



GENDER CONCEPTS

SEX

Refers to the biological aspect of an individual as determined by their anatomy, including chromosomes and hormones.

INTERSEX



A person is born with sexual and reproductive anatomy that doesn't clearly fit the typical definitions of female or male.

GENDER



A social construction which defines behaviours, roles and attributes that society considers appropriate for women and men. Historically, only two genders were defined: Male and female. Two genders don't represent the complexity of human experiences!

GENDER IDENTITY

Someone's deeply-held inner feelings of whether they are female or male, both or neither, gender is fluid and can change over time.

CISGENDER

Refers to people whose gender identity and expression matches the biological sex they were assigned at birth.

TRANSGENDER



Refers to people whose gender identity and expression does not match the biological sex they were assigned at birth. It is an umbrella term for trans men, trans women, gender-queer, gender-fluid and non-binary people.

GENDER EXPRESSION



How a person outwardly shows their gender identity, usually expressed through behaviour, choice of pronouns, clothing, haircut, makeup, voice etc.

SEXUAL/ROMANTIC ORIENTATION



The emotional, romantic or sexual attraction to someone based on their sex, gender identity and gender expression. Sexual orientation is not correlated to gender identity or gender expression!

