Our Mission

GATE is an international advocacy organization working towards justice and equality for trans, gender diverse and intersex communities.

Rooted in our movements, we work collaboratively with strategic partners at the global level to provide knowledge, resources and access to UN mechanisms and bodies.

Our Vision

A world free from human rights violations based on gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics.

Our Values

- Supporting community-based leadership
- Promoting autonomy and self-determination
- Framing our work through depathologization and decolonization
- Working collaboratively and advocating collectively for human rights
- Creating transformative knowledge
- Fighting for justice on issues of race, geopolitics, climate, socioeconomics, sexual & reproductive reparations

Our Strategy

Transforming the landscape of global advocacy, knowledge creation and resource distribution through critical inclusion of trans, gender diverse and intersex movements at all levels of political, legal and socio-economic processes.

Our organizational strategy is shaped by our board in consultation with trans, gender diverse and intersex partners, allies from different human rights movements and key experts in our specific fields of work.

How we Work

GATE works in strategic partnership with UN bodies and mechanisms, international human rights organizations, global funders and trans and intersex regional and national networks to advocate for and create opportunities to include our communities in global decision-making processes.

- We partner with trans, gender diverse and intersex activists, organizations and networks; with allies in other movements (LGB, feminist, human rights, sexual and reproductive rights, etc); with donors; with official agencies and academic institutions.
- We advocate at the international level, pushing for the full inclusion of trans, gender diverse and intersex issues in decision-making processes and for increased resources to fuel their work.
- We research and share critical knowledge on depathologization, HIV, funding and human rights, combining expert approaches with concrete strategies to make them accessible to all.
- We support and mentor trans, gender diverse and intersex activists, facilitating their access to technical and political processes at the international level.
- We engage in international initiatives and advocacy efforts to promote and defend human rights.
- We train and mentor trans and intersex activists to engage in global decision-making mechanisms, processes and bodies, and in organizational management.
- We invite trans, gender diverse and intersex activists from around the world to engage with international working groups, meetings and conferences, providing training to ensure full participation.

Programs

- Depathologization: Advancing psycho-medical and legal depathologization of our communities.
- United Nations: Increasing meaningful engagement of our communities in international human rights systems.
- HIV: Ensuring the inclusion of our communities in the global HIV response.
- Movement Building: Highlighting the chronic under-resourcing of our communities.
- Socio-Economic Justice: Highlighting the effect of poverty and marginalization on our communities.
**Depathologization**

**KEY SUCCESS: Depathologization of trans identities in the WHO’s ICD-11**

Trans, gender diverse and intersex people have been historically pathologized by psycho-medical and legal institutions.

GATE works to advance depathologization by campaigning for legal gender recognition, gender affirming healthcare and its coverage, and by seeking recognition of many human rights violations as rooted in pathologization.

We do this by:

▶ engaging with WHO on specific processes, including the reform of the International Classification of Diseases;
▶ building critical dialogues with key stakeholders and producing and sharing technical and political resources;
▶ introducing pathologization as a key issue within the international human rights system; and
▶ monitoring legal depathologization and gender ideology-based attacks against our communities.

**United Nations**

**KEY SUCCESS: Renewal of the mandate of the UN Independent Expert on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (IE SOGI)**

Human rights violations based on gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics have received insufficient attention from the international human rights system.

GATE works to change this by increasing the meaningful engagement of trans, gender diverse and intersex activists at the UN, and expanding human rights frameworks to be fully inclusive.

We do this by:

▶ partnering with organizations working at the UN and supporting our communities’ participation in UN processes;
▶ collaborating with UN agencies, including UNDP, UNAIDS and OHCHR, reporting to UN Special Procedures and supporting the mandate of the IE SOGI; and
▶ ensuring inclusion of gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics in international human rights frameworks and systems.

**HIV**

**KEY SUCCESS: Building the capacity of trans communities to engage with the Global Fund**

Trans and gender diverse and intersex people are still disproportionally affected by HIV worldwide; however, our access to information, to resources and to decision-making continues to be extremely limited.

GATE engages in the international HIV response by challenging this historic exclusion and creating new opportunities for meaningful participation, focused on differentiated service delivery, community-led services and a holistic approach that integrates HIV, sexual health and trans-related healthcare.

We do this by:

▶ engaging with international HIV decision-making mechanisms and partnering with key population networks;
▶ facilitating trans, gender diverse and intersex activists’ participation in key events and conferences;
▶ training donors, allies, official institutions and other stakeholders on trans, gender diverse and intersex issues;
▶ empowering trans activists, networks and organizations to advocate for their inclusion in the HIV response; and
▶ advocating for the diversification of trans identities and disaggregated data collection and analysis in the International HIV response.
**Movement Building**

**KEY SUCCESS:** Creating targeted trans and intersex funding sources

Trans, gender diverse and intersex movements are chronically affected by very limited access to financial and organizational resources.

GATE works to support our movements by advocating to increase resources to fully fund community-led initiatives and increasing the organizational capacity of our communities.

We do this by:

▸ providing training and mentorship to trans, gender diverse and intersex activists and organizations on sustainability, organizational development and fundraising;
▸ producing and sharing knowledge of the funding situation facing our movements; and
▸ ensuring the voices of our communities are heard and responded to by participating in donors’ Boards, Evaluation Panels and Advisory Committees.

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**Socio-Economic Justice**

Globally, trans, gender diverse and intersex communities are disproportionately affected by poverty, and are marginalized or excluded from basic rights such as education, employment, healthcare and sanitation.

GATE addresses these issues in all our areas of work.

We do this by:

▸ engaging with Sustainable Development Goals processes;
▸ supporting the Universal Health Coverage movement; and
▸ focusing on socio-economic issues across all our projects.

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**Work with Us!**

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Founded in 2009, GATE is registered in the USA as a non-profit organization.