

The Lamp Post

Shining the light in the dark
for trans service members + veterans



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2026



Addressing the Community

TMH is celebrating six years of operation. Over the years, we've had the privilege and opportunity to grow and support our community. We've established a medical advice line, done peer-to-peer support, built localization networks, hosted social events & safe spaces, and expanded our reach across the nation & the armed services.

Our future is filled with a new operating environment. The overwhelming majority of us are now Veterans. But, there are those who remain who are stealth or closeted. In both cases, our mission is clear. We will continue to care for our community and do the work we've been doing for the past six years.

But we will also do more. As Veterans, it is our duty to lead the way in the work for equality and the liberation of our community. We will work from the grassroots, and advance our cause. We will welcome deserving allies into the fold, while preserving the sanctity of our existing spaces.

Trump took a whole demographic that knows how to organize, communicate, and execute a mission, and activated them against him. It's now our turn to get involved. As Veterans, we have a lot more leeway than we did in uniform. Take full advantage of that.

It is my fullest intent to make 2026 the year that we turn the tide. But doing so requires that everyone does their share. So, step up, lean on each other, and make your corner of the world 1% better every day.

As I always say:

Expect the worst; Hope for the best; Fight to bridge the gap.

-Catie

TMH Town Hall



December 2025

TMH Updates (From DEC Town Hall)

- Newsletter Tomorrow!
- Army-Navy Game Watch Party
 - 1545EST on 13DEC25
 - Discord - Town Hall Stage
- Volunteer Recruitment
 - <https://wkf.ms/4o68Xq8>
- militarytransrights.org
 - Coalition Site (TMH, SPARTA, ONS, MMAA, MV, etc.)
- J2 Updates
 - Passports - Government backpedaled
 - Marriage Equality - SCOTUS declined review
 - Mil Court Cases - NSTR (*Talbott* & Logan Ireland cases are still in pre-decision phases)
- TMH Website -
 - <https://themilitaryhub.org>
 - URL name changed for subtlety
- Project Ember Updates
- Advocacy
 - ONS Tool Kit
- Out & Out submissions
 - Art (preferably written)
 - Contact Corra or Cathrine S.
- Merch Updates
 - Surprise on the way for TMH Day (04JAN) 2026
 - Teepublic Page (shirts/hats/mugs/etc)
 - Localization gear is here too
 - Order Form (patches/stickers/coins)
 - If you have design ideas, send them to Catie
- Endorsement Matching Link
 - <https://wkf.ms/49iGxVH>

Town Hall Slides w/ Links will be available in the next issue of *The Lamp Post*.

Holiday Well Wishes

With so many celebrations and observations from November 29th through January 10, we want to be sure we send holiday greetings to everyone, regardless of what you celebrate, and when you celebrate it. The following is a short list of holidays and observances. If you celebrate one of these, or even if you don't, we hope you have a wonderful holiday season.



Holidays

- November 30 2025 First night of Advent
- December 5 2025 Krampusnacht
- December 6 2025 Saint Nicholas Day
- December 8 2025 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- December 8 2025 Bodhi Day
- December 13 2025 Saint Lucy's Day
- December 14-22 2025 Hanukkah
- December 16-24 2025 Las Posadas
- December 17-23 2025 Saturnalia
- December 21 2025 Yule
- December 21 2025 Longest Night
- December 21 2025 Winter Solstice
- December 23 2025 Festivus
- December 24 2025 Christmas Eve
- December 25 2025 Christmas Day
- December 26 2025 - January 1 2026 Kwanzaa
- December 26 2025 Feast of Saint Stephen
- December 26 2025 Boxing Day
- December 31 2025 New Year's Eve
- January 1 2026 New Year's Day
- January 4 2026 Three Kings Day/Epiphany

J2 Update

With there still being a large amount of anti-trans bad faith actors, be sure to stay self-aware of what you're posting on social media. Also make sure you're not sharing information that can be used to doxx you or unnecessarily make your life difficult.



