

Highlands and Islands Students' Association Response to the Supreme Court Ruling on The Legal Definitions of a Woman.

As the Highlands and Islands Students' Association, we are deeply disappointed by the recent UK Supreme Court ruling on the legal definition of 'sex'. This ruling represents a direct attack on trans rights and trans existence, a community that continues to be the target of prejudice and discrimination.

Let us be unequivocally clear: The Highlands and Islands Students' Association is resolutely committed to being an inclusive, safe, and affirming space for all students and staff. We will continue to challenge transphobia in all its forms and fight for justice, dignity, and equality for trans people. There is no place for discrimination, fearmongering, or exclusion in our society.

We urge national leaders to act now to protect trans rights. We also call on the University and Academic Partners to stand in solidarity with our trans community and ensure that all UHI spaces are welcoming, inclusive, and accessible for all.

To our trans community: we see you, we support you, and we will continue to stand and fight alongside you. You are not alone.

If you've been affected by this ruling, please reach out. The Good Law Project offers a list of organisations and charities that can provide support. Support resources for our trans friends and allies | Good Law Project

You can also reach out to UHI Mental Health and Wellbeing Services <u>Support - Support for your wellbeing and mental health</u> and as the Highlands and Islands Students Association, we are here to support you too. You can reach out to us through our independent advice service - <u>Advice Service</u> or by popping into your local campus and to the HISA offices to have a chat.

With much love,

Highlands and Islands Students' Association