



THRI Board of Trustees Respond to Offered Resignation of Allison Woolbert



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Princeton, NJ (January 8, 2015) -- In light of revelations regarding our Executive Director, Allison D. Woolbert, and the public tendering of her resignation to the board, the Board of Trustees convened in an emergency executive session on January 7, 2015. Consideration was given to the information presented and the context surrounding its threat of public revelation.

The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to NOT accept the offer of resignation. A second unanimous vote expressed the board's confidence in Allison Woolbert's ability to function in the role of Executive Director of the THRI and all its projects. The events revealed today do not diminish that for us.

Allison Woolbert continues to have our confidence, admiration and respect; first for her courage in proactively approaching the board about the risk created for the THRI, the Transgender Violence Tracking Portal (TVTP) and our efforts towards Leelah's Law by the malicious revelation of her past history; secondly, her willingness to put the mission of the THRI and Leelah's Law ahead of her own involvement in them; and finally, for the positive changes she has made in her own life after accepting responsibility for what she did, accepting the just punishment for those actions, and undergoing successful treatment. All of the aforementioned make it quite clear that it is a lifetime of contributions to society, to LGBT communities and a passion for social justice that should be considered when evaluating her, and not an event in her distant past for which she has already paid her debt to society.

Few, if any people have past histories that can withstand scrutiny, yet positive change is always possible. Transgender people, by our very nature, reveal the ability of humans to transcend our past and change our lives in positive ways. We are literal avatars of change.

It is difficult to fully express our disappointment with members of what should be a united community for stooping to malicious character assassination and intentional divisiveness in pursuit of a personal vendetta, actions that ultimately may impact the safety and well-being of transgender people around the world.

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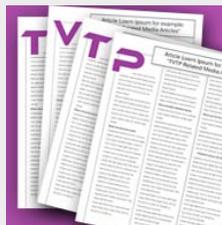
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