



Belmont Human Rights Commission Statement on Transgender Day of Visibility

Transgender Day of Visibility is recognized around the world on March 31 each year. It is a day on which we celebrate the vibrancy of our transgender (trans) siblings, neighbors, children, friends, and community and recognize the work that still needs to be done so that the trans community has full access to rights and quality of life. The Belmont Human Rights Commission lifts up the accomplishments of the trans community by asking all Belmontonians to take a moment on March 31 to learn a little bit more about the trans experience here and around the world. We acknowledge that our town still has work to do to ensure that all trans people feel welcomed and appreciated locally, within our borders, and further afield.

All Belmontonians can strive to be better allies and advocates by recognizing that trans people are living, working, and contributing to our community and have been all along (learn more about trans history [here](#)); by using the pronouns that our friends ask us to use (learn more about pronouns [here](#)); by supporting trans creatives (find trans authors at the library, learn about trans art history [here](#)); by staying up-to-date about trans rights movements [locally](#), [nationally](#), and [globally](#); and by contributing to those movements with awareness, time, and financial contributions. The best way that each of us can be a better friend and ally is hyperlocal and can be practiced every day by meeting each other with warmth, compassion, and an open and welcoming heart.

The Belmont Human Rights Commission is dedicated to fighting discrimination in all forms and increasing visibility and awareness of issues regarding diversity and discrimination in our community. If you have experienced discrimination in Belmont, please contact us at belmont.hrc@gmail.com or call 617-993-2795.