

## Human Rights Platform Hotline

Human Rights Platform Hotline provides service on weekdays between 10.00 - 18.00. The hotline is controlled by legal experts of the Human Rights Platform Association. You can call, send an SMS message or text via WhatsApp to our Hotline to receive legal counselling (free of charge) regarding the five thematic areas (Anti-trafficking, LGBTI+ rights, democratic participation in decision making, refugee rights, detention conditions and freedom from torture) covered by the Human Rights Platform Project.

**Hotline Number**  
**+90 542 862 00 60**

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## About the Human Rights Platform

The Human Rights Platform struggles for an egalitarian, just, democratic and inclusive world where universal human rights and freedoms are accessible and secure for everyone, protected, and constantly improved through effective mechanisms.

## The Human Rights Platform Project

The Human Rights Platform Project aims for developing a more just, equitable, democratic and inclusive society where human rights are not only respected but cherished.

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# İnsan Hakları Platformu

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## Informative Brochure on LGBTI+ Rights in the northern part of Cyprus

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# Know Your Rights Defend Your Rights!

The Human Rights Platform fights for an egalitarian, just, democratic and inclusive world where universal human rights and freedoms are accessible and secure for everyone, protected, and constantly improved through effective mechanisms. LGBTI+ Rights within the platform is handled by the LGBTI+ Rights Programme Coordinator who represents Queer Cyprus Association. Queer Cyprus Association is one of the founding members of the Human Rights Platform and combats discrimination based on gender, gender expression, sexual orientation and/or gender identity; protects the Universal Human Rights and Freedom of LGBTI+'s; and organizes peaceful events in order to raise awareness on LGBTI+ issues.

## Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex and pluses (LGBTI+) rights are human rights.

In the northern part of Cyprus, the struggle for LGBTI+ rights has been going on for many years. LGBTI+s are discriminated against in education, health, "law", employment, housing and many other areas. Human Rights Platform works in these areas and carries out many advocacy activities, primarily monitoring and reporting, to reduce human rights violations.

- Same-sex sexual activity is legal since 2014.
- Hate speech based on sexual orientation and gender identity is a crime since 2020.
- Even though Civil Partnership Law was passed in the Republic of Cyprus in 2015 this law does not apply in the northern part of Cyprus.
- Legal gender recognition is only provided after the mandatory full surgery of the genitals.
- Conversion therapy is not banned legally.
- For men who have sex with men blood donation is not allowed.

For the updated information on the LGBTI+ Rights in northern part of Cyprus please check:

Queer Cyprus Association : [www.queercyprus.org](http://www.queercyprus.org)

ILGA-EU - Rainbow Europe : [www.rainbow-europe.org](http://www.rainbow-europe.org)

TGEU - Trans Rights Map : [www.transrightsmap.tgeu.org](http://www.transrightsmap.tgeu.org)

## What are the protective legal measures for LGBTI+s in the northern part of Cyprus?

- "Criminal Code 154, article 171:"  
Criminalisation of hate speech
- "Criminal Code 154, article 172:"  
Criminalisation of prejudice or hate motivated psychological or economic violence
- "Criminal Code 154, article 174:"  
Criminalisation of discrimination against a person on the basis of gender, sexual orientation or gender identity by a person employed for public service or a civil servant on public service.
- "Good Administration Law, article 6 (1-2):"  
Prevention of discrimination on the basis of religion, language, race, colour, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, political and philosophical thought, sect, ethnic origin, place of birth or any other reason by administration.

## How to report LGBTI+ rights violations?

Queer Cyprus Solidarity Line aims to answer questions about LGBTI+ struggle, sexual orientation and/or gender identity. The solidarity line can be reached at +90 542 858 5847. You can reach the line 7 days a week between 10:00 - 22:00 by making a direct call to the active phone line, online applications and/or texting an SMS message.

## What is the Queer Cyprus Solidarity Line?

With the Solidarity Line, Queer Cyprus Association is finding answers together with you to questions of LGBTI+'s, and families and friends, on topics such as sexual orientation, sex characteristic and/or gender identity, education, work life, family, housing, health, coming out, sexual health and military service.

## What isn't the Queer Cyprus Solidarity Line?



- It is NOT a consultancy service!
- Volunteers of the solidarity line do not make recommendations on what you should do.

## Operating Principles of Queer Cyprus Solidarity Line?

- Solidarity Line works in confidentiality.
- Information is not shared with associations, organisations, institutions and individuals without the consent of the person who established contact.
- Volunteers of the solidarity line do not disclose personal information about themselves.
- Contact information is not recorded and you are not contacted without your permission.
- In cases you wish to be contacted, you are only contacted through channels specified by you.

