

## Twitter Thread by Maya Forstater



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**This is incredibly shoddy work @TRF @hugo\_greenhalgh @rachelmsavage @antozappulla and does not stand up the @Reuters principles of integrity, independence, and freedom from bias**

My case is not "pushing back against transgender rights" it is case about belief discrimination.

It is about the right of people not to be discriminated against at work & by service providers for holding or not holding a belief about the nature of sex and gender identity.

Adding up some numbers in the public domain is not much of an investigation.

It is the work of a pocket calculator and 15 minutes.

The rest of the time was spent looking for the fabled shady right wing money... none was found

Almost one million pounds (\$1.3 million) has been raised since mid-2017, an investigation by the Thomson Reuters Foundation has found.

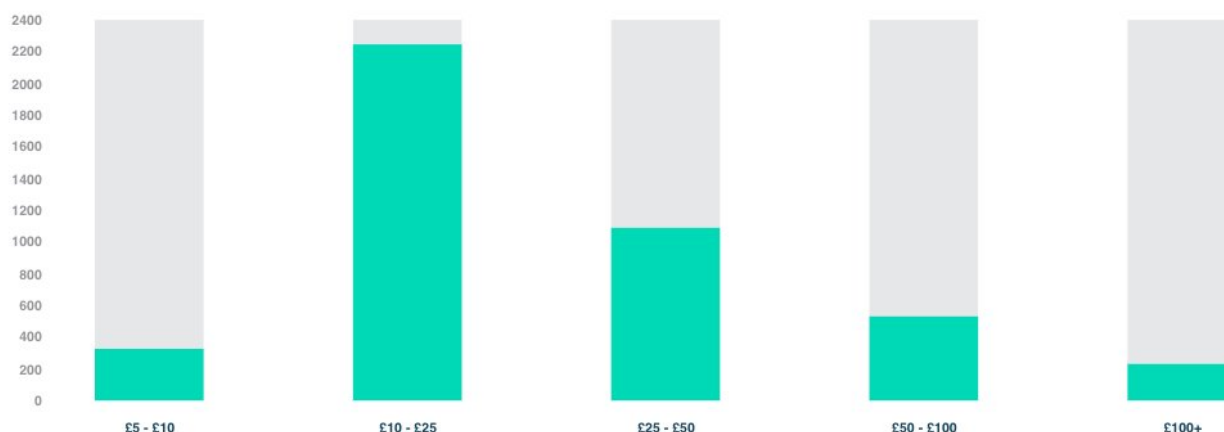
"Basically, money is being used to bully" says Clara Barker

Is Thompson Reuters saying that women like me, @BluskyeAllison @8RosarioSanchez are bullying the institutions that discriminated against us by having the temerity to raise money to hire lawyers ?

"It certainly feels like there (are) deeper pockets for those challenging our rights than those trying to protect our rights" says Clara .

The average donation to my crowd funder is £27

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Clifford Chance is just one of the magic circle law firms with deep pockets that has signed up to give pro bono legal support to strategic litigation for trans rights cases - for example the 'X' passports case. <https://t.co/DPMcEXsiPy>

Another one, Dentons wrote a report advising campaigners on how they should be secretive in their lobbying to change the law so that children can change their legal sex without the involvement of medical professionals or parents  
<https://t.co/uSQHeLYaFI>

How did Dentons and the transgender organisations get together... there was a matchmaker.

That would be.... Thompson Reuters Foundation



As [@GlenTarman](#) then head of the Trust Law, the pro bono law programme of the Thompson Reuters Foundation said "We hope this report will be a powerful tool for activists and NGOs working to advance the rights of trans youth across Europe and beyond."

<https://t.co/bVJSDumSzO>

In recent decades, we have seen heartening progress in LGBTQI+ rights across Europe and around the world. Such progress is hard-won and ongoing, yet uneven and not to be taken for granted.

In particular, there is a long way to go in advancing rights and protections for trans people. A small but growing number of countries have adopted laws allowing trans people to have their gender identity legally recognised through self-determination rather than medical diagnosis or court order. However, we have seen less progress for trans youth. Most self-determination laws exclude people under 18 or impose requirements that significantly limit their access to these important legal processes.

Barriers to having their gender legally-recognised can intensify the discrimination and harassment trans young people face, particularly in schools. A 2017 survey from Stonewall in the UK found that more than four in five trans young people had self-harmed. Nine in ten trans young people had thought about taking their own life and four in ten had attempted to do so. These are unacceptable figures. Gender identity is an integral part of one's self and should not lead to abuse or motivate self-harm.

We applaud the work of IGLYO and Dentons in leading this research, and we are pleased to have supported the project through TrustLaw, the Thomson Reuters Foundation's global legal pro bono network.

The report looks at laws governing gender recognition across Europe, with a focus on rights of young people and their experiences in Norway, Malta, Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Portugal and the United Kingdom. Experienced NGOs also gave their insights on movement building and key lessons on the often difficult path to meaningful change.

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**Glen Tarman**  
**Director of TrustLaw**  
**Thomson Reuters Foundation**

This takes a particular view of "rights of trans youth".

The judges in the case of Keira Bell v Tavistock were of course also considering rights of these children

The right not have experimental medical treatment w life long consequence at an age when they cannot weigh these

Trust law says that since they launched ten years ago they have generated the equivalent of \$172 million in free legal assistance to NGOs and social enterprises "on the frontlines of social change"

I doubt any of that went to gender critical feminists.

So [@TRFdotORG](#) an organisation with the power to raise millions in donated legal time from the worlds biggest lawfirms is larping as [@Reuters](#) the trusted news agency to put the boot into a bunch of grassroots women raising funds by putting together their £20's on payday.

It even managed to get [@msjenniferjames](#) crowdfunder taken down by [@gofundme](#) for "hate"

This is one that has been running since January 2018.

What hate did gofundme only notice after 2 years when Reuters flexed its muscles?

<https://t.co/E9EVM6kk77>

<https://t.co/rjg4HhyZrL>

Clara Barker was right "Basically, money is being used to bully"

This is not news reporting.

It is propaganda by an organisation that is committed to one side of the debate.

Reuters should be ashamed.