVING TRANS ALLYSHIP



1. SUPPORT TRANSGENDER PEOPLE ALWAYS

It is important to continually uplift trans voices and center trans issues. Do not just advocate for trans people when trans people are famous, dead, or hurt.

Trans allyship does not stop when transgender people leave the room. Do not do allyship for a cookie or a gold star, but because it is the right thing to do.

2. USE CIS PRIVILEGE TO UPLIFT TRANS VOICES

As a cis person you are significantly safer and hold significantly more power than trans people to stand up for trans rights. Use this power to make space for transgender voices; make sure your trans siblings have the space to speak in discussions.

Use your privilege to actively defend trans rights (e.g. normalize the sharing of pronouns, call out binary language, etc.).

3. STOP CONFLATING WOMANHOOD AND FEMI-NINITY WITH ALL PEOPLE FACING GEN-DER-BASED OPPRESSION

Womanhood is not the only gender that faces oppression. And femininity is not the only gender expression that faces oppression. Non-binary people face oppression for their genders or the lack thereof. Everyone except masculine-presenting people experience oppression and censure for the non-masculinity of their gender expressions.

Consider what you mean and speak accordingly. There are times and places when it is important to talk about the unique oppression of women. But there are many times when what we are saying also applies to people of other genders.