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## FRUSTRATION LEADING TO, ANNOYANCE.

For me as an activist and advocate for the Trans community, the most frustrating and annoying items that can and do happen, are the following.

Trans people continually bemoan their fate and the problems that arise. This is largely due to the problems they encounter when attempting to amend documentation. I accept that what is demanded of us is complicated in the extreme and that many times, those that are supposedly there to help us, are many times not able to. Instead of trying to have the system altered to a more user friendly approach, they just throw their hands up and state this is all too complicated. They still sit on their butts and complain bitterly, but lack the resolve to even attempt to help those who are trying to have legislation made easier, more understandable and user friendly.

What really frustrates me is the fact that when someone does have legislation amended and requirements altered and laid out in a meaningful way, then no one uses these hard attained changes. The usual cries are trotted out, 'It still costs, it is too hard to understand, can't you do it for us' sorry, but there is no such thing as a free ride. At some stage you have to take responsibility for your life, if you wish to be fully recognised in your new name/sex/gender. In the words of a Johnny Mathis song "So you sit on your pants and holler, that the world isn't treating you right, don't you know that you have the power, to control destiny with your mind" These words really do fit the situation. To me, it sums up why the Trans community is not progressing, in the same way as the Gay and Lesbian communities have. There are too few who are willing to fight for our rights and better legislation.

What this says to me, is, if you are not willing to stand up and be counted, but are only too willing to let others do the hard yards in order to have legislation reformed, then you really cannot complain about your lot, as if it was left up to you, nothing would ever be achieved. To continually bemoan your fate, but not do anything to alleviate that situation, is pathetic.

If you want change, then you have to do one of two things

- Work to change the legislation alone, which is really not on
- Support and assist those that do work for change

It all takes time and effort and a lot of blood sweat and tears to have legislation amended, or new legislation implemented. Without support from the community, meaning numbers, it is always going to be that much harder to achieve. With the support of the Trans community, we can emulate the Gay and Lesbian communities and what they have achieved.

Our path is understandably harder, due to the mere fact that we have to amend every piece of documentation, when we change our name, or after sex affirmation surgery. This of course, is not applicable to the gay and lesbian communities

The longer we wait to ask for legislative changes to be made, the longer we have to wait to enjoy the outcomes of those changes. Because of this, I am totally sick and tired of people not willing to do anything in order to further these causes. They are not just for us currently finding ourselves in these situations, but are for those who follow.

My final question is this, are you interested in having legislation changed for the better, so that your life becomes easier from this point. I understand that we maybe being constantly harassed and discriminated against, but at some stage we have to take responsibility by the scruff of the neck and do something about it. Or do you go on happily in your current state of bemoaning your fate.

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