
Lize wins an award

Did you know?

LGBT means Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender. Other gender and sexual identities are also a part of the LGBT community.

Did you know?

A transgender (or trans) person has a gender identity that is different than the one assigned at birth.



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Norma Lize is a refugee from Lebanon. In February, she was recognized as a leader in Vancouver's LGBT community. She won the January Marie Lapuz Youth Leadership Award.

Something was missing

Lize grew up feeling something was missing from her gender identity. At 18, she met a transgender woman. It made her think that she might be transgender, too. She started to work with LGBT organizations in Lebanon.

Lize was afraid. She could not live as a woman in her home country. It is illegal to be trans in Lebanon. Transgender people are often rejected by their communities.

In 2018, Lize came to Canada. She feels safe in Vancouver.

Lize works with other LGBT refugees

Now, Lize helps other transgender refugees. She connects people to the organizations they need to stay safe, happy and healthy in the city.

"I'm here to learn," Lize says. She hopes to share what she has learned with others in Lebanon.

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