

# THE NATIONAL TRANSGENDER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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## **National trans leadership organization begins operations, makes major programming series announcement**

**SPRINGFIELD, MASS.** — The National Transgender Leadership Conference Committee (NTLCC) today launched operations as a nonprofit organization working to build community and drive progress through trans leadership development. Additionally, the NTLCC announced a new monthly programming series, *Launch to Lead*, creating events that will offer leadership development opportunities to young and early-career trans folks.

“With trans life under nationwide attack, trans leaders are stepping forward, not back,” said Lily E. Rood, NTLCC Founder and Executive President. “Today’s launch and key announcements mark new steps forward for a resilient trans movement that will only grow from here.”

By beginning operations today, the NTLCC marked the conclusion of six months of preparatory work that saw the organization grow from a seedling idea to a team effort in full bloom, with six Vice Presidents supporting Rood and Executive Vice President Jay Jones as the pair of nationally-recognized activists put their vision into motion.

“I joined NTLCC because I knew the importance of our affirmative work in a world that is attempting to erase us,” said Jay Jones, Executive Vice President. “But you can’t erase us, you can’t pretend we don’t exist, and I believe this organization will give the tools to young trans leaders to be successful in a world that believes that they can’t.”

With the announcement of *Launch to Lead*, the NTLCC previewed a series of programs that are set to connect the next generations of trans leaders with inspiring trans activists, artists, organizers, politicians, scientists, writers, and more. Featured speakers will be announced in the next two weeks, and one event will feature a Q&A with members of the NTLCC’s Senior Leadership Team.



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Rood and VP for Communications Lex Stewart will hold a virtual press conference on February 24th at 6PM EST. Journalists can register and learn more [here](#). For all media inquiries, contact Stewart at [board@ntlcc.org](mailto:board@ntlcc.org).

