

Performer Information Sheet

Trans Day of Remembrance Candlelight Vigil
Friday 20 November 2026



Transfolk WA, with support from Pride WA, is hosting a candlelight vigil on the evening of International Transgender Day of Remembrance for all trans and gender diverse people, their families, friends and allies.

Content warning: This vigil commemorates trans and gender diverse people lost to transphobia, violence and suicide. It will include direct discussion of transphobia, death and grief.

Key details

Date	Friday 20 November 2026
Event time	6:00pm – 8:00pm (formalities 6:30pm – 7:30pm)
Performer arrival	5:45pm at the latest, for a pre-briefing
Venue	Queens Gardens, corner of Hay Street and Hale Street, East Perth
Time slots	2–5 minutes
EOIs close	6:00pm, Thursday 5 November 2026
EOI review	We'll start reviewing EOIs from Thursday 29 October, so early submissions are welcome
Scripts due	Friday 13 November 2026

About the day

Trans advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith started Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) in 1999 to honour Rita Hester, a trans woman killed in 1998. It has since become an annual day to remember all trans people lost to violence and suicide.

Theme: Side by Side

In line with this year's Pride Month theme, 'Side by Side', this Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil will focus on how our community holds, supports and stands with one another, and we invite our allies to stand with us too. As we honour the siblings we have lost to transphobic hatred and violence, we commit to standing together in solidarity as we work towards a safer, more inclusive world.

You don't need to have known someone personally to contribute. Your piece could be:

- a tribute to the courage of living authentically
- a reflection on our shared grief and resilience
- a commitment to carrying our strength and solidarity forward.

What we're looking for

We welcome speakers, storytellers, poets, musicians, performers and artists, and other contributions that suit the theme. We're looking for pieces that are reflective and respectful and honour the gravity of the day, such as a story that celebrates someone's joy, a poem about resilience, a soulful song or a performance offered as a tribute. Each slot is 2–5 minutes.

What we ask of performers

- **Stay in touch:** Keep communication open with Transfolk WA, and let us know as early as possible if you can no longer perform.
- **Send your script by Friday 13 November 2026:** Include all words and music choices. This lets our Auslan interpreters prepare and helps us check alignment with the theme.
- **Be open to small changes:** We may ask you to adjust specific language, while keeping your meaning the same.

Payment

Performing at this event is voluntary. This community event is mostly organised by volunteers on a limited budget, and we unfortunately do not have funds to pay performers this year.

Where and parking

Queens Gardens, corner of Hay Street and Hale Street, East Perth.

Street parking and a large car park off Nelson Street are available. If parking cost is a barrier, keep your receipt and Pride WA will reimburse you.

Queens Gardens is also accessible by public transport, with buses stopping on Hay Street and Hale Street. If planning your journey is a barrier to submitting an EOI, please contact us at admin@transfolkwa.org.au and we can help.

Accessibility

- **Stage:** The gazebo will be our stage area and will have lighting and power.
- **Sound:** There will be amplified sound, directed to the west. Out of respect for the vigil and other park users, we'll keep the volume low.
- **Toilets:** Accessible toilets are at the north-east entrance to the park.
- **Audience:** Most of the audience will be seated on the grassed area north-west of the gazebo.
- **Paths and access:** Paved paths run around the park, but the gazebo and vigil area are on unpaved grass, and the gazebo is currently only accessible via steps. We know this is a barrier. This was the best venue available to us, and we're working on a solution. We'll share updates as soon as we can.

If you have any access needs or would like to talk through how we can support you on the night, please contact us at admin@transfolkwa.org.au. We want everyone who wishes to participate to be able to take part.