

Trans Youth Town Hall Part 3: <u>REPRESENTATION & IDENTITY</u>

Discussion Questions

- 1. Growing up, did you ever see yourself represented in popular media (TV, film, books, etc.)? How did having (or not having) possibility models affect your life or self-image?
- 2. What is your favorite or most memorable example of trans-inclusive media? What about it resonated with you?
- 3. When you imagine inclusive and intersectional representation of trans people in the media, what does that look like? What kinds of trans stories do you want to see that aren't being told?
- 4. As we heard from panelist Jen Richards, "Representation is just one piece of the puzzle." What are some additional things the trans community needs to ensure their acceptance, safety, and freedom?
- 5. What are some ways we can create or uplift positive representation, starting within our own communities or social circles? Let's brainstorm.

Additional Resources

GLAAD

National nonprofit and resource hub championing LGBTQ acceptance through inclusion in mainstream media

TransLash Media

Trans-led storytelling initiative and digital community with regular programming

Disclosure (2020)

Netflix's award-winning documentary chronicling the complicated history of trans representation in Hollywood

If you or someone you know are trans and struggling, call **Trans Lifeline** 24/7 at 877-565-8860. They are a free, confidential hotline run by and for trans people, offering a range of services and support. Members of the LGTBQ+ community can also call **The Trevor Project**, whose trained crisis counselors are available 24/7 at 1-866-488-7386, via chat TheTrevorProject.org/Get-Help, or by texting 678678.