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Transgender Day of Remembrance

Transgender Day of Remembrance was founded in 1999 by Gwendolyn Ann Smith, a trans woman, to honour the memory of Rita Hester, a transsexual activist who was killed in 1998.

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- Transgender Day of Remembrance founder Gwendolyn Ann Smith

TDoR is now an annual observance that honours the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-trans violence. Additionally in the UK and elsewhere, it is also the day when we remember those trans people who have been driven to suicide.

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The TDoR 2019 update has revealed a total of 331 cases of reported killings of trans and gender-diverse people between 1 October 2018 and 30 September 2019. The majority of the murders occurred in Brazil (130), Mexico (63), and the United States (30), adding up to a total of 3314 reported cases in 74 countries worldwide between 1st of January 2008 and 30th of September 2019.

Lucy Meadows 1980-2013

Born in December 1980, Lucy Meadows finished work at her Accrington primary school teaching seven year olds at christmas 2012 as a male, and returned after Christmas as Lucy Meadows.

News spread after the head of St Mary Magdalen's school included in the christmas newsletter: "Mr Upton has recently made a significant change in his life and will be transitioning to live as a woman."

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Concerns from some parents were reported in the media, with one father saying that his three sons at the school were "too young to be dealing with that". Total rubbish, of course, as I attended Lucy's funeral at which some of Lucy's pupils spoke, and they obviously had no problem with it at all.

I got involved over christmas, as an IAG for Lancs Constabulary, when I was asked to speak to Lucy on behalf of the Force, as she was being harassed by the press camped outside her house. This I did at some length and got to know a little about her.

Then on the 20th of December Richard Littlejohn wrote a vile hate column in the Daily Mail, in a piece headlined 'He's (sic) not only in the wrong body ... he's (sic) in the wrong job'.

Lucy complained to the Press Complaints Commission on 3 January about "harassment from the press" and particularly the Littlejohn column. The PCC carried out an investigation and on 11 March the Daily Mail offered to take down Littlejohn's article from the paper's website, as well as a photograph of Meadows's wedding to Smith in February 2009, an act the coroner at Lucy's inquest described as token at best.

He said: "Having carried out what can only be described as a character assassination, having sought to ridicule and humiliate Lucy Meadows and bring into question her right to pursue her career as a teacher, the Daily Mail's response was to offer to remove the article from the website," he said, adding: "It seems to me that nothing has been learned from the Leveson inquiry."

Twelve weeks after I spoke to her, Lucy Meadows committed suicide.

As the coroner closed the inquest, he turned to the reporters present and said: "And to you the press, I say shame, shame on all of you."

With Lucy's death came a sea change in the way we were represented in the press and media. In dying Lucy did more for our cause than I could ever hope to do in a lifetime of activism. Because I was involved with her, Lucy's death had a significant impact on me and the work I do, changing the primary focus of my support groups from support to 'no more suicides on my watch'.

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Finally a short poem by William Wordsworth from his Lucy series. They are for an unknown Lucy, but she, too, died young.

*She dwelt among the untrodden ways
Beside the springs of Dove,
A maid whom there were none to praise
And very few to love:
A violet by a mossy stone
Half hidden from the eye!
Fair as a star, when only one
Is shining in the sky.
She lived unknown, and few could know
When Lucy ceased to be;
But she in her grave, and, oh,
The difference to me!*

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