Don't disappoint OPSEC Jeff



[Project Ember Survey](#)



TMH DAY

2026



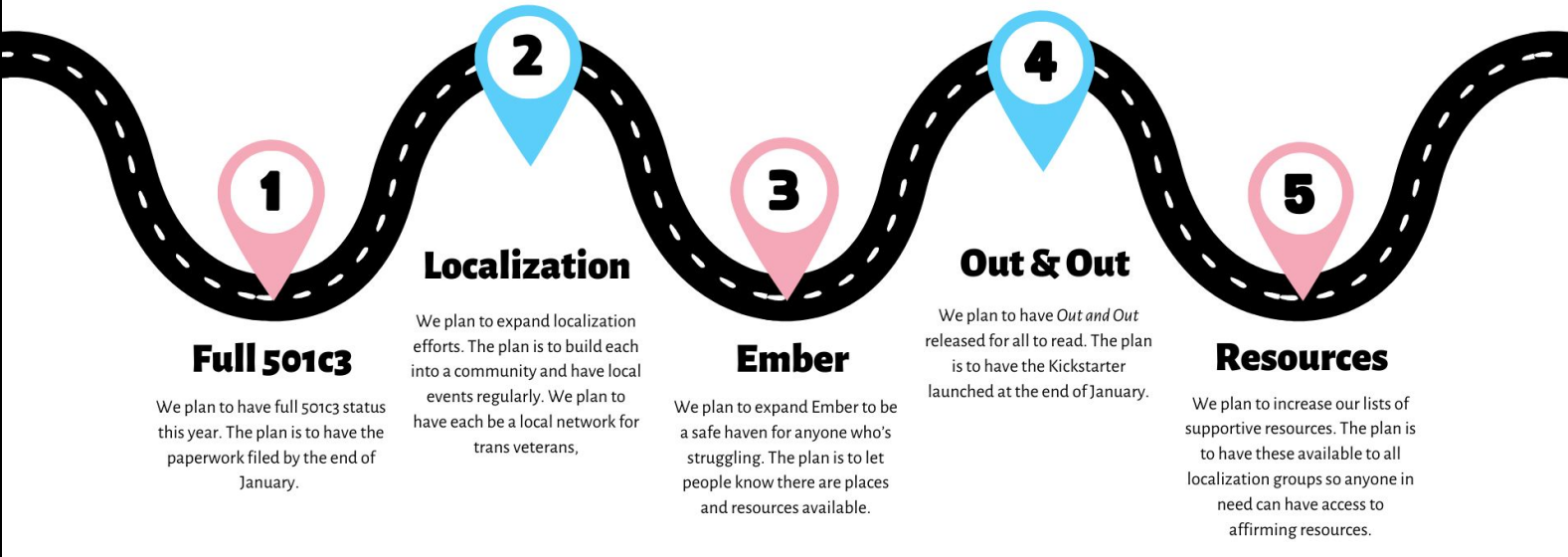
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TMH Day 2026

Our goals for the year ahead.



TMH 2026 ROAD MAP



Our goals for 2026

- **501:** Have full status this year. The plan is to have the paperwork filed by the end of January.
- **Localization:** Expand efforts. Build each into a community and have local events regularly, as well as each be a local network for veterans.
- **Ember:** Expand Ember to be a safe-haven for anyone struggling. Plan is to let people know there are places and resources available.
- **Out & Out:** Release for all to read. Plan is to have the Kickstarter launched at the end of January.
- **Resources:** Increase list of supportive resources. Have available to all localization groups so anyone in need can have access to affirming resources.

