



Shadow Report on the Situation of Trans People in Switzerland

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Transgender Network Switzerland (TGNS) is the Swiss umbrella organization working for the rights of trans people in all parts of Switzerland. It was founded as an association under the Swiss civil code in 2010 and is mainly run by volunteers. TGNS aims at improving the legal situation and living conditions for all trans people by a) advocacy work on all levels of the state, b) community building, c) enhancing positive visibility in the public, esp. respectful media coverage, d) improving the employment situation of trans people, and e) giving professional free legal and psychological advice.

In 2016, the TGNS legal advice service got 270 requests for support from individuals, its psychological advice services around 450. Through these services, TGNS is the organization in Switzerland supporting more trans people than any other, including hospitals serving trans people. The following report is based, to a large extent, on the information clients share with the advisers.

The term “trans people” is understood as any person whose gender identity differs from the gender assigned at birth and includes trans people of a female, a male or a non-binary, i.e. neither exclusively female nor exclusively male, gender identity.

Recommendations are written in italics.