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TRANSSEXUALITY AND GENDER IDENTITY

Usually, people don't wonder about their gender identity. There is no dichotomy between their gender identity and the morpho-anatomical body. But this is not the case for every-
one...

The origin of this phenomenon is unknown, despite many studies and much scientific research. Psychiatric theories at-
tributing the cause to the behavior of relatives are increasingly
contested. The possibility of hormones 'cause is more prob-
able. Chromosomes or genes will perhaps give an answer in
the future.

Obviously, these persons must not be marginalized anymore,
nor despised and/or excluded from society. Their relatives
must no longer reject them, nor be held responsible for their
transsexuality. The shame about their difference has to disap-
pear and be replaced by an asserted consciousness of them-
selves and their rights.

Gender identity is lived in various manners according to indi-
viduals. In addition, it is necessary not to confuse :

- Cross-dressers - who are conscious of belonging to their
assigned gender and biological sex, but feel the need to
dress in clothes of the "opposite" sex.
- Transgenderists - who live with a mixed gender identity.
Some claim the right to androgyny. Others live as women
(or men) without hormones or surgery. Transgenderism finds
its expression in the deepest dualities.
- Transsexuals - who conform their anatomical sex and
their morphology with their gender identity. They don't
change their inner identity but rectify the physical shell
only.

Our culture imposes a bipolarity on gender, considering
only the anatomy. It is time that we redefined the behaviour in
terms of "human beings", rather than male and female.

-- These are very quick, simple descriptions to give a general idea. --

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TRANSSEXUALITY
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OUR ACTIVITIES

ASSISTANCE

- Listening, and sustaining by a telephone hot-line.
- Creation of regional meetings opened to all (Lyon, Reims, Lille,...).
- Helping with the legal and medical maze maintaining social connections and/or family contact...

RESEARCH

- Centralization of all publications on TG/TV/TS and creation of a multimedia center.
- Providing access to this information for researchers, students and physicians.
- Active participation in research and discussion on the subject.

INFORMATION

- Organization of meetings, workshops and conferences.
- Improvement of professional allies' awareness and of public opinion.
- Publishing of the quaterly review CDT : ("Les Chemins De Trans") (Trans Paths) and the distribution of la *Lettre du CARITIG*. (the Green Letter of **CARITIG**) as well as the books and brochures publishing. Creation of flyers and booklets.
- The establishment of links with organization pursuing the same goals and activities on international levels.

OUR GOALS

24 march 1992, France has been condemned by the European Court of Human Rights for not respecting the right to privacy – Convention Article 8 – for refusing for 17 years to change one transsexual's civil status. Since then, has the situation changed ...?

Gender Identity is an absolutely unknown, refused, rejected, unconsidered subject... Only one's original anatomy is respected. Can we keep continuing this way ...?

The goals are :

- No longer to be ridiculed. To be full-fledged citizens.
- To have access to good quality treatments, with respect and dignity.
- To keep jobs, accommodation, parental rights...
- To obtain identity papers in accord with our chosen genders during and after the transition.
- To support and give information to our professional allies.
- To defend Human Rights, for all, and everywhere.
- To fight against the expansion of transmittable sexual diseases, and in particular AIDS.
- To participate in panel discussions in various cities, with the greater public or with specialized groups.

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- We guarantee absolute anonymity. (Respect of the deliberation n°81 – 89 of 21 july 1981 of the CNIL).
 - **CARITIG** is open to all interested people, and is independent of any political and religious movements.
 - **CARITIG** is not based on a cause or in view of an opposite or illicit object to laws.

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