New Merch

1" GITD TMH Pins (\$5)
Order form will come
in the announcements
on discord & signal



Other Merch

Teepublic Page (Shirts, Hoodies, Hats, etc.) (Localization designs are here)
Google Form (Patches, Stickers, Coins)

All Merch Sales go towards funding TMH's projects & lines of effort



TMH Awards Guide



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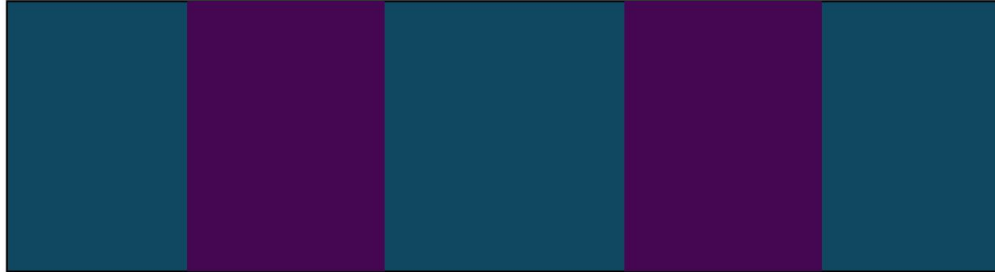


Stack Priority



Spencer Award

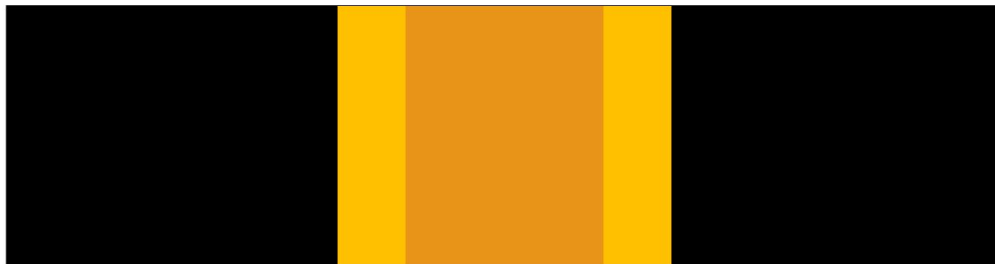
- Took action to prevent suicide, suicide attempt, and/or self-harm of another member.
- Nominated by peers and/or organizational leadership.
- Named in honor & memory of fallen TMH member, PO1 Piper Spencer, USCG.



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Community Leadership Award

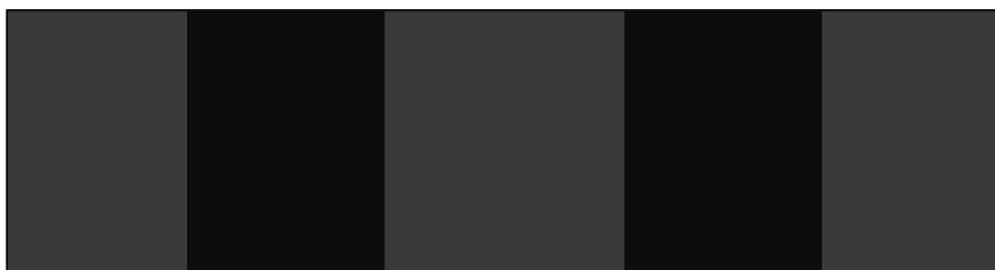
- Displayed exceptional leadership within the community.
- Nominated by peers and/or organizational leadership.



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Political Prisoner Ribbon

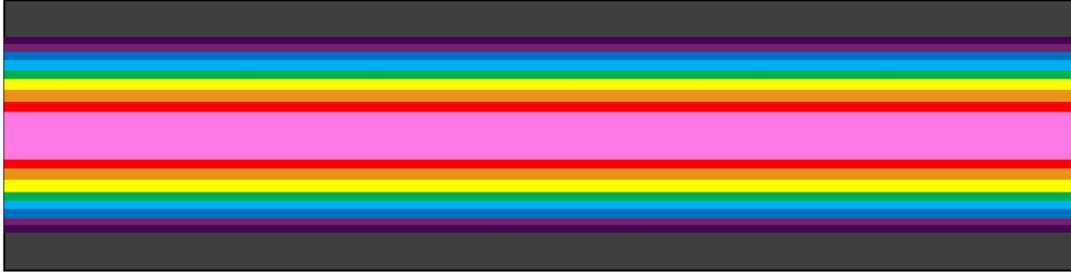
- Detained and/or arrested while exercising Constitutionally-protected rights.
- Requires verification via witnesses, reports, and/or media.



