

Language beyond the binary

From the time we are born (it's a boy or it's a girl) we learn gender concepts and binary language in our everyday life including family, peers, schools, community, media, culture and religion.

Rigid gender concepts, gender roles and stereotyped constructions of masculinity and femininity are unhelpful. When you unpack gender stereotypes you will find a whole gender spectrum beyond the binary.

Below are some words you can use which are non-binary inclusive language, allowing everyone to feel embraced, valued and respected.

- > All assembled
- > All gathered
- > Allies
- > Assembled guests
- > Associates
- > Chair
- > Chairperson
- > Citizen or citizens
- > Community or communities
- > Collaborators
- > Colleague or colleagues
- > Comrades
- > Companions
- > Everyone
- > Everyone here today
- > Family
- > Folk or folks
- > Friends
- > Guests
- > Humans
- > Human kind
- > Kinfolk
- > Leaders
- > Partners
- > Patrons
- > Peers
- > People
- > Residents
- > Students
- > Team
- > Troupe