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### BEING AN ALLY AND AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR SEXUAL AND GENDER DIVERSITY

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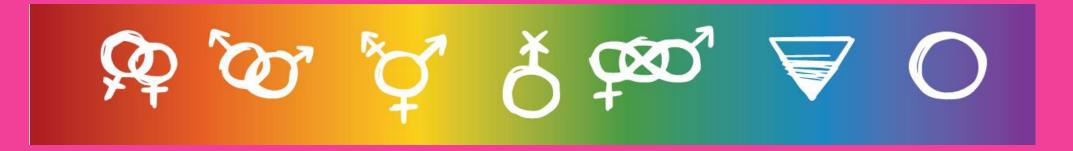
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### Sex and gender

**Sex:** Biological components such as genes, hormones and body parts, especially the reproductive system.

**Gender:** A societal construct, social standards governing how boys and girls are supposed to act.

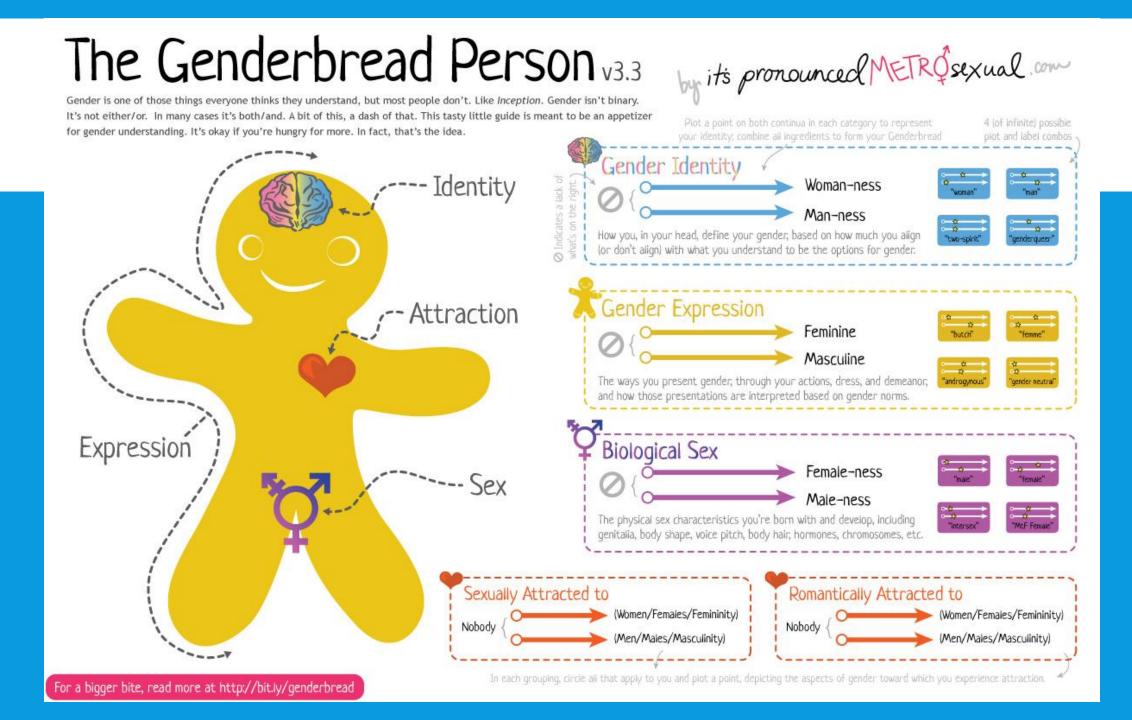


Identity, expression and orientation/attraction

**Identity:** A person's perception of having a particular gender.

**Expression:** The way in which a person expresses their gender identity.

**Orientation/Attraction:** Affection or attraction felt for a person based on their gender.



LGBTQ +: ACRONYM REPRESENTING "LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, **QUEER/QUESTIONING** AND MORE" IDENTITIES