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Bigotry Survival Ribbon

- Injured/harassed by queerphobic assault/battery while attending a protest/event in support of LGBTQ Liberation/Equality.
- Minor incidents do not warrant the award.



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Protest Ribbon

- Participated in at least three (3) protests/marches to advance the cause of LGBTQ+ equality/visibility/liberation.
 - Pride marches are acceptable.
 - Non-LGBTQ+ focused marches (i.e., No Kings) can be acceptable if they hold deliberate, organized space for the community.



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Staff Service Ribbon

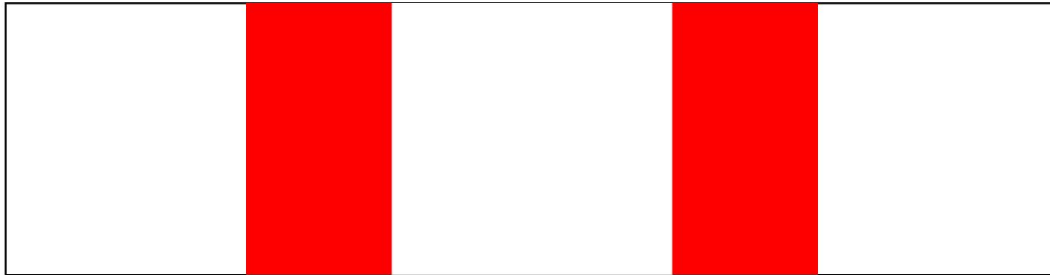
- Served at least six (6) months in a key staff role within TMH.
- Supervised/Actively participated in at least one project.



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Medical Services Ribbon

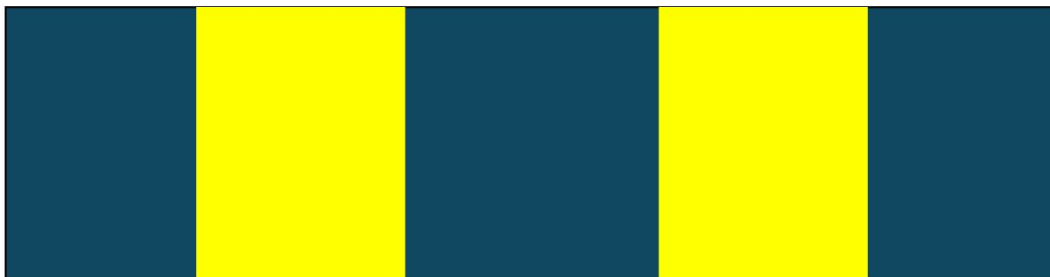
- Serve in a medical capacity.
 - Medics/Corpsmen are eligible
 - Providers are eligible
- Work must be in allyship/support/affirmation of the LGBTQ+ Community.



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Information Operations Ribbon

- Served at least six (6) months in an information operations capacity.
 - J2 Operations
 - Newsletter
- Newsletter contributors may become eligible after ten (10) consecutive contributions or fifteen (15) total contributions.



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Political Action Ribbon

- Lobby, network, advocate, table, canvas, or otherwise participate in the democratic process in support of equality/liberation of the LGBTQ community.
- Award will not be given for surface-level or minimal effort.



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Community Service Ribbon

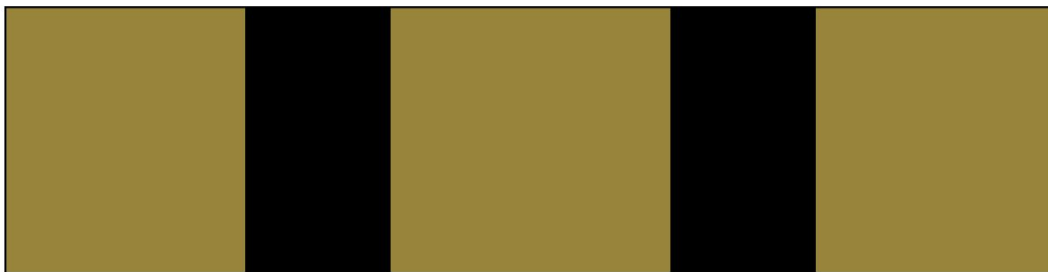
- Make notable contributions in at least one project for the community.
- Award will not be given for surface-level or minimal effort.
- Project leadership is not necessary.



