

Khayelitsha Court Picket

Zoliswa Nkonyana, a proud affirming lesbian, was brutally murdered at the age 19 on February 3 in 2006 near her home and in front of her friend in Khayelitsha. Nine men were arrested and are standing trial. This crime is one of many incidents in our country targeting lesbians, gays and transgender people in the last few years.

The case of Zoliswa Nkonyana has been dragging on for more than 2 years and after 22 postponements the case has still not been brought to trial.

The Cape Law Society was approached by the Commission on Gender Equality with regards to all the delays and requesting that action be taken to prevent any further delays and to bring this trial to a conclusion. They effectively washed their hands of the whole situation and referred us to the Cape Town Bar Council

On 05 December 2008 there will be a picket outside the Khayelitsha court to protest the delays in this case and to demand that action be taken to ensure that justice prevails.

As part of the Western Cape End Hate Campaign Gender DynamiX would like to call on all persons to please make every effort to join us in supporting this action. We also call on all NGO's and PBO's to mobilise their members and constituents to support this action. This is an integral part of the battle against the abuse of woman and children and an opportunity for your organisation to include action related to LGBTIQ (Lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual, intersex and queer) issues in their struggle and is also a part of the activities around the 16 days of activism.

For those interested in joining us we will meet at the Gender DynamiX offices at 08:00 on 05 December 2008 and proceed to the court. We will be joining other organisations in a protest and a call for justice to be served.