#### LGBT Community Terminology and Flags Sexual, romantic, and gender identities are very personal and often change from person to person. The information below is is simply a general guide to some popular LGBT community terms. When dealing with these terms it is important to remember that gender identity, romantic attraction, and sexuality are independent of each other. Some of these term can be used in a derogatory way and can should be used when speaking with someone about their gender identity, sexuality, or romantic attraction. It is always a best practice to ask the person which terms they prefe Sexual Orientation Gender Identity Romantic Attraction the feeling that causes people to desire intimacy, monogan The way a person defines their sexual preference The way a person expresses their personal feelings a they fall on the spectrum of genders between male and female. and/or sexual activities with another person Gay Gender Fluid Aromantic A nerson who does not emotionally attracted to other Males person whose gender identit nantic altraction. This has nothin luidly changed between male female, and neutral. used as an umbrella term to desc to do with sexuality. Community members can fit anywhere on ny male or female who feels attract the sexuality spectrum the same gende Gay Bear Androgynous Greyromantic Gay male Subculture. Generally foc An umbrella term for a perso Umbrella term for Lithromantics heavily on masculinity. 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Generally described ily feeling romantic attraction a fe times in their life, if ever Lipstick Lesbian Bigender Biromantic Sender identity structure that allo A person who feels romanti Leshians that tend to fall for only male and female gender heavily in the feminine sende identifies female identified individuals Gynephilia Gender Non-Binary Panromantic person that is sexual attractio A gender identity structure A person who feels romantis women or femininity, regardless of their gender identity. that embraces a rainbow of gende attraction regardless of the other person's gender instead of strictly male and femal Hermaphrodite Asexual Relationship A person who feels little or no A person with both male $\mathbf{C}$ exual attraction to anyone e any gender identity. and female genitali Demisexual Intersexual Polyamorous A person who accepts, desires, or person who is born with che ractices the acceptance of having m than one intimate and/or sexual A person who does not feel sex action until a strong emo bond has been formed. or cenitalia that are neither mal nor female. partner at a time, with the consent of all individuals involu Autosexual Neutrois Heterosexual A person who does not identify L person who prefers self gratification th cender and often feel that they f over other types of sexual activitie rally between male and fema Bisexual Transsexual Straight Ally A person who emotionally and A verson who identifies as A person who is attracted ologically feels that they below xual and supports the LGB1 to both males and femals the the gender opposite of their community and their activities Pansexual Transgender t person who is sexually, roman A person whose gender identity is different than that assigned at birth onally attracted to people all genders. Polysexual Two-Spirit A person whose gender ident is non-binary and who is sexual A Native America term for gender ou romantically, or emotionally individuals within their attracted to others regardless o their sender identity. Skoliosexual Trigender This is not all the town sources the YCRY combodies and there are need being discovered every day. If you have a sexual orientation, gende A person who is romanticall A person whose gender identif identity, or romantic attraction that is not a part of this list pleas or sexually attracted to nonchanges between male, female, contact me so that I can add it to this list. I cannot promise that ever identified individuals and thindgender. group will be added or when I will get to it, but I will do my best to be a inclusive and timely as possible Lithsexual Live Loud Graphics \* I plan on making a separate list for, BDSM and fetish, as well a A person who experience Furry terms and their flags. Any relevant resources would xual attraction but dose not des Education is the cure for homophobia reciprocation for their attraction be greatly appreciated.



- Non-binary: A person whose identity doesn't correspond to the female or male sex, who defines themselves outside the male-female duality.
- •Gender fluid : A gender identity defined by cartain people as a dynamic mix of female and male genders.
- •Agender: A term enveloping a lot of different genders of people who generally don't have a gender and/or have a gender that they would describe as neutral.
- As there are new and rapidly evolving terms, it's preferable to ask the person how they define themselves and to respect this!



 Transsexual: Now often considered to be a pejorative term –it indicates a difference between the gender identity of a person and their sex attributed at birth. Avoid the term transseexual unless someone who identifies as such asks you to use it.

- **Transgender / Trans:** A generic term for people whose gender identify differs from the sex that they were attributed t birth.
- **Transition:** A process where a person accepts that their gender expression begins to correspond to their gender identity.