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Founder's Ribbon

- Be a founding member of TMH.
- Joined in 2020.



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Recruiter's Ribbon

- Recruit at least 5 people to the organization via discord and/or signal.
- Recruited members must be contributing to the organization or participating in activities/chats.
 - Get past vetting process
 - Bare minimum: react w/ emojis to announcements for a week



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Branch Service Ribbon

- Service in the US Military in your respective branch(es), in any component.



Army



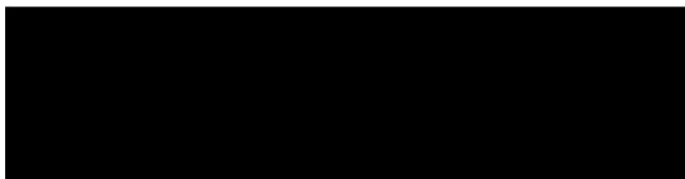
Navy



Air Force



Marines



Space Force



Coast Guard

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CONTACTS/LINKS

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PTSDlawyers.com

Benefits Delivery at Discharge: [BDD - Veteran Affairs](#)

TLP Submissions: marcie.kulp.tmh@gmail.com /
marcie.kulp.tmh@proton.me

Q'mmunity House: [Q'mmunity House](#)

Volunteer Recruitment Form: [Volunteer here](#)

Teepublic Merch Page: [Merch](#)

TMH Stickers/Patches/Coins: [Google Form](#)

Project Ember: [Survey](#)

Out and Out Anthology
Submissions



Volunteers

With some great goals for TMH in 2026, we'll need more volunteers to help with everything we hope to achieve. If you'd like to help in any way, ping Kilele in the #general-chat channel. She'll get you added to the Volunteer Signal chat.



Community Spotlight/Queer History: TMH Day 2026

Our Community Spotlight and Queer History sections will house the past six years of TMH. Traditionally, it has been referred to as “A Look Back”. THIS is history, and THIS deserves the Spotlight

TMH was founded on 4 JAN 2020 by Catie (lovingly referred to by Staff as “Mom”). Catie served as an officer with the USARMY and sought a space to connect with other trans servicemembers, as many trans-friendly spaces were not exactly supportive of the military. Catie sought to bridge that gap.




Catie (She/Her)   4/22/2020 16:26

And to be completely honest, I didn't think we'd get to 32 people
I thought we'd have maybe 5

As we look back on how far we've come, let's take a moment to *really* look at how far we've come. Just three months and eighteen days since its birth, thirty-two members was a lot. But now...

Showing

100 

members of 1,016

Community Spotlight/Queer History: TMH Day 2026

What *have* we done in these past six years? Well..

- The OG Blahaj Raid of 2023 in St. Louis, as well as the Blahaj Raid of 2024
- The birth of *The Lamp Post* (21 DEC 2924) which, at the time of writing, is on its 17th issue! It started out as every other week but has now shifted to once a month, publishing (typically) the day after Town Halls.
- Numerous TMH member meetups thanks to localization efforts and community outreach.
- Game nights! Most notably, the current Minecraft server.
- Holiday care packages of 2025 (a first, and hopefully a tradition)
- Sharing the holiday grant with SPARTA
- The OG Projects of TMH: Gordion, Alexandria, and Jericho. Each has shifted since their inception, but the goal of those projects remain.
- The Selfie Arc. Yes, yes, we must include a rough time for TMH. HOWEVER, with the combined power of PII scrubbing, pruning efforts, transparency, and banning of any bad actor(s), we prevented further harm and [hopefully] future efforts.

