Glossary

Sexual Orientation: a lasting emotional, romantic, sexual, or affectionate attraction toward other people.

Lesbian: a woman that is sexually, physically or emotionally attracted to women.

Gay: a man that is sexually, physically or emotionally attracted to men.

Heterosexual: a man or a woman that is sexually, physically or emotionally attracted to people of the opposite sex.

Bisexual: a person that is sexually, physically or emotionally attracted to people regardless of their gender.

Asexual: a person that does not feel sexual attraction for other people.

Queer: a general term used by people in LGBTQ communities to describe people who do not identify with any specific category or label with respect to their sexual orientation.

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Gender Identity: the way each person identifies internally with regard to gender. This could or could not correspond with the sex they were assigned at birth.

Transgender: people who do not identify as the sex they were assigned at birth (based on their genitalia).

Cisgender: people who identify as the sex they were assigned at birth. This term is used to describe people who do not identify as transgender.

Genderqueer: people who do not identify as female or male, that identify as both of those genders, or that identify as a third gender.

Agender: people who do not identify or conform to any of the socially established genders.

Two Spirit: people that embody multiple gender roles, like characteristics, dress, and tasks associated with both males and females. The term originated with native people in the United States and Canada.
A PERSON’S GENDER EXPRESSION IS NOT NECESSARILY RELATED TO THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY.

Drag: A person who dresses in a way traditionally associated with the opposite sex, generally for artistic or entertainment purposes.

More Terms

Intersex: a person who is born with a sexual or reproductive anatomy different from that typically associated with men or women.

Questioning: Sometimes the Q in LGBTQ represents Questioning, a term used to include people who are exploring their sexual orientation or gender identity.