

Transgender Trend blog posts June 2019 – June 2020

On our blog this year we covered a range of issues from lobby groups and schools, to the Tavistock and politics. We covered a [Gendered Intelligence](#) teacher training session, including primary school teachers, at a Tate Gallery exhibition that included fetish and violent porn in its exhibits, written for us by a supporter who attended. We covered the [Mermaids](#) data breach and we published an analysis of [Mermaids training in schools](#) and the questions schools should be asking about such training, written for us by an experienced teacher. We wrote about all the ways that [Stonewall](#) has tried to silence Transgender Trend, after they banned us from attending their educational conference. We published an analysis of [Stonewall's new primary curriculum guide](#) by Shelley Charlesworth and revealed that [Stonewall's new schools guide](#) includes a section targeting autistic children. We published an analysis of [Diversity Role Models](#) and an investigation into [the Proud Trust](#), both by Shelley Charlesworth. We reported on the [Scottish government's](#) U-turn on trans schools guidance, and published a [report on 'gender neutral' toilets in schools](#) from press reports showing clearly that they are not working for girls.

We analysed the [Tavistock](#) referral figures for the year and dismissed the Tavistock's claim that they were 'levelling off.' We published an update on the [Tavistock](#) experiment with puberty blockers by Michael Biggs, following his initial research that received global attention, and followed this up with his analysis of the [Health Research Authority report](#) into the Tavistock puberty blockers trial, which revealed that blockers commit children to permanent medical transition. Susan Matthews wrote about the [fast-tracking of older adolescents](#) at the Tavistock GIDS, and also reported on the [BAGIS scientific symposium](#), discovering that the British Association of Gender Identity Specialists position themselves as a moderate voice in the middle of two extremes. [Tavistock GIDS clinicians](#) sent us a letter they had written to the Guardian, allowing us to post what the Guardian had failed to publish.

In politics we reported on the [Scottish GRA consultation](#), published a [simple guide](#) and our [full submission](#). We issued a [statement in response to Liz Truss's statement](#) and a response to the [Sunday Times report](#) on the government's U-turn on plans for self-ID.

We have also covered issues such as the harms of [breast binding](#) and the sexualised culture behind girls' need to disguise their emerging sexuality, in a guest post written for us by Dr Em, and the experience of [autistic girls](#) and why they may be more susceptible to gender identity confusion, by Jane Galloway. We covered two recent [UK court cases](#) in a post written for us by Sarah Phillimore, a barrister specialising in public law proceedings, and we published a harrowing [personal account from a foster mother](#) of her daughter who had come from a troubled background and suddenly decided she was 'transgender.'

We issued a statement in support of [Michele Moore](#) who was facing serious bullying, including a petition for her dismissal as Editor of the journal Disability and Society and a statement in support of [Rachel Rooney](#) who was facing defamatory abuse from colleagues in the book-publishing world for writing a body-positive picture book for children, *My Body is Me*.

During lockdown we kept an eye on what advice was available for young people taking hormones or unable to attend clinics and we tweeted about the fact that there was no information on the Tavistock GIDS website, leaving the way open for trans lobby groups to offer support. About a week later the Tavistock did publish information and we wrote a [covid-19](#) report on the advice available for young people.