Community Spotlight/Queer History: TMH Day 2026

- Town Halls since 27 JAN 2024
- Partnerships with SPARTA, Rainbow Vets, MMAA, MVA, and ONS
- Catie's Cashier Award!
- Pathfinders (shoutout Elise!)
- Career Central (shoutout Kilele!)
- RENNYGADE MY BELOVED (shoutout Ren!)
- Signal chats (which host even more people, some of which don't have/use Discord)
- Evolving ticket system to meet application needs and enhance vetting process
- Vent and support channels to ensure no one ever feels truly alone. Whether you want feedback or to just yell into the void, we're here for you.
- Current Affairs, which has had its own era of slight bumps in the road, which ultimately DOES help keep people updated and informed.
- MILESTONES and THE BRIGHT SIDE. Not only has TMH come a long way, but YOU have too! Whether it's the anniversary of your HRT, a new job, a promotion, or just feeling good, YOU have done SO WELL.
- Efficient delivery of information pertinent to SMs and Veterans by the J2 and Legal teams (shoutout Cathrine, Corra, Ryan G., and Priya!)

Community Spotlight/Queer History: TMH Day 2026

- Semi-regular updates/changes to the social channels so everyone can gush about their favorite subject(s) and help each other learn
- Measured inclusion of family members and allies of trans service members and veterans while maintaining integrity of safe spaces
- Progress towards becoming a 501c3!
- Project Ember, our in-house efforts for mental health and morale (shoutout Sage!)
- Volunteer opportunities (they're still there if you want it..)
- Inclusion of other kinds of entries into TLP, such as Health/Fitness, Fashion/Cosmetics, Home, Art/Literature, open for anyone to submit an article they've written.
- Merch and TeePublic pages!
- Localization efforts and channels have consistently improved and shown to be a HUGE asset!
- Speaking of, Localization channels have had a hand in saving numerous SM and veteran lives, especially when combined with Staff outreach.

Community Spotlight/Queer History: TMH Day 2026

Most of all, as said before, YOU ALL have come so far. Whether it's been from DEP to SM, SM to Veteran, in to out of the proverbial closet, take a moment to reflect and be proud of YOURSELVES. Without you, TMH would have no place, we would have never gained this level of momentum, of pride in our work, and we certainly wouldn't have still had this much strength six years later.

From Staff as a whole, THANK YOU for being you, THANK YOU for being here, and THANK YOU for giving us the opportunity to continue our efforts. You make all of this possible AND worth it.

Community
Spotlight/QueerHistory:
TMH Day 2026

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- Mini-Town Hall!
- Awards System
- JackBox!
- Robin's Mythology Presentation!
- Holiday Packages: Packages are still being sent out

LinkedIn Endorsement Matching

After asking for feedback a few Town Halls ago, Kilele made a form to get the LinkedIn Endorsement matching system going. If you want a skill endorsed, fill out the form and select "Want Endorsed" from the appropriate drop down box. Then use the skill selection to select as many skills as you'd like from the list. If there's a skill you'd like endorsed that isn't on the list, select "Other" and put all the skills you want endorsed there not already on the skill list.

If you're willing to endorse someone else's skill in something, fill out the form and select "Will Endorse" from the appropriate drop down box. Then use the skill selection box to pick all the skills you're able to endorse others with. If there's a skill you'll endorse not in the list of skills, select "other" and put all the skills not already on the list.

<https://wkf.ms/49iGxVH>

Upcoming Events

- Friday Night Gaming
 - TMH Discord - Every Friday @ 1800 EST
- Pathfinders T4T
 - Veterans Group | Hang-out Night
 - Saturdays at 2100 EST
- TMH Town Hall Schedule
(1530EST)
 - 24JAN26
 - 28FEB26
 - 28MAR26
 - 25APR26
 - 23MAY26
 - 27JUN26
- The Lamp Post Publications
 - 25JAN26
 - 29MAR26
 - 26APR26
 - 24MAY26
 - 28JUN26
- Coalition Rallypoint
 - 28-29MAR26 (virtual)
- TMH Day Activities
 - 04 January 2027 1500