

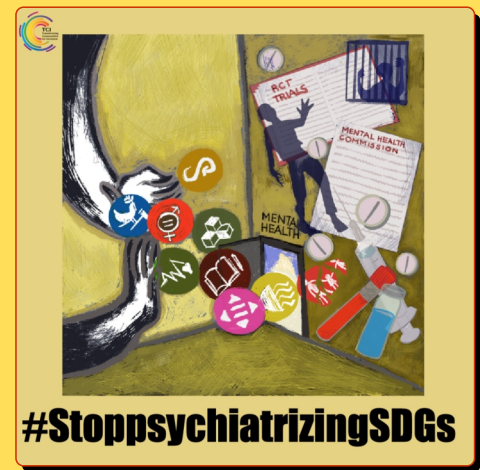


TCI'S ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS

Transforming Communities for Inclusion (TCI) is the largest representative voice of persons with psychosocial disabilities in the world. TCI is a **post CRPD movement** and a **global OPD** with members in 50 countries around the world. Our vision is the realization of all human rights and freedoms for persons with psychosocial disabilities, particularly the right to live life in the community, without interruption. We are guided by the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) and the UN guidelines on deinstitutionalization, including in emergencies.

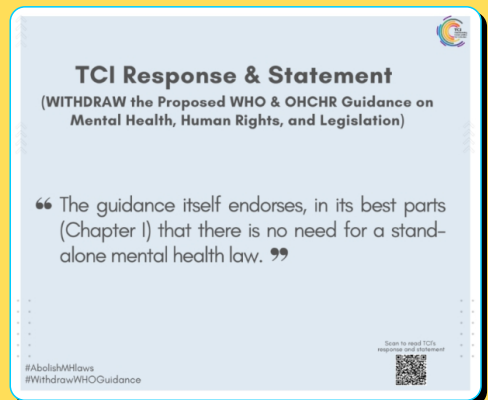
#StoppyschiatrizingSDGs

An upcoming resolution titled 'Mental health and psychosocial support for sustainable development and peace' calls for mentalhealthification of all SDGs by pushing our movement and boxing our needs under mental health umbrella. The resolution is not congruent with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and takes us back by a couple of decades, in terms of human rights gains for communities of persons with disabilities.



#AbolishMHlaws

The WHO & OHCHR draft guidance on mental health, human rights and legislation embeds the usual legal algorithms found in earlier mental health laws of disqualifying us of our human rights, providing for substituted decision making and creating legal 'loop holes' for custody and coercion to overshadow care. There is no need for this guidance, which will fuel countries to once again amend or create mental health laws, without removing the coercive elements therein.



#SupportNOTCare

TCI responds to a report (A/HRC/52/52) that is not compliant with the CRPD nor does it advance our advocacy on community inclusion. There are no rights related to 'care' within the scope of the CRPD, neither for the care giver, nor for the care receiver, as the concept of 'care' is null and void within the scope of the CRPD and the disability rights discourse. This reasoning by TCI cancels the very rationale of this report, as it exists.



#WhatWENeed

TCI's annual advocacy campaign seeks to challenge and correct the medical oppression on us and to raise our collective voice at a global level for full inclusion. The campaign amplified our positioning that, “We are persons with disabilities. We are holders of all human rights as provided for, in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities”. The campaign is also a way for our movement to reclaim the mental health week, starting the 1st week of October, to pass our key messages.



TCI Positionality on Community Inclusion

Often, our vision and ideas of community inclusion either gets coopted by various stakeholders or gets construed by narrow definitions boxing us into the confines of availability of health services only. TCI, as a global OPD, the largest representative voice of persons with psychosocial disabilities and varying identities thereof, with a membership spread across Asia Pacific, Africa, Latin America, UK and Canada, lays down our positionality on community inclusion through this paper.

