

**Gender Dynamix expresses deep disappointment and concern for the United Kingdom's Supreme Court ruling regarding the definition of 'Women'**

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On 16 April 2025, the UK Supreme Court ruled that the legal definition of 'women' under its Equality Act, only extends recognition and protection to biological women, and therefore excludes transgender women, even transgender women who hold gender recognition certificates.

As Gender Dynamix, we are outraged, disheartened and deeply concerned about any interpretation that reinforces rigid, exclusionary, and/or biologically essentialist understandings of sex and gender. We believe that such interpretations fundamentally uphold and further strengthen concepts of patriarchy and hetero-cisnormativity and deepens, as opposed to challenging, gender hierarchies that seek to exert power and control over transgender peoples' bodies and identities. This ruling does not only impact transgender people but sets a precedent for how other demographics, including cisgender women, can be stripped of their rights to dignity, bodily autonomy, and self-determination to justify a rigid gendered social order.

As the UK grapples with what gender equity and gender justice looks like in an evolving world, we know that the issue is not about transgender women in sports, bathrooms and in women's-only spaces. The issue is about easy-wins for anti-LGBTQ+, anti-trans and trans exclusionary feminists groups; and a patriarchal system that is fighting for continued authority and unchecked power and control over diverse bodies and identities.

In the pursuit of gender justice, this ruling also emphasises the urgent need for inclusive feminist and human rights approaches that challenges patriarchy, confronts power structures, dismantles hetero-cisnormative oppressive ideals, and affirms human sexual and gender diversity, based on bodily autonomy and agency.

We stand in solidarity with trans-affirming gender justice, women's rights and human rights groups in the UK and around the world. We stand united in advancing affirming approaches to gender justice and human rights that are inclusive and seek to promote freedom from violence in all forms, and upholds dignity, equality freedom, and the right to agency, especially for the most marginalised which evidently includes trans and gender diverse persons.

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