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We aren’t being shut out from sports but from unfairly competing with women. We should push for men’s sport to be inclusive & open with facilities/dignity for all. Yrs ago I played in women’s soccer. Thanks to the women’s movement I see today that it was wrong to have done so.

> We\u2019re deeply disappointed in World Rugby\u2019s decision to move ahead with proposals to stop most trans women playing in competitions they govern.
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> We stand in solidarity with those who will feel shut out from the sport they love.https://t.co/Mm2hT5UCxO
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> — stonewalluk (@stonewalluk) October 9, 2020

As soon as I get some fitness back I’ll be joining a male 5-a-side football team openly & proudly as a trans player. Such an approach is truly progressive. It fully respects diversity & inclusion including the differences & uniqueness of women, of trans players & men but without

disadvantaging or excluding women from basic considerations of safety, dignity and sporting opportunity.
Only by mutual respect for each groups’ right to sporting opportunity, safety, fairness & dignity can we replace rancour with empathy & division with understanding.

Trans people, rightly, are more widely accepted as trans people today but the authoritarian lie that TWAW & in all circumstances, regardless of the evidence of harm/potential harm to women in many arenas, continues to cause justifiable anger & fear, the soil in which intolerance>

grows. This unjust, even totalitarian demand, TWAW, will continue to fail to gain universal acceptance because it’s based on a falsehood, one in (a mentally unhealthy) denial of the biological reality, lived experiences, rights, uniqueness & therefore the full humanity of women>

resulting in exclusion & harm to some of the most vulnerable women and girls. Males, however we identify or modify our bodies are not females and it is wrong and sexist to claim so when that discriminates against others or abuses consent. >

True diversity is accepting of difference, not in denial of it & true acceptance starts with self-acceptance. There’s nothing shameful in being trans, infact our existence in a cruelly gender-policed world should be a source of pride, a measure of our

will to survive & thrive >

in an often hostile world. If friends & colleagues, out of empathy or because they don't know otherwise treat us a women in the vast everyday mixed-sex arena of life that's one thing, that can help many trans people escape from dysphoria and from oppressive gender policing, but>

we are not female and it is regressive, uncaring and even hateful toward women to force society to pretend so, regardless of the fundamental rights & humanity of women being undermined. Being male is a qualifying criteria for being a transwomen. Only males can be transwomen. >

Whilst we may wish to be perceived as women & can be in much of life, in respect of sex-based rights, we must accept ourselves as trans people, as males who wish/wished that we were female, who often deliberately remake our physical & social reality to be very distinct from men.