 Gender affirmation surgery; Reassignement surgery: A surgical alteration. The following terms are considered false: Sex change surgery, sex change, sex confirmation surgery.

• **Gender dysphoria:** A degree of suffering felt by a person whose physical characteristics and/or social identity don't correspond to their gender identity.

### **SOME GOOD EXAMPLES!**



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wTGyR31rflU

### LGBTQ+ RIGHTS IN CANADA



**Canadian Human Rights Act:** Protects all employees of, and persons receiving services from, federal entities.

**Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms:** Section 15- Protects against discrimination on various grounds, including race, sex, religion or sexual orientation.

**Legislation at the provincial/territorial levels:** Protects people against discrimination and harassement at school, in the workplace or when renting accommodations, receiving healthcare or obtaining pulbic services.

### **IN NEW BRUNSWICK SCHOOLS - POLICY 703**

 6.4.1 The following behavious, exhibited by any person, will not be tolerated in the New Brunswick public school system:

Discrimination on the basis of real of perceived race, colour, religion, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, place of origin, language group, daisability, **sex**, **sexual orientation, gender identity**, age, social condition or political belief or activity; using disrespectful or inappropriate language or gestures.



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### **HETEROSEXISM & HETERONORMATIVITY**

System of behaviours, representations, discrimination and prejudices favouring heterosexual sexuality and relations.



### CONSEQUENCES...

- Discrimination
- Stigmatization
- Rejection
- Harassement (sexual, physical and verbal)



### **CONSEQUENCES... FOR LGBTQ+ COMMUNITIES**

Depression, anxiety, Drug addiction, alcoholism Violence Victimization, harassment Self-mutilation Poverty Suicidal thoughts



### **BEING AN ALLY**

- Open your horizons! What's important is the person before you, not that person's gender identity or gender expression, biological sex or sexual orientation.
- Don't assume that everyone has, or is interested in having, a partner of the opposite sex.
- Not all children live in families with a male-female couple assuming the roles of parents; people need to start thinking differently!

### **BEING AN ALLY**



Refer to "parents" rather than "mom and dad".

- Use the neutral term "partner" instead of "husband"/"boyfriend" or "wife"/"girlfriend".
- Don't assume that all sexually active women need to use contraception; talk instead about safe sex.
- Use a person's preferred first name and pronouns; when in doubt, ask the person politely and discreetly!

### **BEING AN ALLY**

- Never ask what a person's "real name" is.
- Never ask personal questions about someone<s anatomy (e.g "So have you had an operation?").
- Take part in diversity-related activities and learn more about the topic!
- Take inclusive action smiling and being empathetic toward someone can be a big help if you see someone being discriminated against!

### COMING OUT OF THE CLOSET.... CAN BE SCARY BUT ALSO LIBERATING!!!



- Support from family, peers and the community is important to the person! Let the person know!
- Have a plan in case things don't go as expected; physical safety should be a priority!
- If someone is having a difficult time and needs support:
- Lend an ear: validate their experience and show compassion and empathy.
- Get informed: Many resources are available online and in the community.

### **BEING AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT**

- Show your open-mindedness: Display diversity symbols (flags, posters, art, Ally cards, awareness campaign, etc.).
- Review your forms and other official documents:
- Use inclusive terms such as "person", "legal name/preferred name" and "sex M/F/O", and avoid using gender-weighted titles such as "madam" or "sir".
- Ask yourself if it's necessary to ask a person to identify their sex in your official documents/forms.





### **BEING AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT**

Provide gender-neutral restrooms.

Form a committee/position responsible for creating and promoting a more inclusive environment.

Make gestures of inclusion!













## INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS!



### **INFORMATION**



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### https://www.facebook.com/prismeudemoncton/

Guide to opening practices to sexual and gender diversity in colleges or universities: https://chairehomophobie.uqam.ca/upload/files/Guide%20 final%20fran%C3%A7ais%20graphiste%202.pdf

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### **QUESTIONS!!!**



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